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July 12, 2021

Mr. Carlton Christensen
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Dear Mr. Christensen,

Thank you for notifying me of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA's) intention to apply for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) planning grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

It is my understanding that the grant would be used to plan work for the TRAX light rail system realignment in downtown Salt Lake City. The project would explore new transit connections in downtown Salt Lake City, including a link between the University of Utah's Research Park campus with its emerging Innovation District on the west side of the central business district.

I commend UTA's efforts to provide the state with a safe, reliable, and efficient transit system, and improve the quality of life for Utahns.

It is a pleasure and honor to serve you and the people of Utah in the United States Senate. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Lee
United States Senator

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United States Senate

July 2, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Letter of Support for UTA's U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning Grant Application

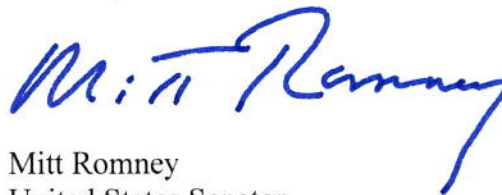
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The study will address a lack of strong transit access to jobs, education, and social services to underserved people within the study area; a lack of access that is impacting their quality of life. I respectfully ask that you give full and fair consideration to UTA's RAISE Planning Grant application. If you have any questions, please contact my State Director, Adam Gardiner, at Adam_Gardiner@romney.senate.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mitt Romney
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
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July 07, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Sincerely,

Chris Stewart
Member of Congress

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June 23, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning SLC
TRAX Realignment to Research Park

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
On behalf of Blackrock Microsystems, LLC, I write in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2021 RAISE planning proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to plan new projects, including new extensions for the TRAX system through downtown Salt Lake City (SLC) and at the University of Utah. Additional track through the west side of the downtown SLC area would provide train traffic congestion relief as well as a new connection from the Ballpark Station to the Salt Lake Central area and a more direct connection to the University. An additional end-of line extension at the University of Utah's Research Park allows for rail access to existing and extensive planned land uses there.

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Thank you for your consideration of the Utah Transit Authority's SCL TRAX Realignment Project.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Marcus Gerhardt
CEO



July 2, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for the 2021 RAISE planning proposal.

We believe that funding this grant will illuminate opportunities for expanding Salt Lake City's smart transit infrastructure and make possible benefits to the economy, the environment and to equity in our region.

Funds from this grant will help us take a critical step toward better connections between our underserved communities and housing options, toward education and economic opportunities in the region, and increasing the capacity in our successful transportation system. Salt Lake City is growing dramatically and increased public transportation services are needed to mitigate air quality issues and traffic congestion.

UTA's RAISE planning proposal targets areas in and around downtown that are growing dramatically. Transportation solutions will have a tremendous impact on our communities, our quality of life, and residents' equitable access to opportunity. The SLC Downtown Alliance enthusiastically joins the University of Utah, UTA, Salt Lake City and other community organizations in our support for funding the proposal.

Many thanks for your consideration,

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Dee Brewer
Executive Director
SLC Downtown Alliance



June 23, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Realignment to Research Park

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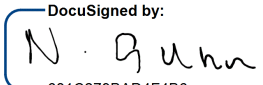
On behalf of IDbyDNA Inc., I write in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2021 RAISE planning proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to plan new projects, including new extensions for the TRAX system through downtown Salt Lake City (SLC) and at the University of Utah. Additional track through the west side of the downtown SLC area would provide train traffic congestion relief as well as a new connection from the Ballpark Station to the Salt Lake Central area and a more direct connection to the University. An additional end-of line extension at the University of Utah's Research Park allows for rail access to existing and extensive planned land uses there.

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Sincerely,

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June 23, 2021

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US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning SLC TRAX
Realignment to Research Park

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of iVeena Delivery Systems Inc. I write in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2021 RAISE planning proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to plan new projects, including new extensions for the TRAX system through downtown Salt Lake City (SLC) and at the University of Utah. Additional track through the west side of the downtown SLC area would provide train traffic congestion relief as well as a new connection from the Ballpark Station to the Salt Lake Central area and a more direct connection to the University. An additional end-of line extension at the University of Utah's Research Park allows for rail access to existing and extensive planned land uses there.

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Sincerely,

Jerry Simmons
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June 24, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning SLC TRAX Realignment to Research Park

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Orthopaedics Innovation Center at the University of Utah, I write in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2021 RAISE planning proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to plan new projects, including new extensions for the TRAX system through downtown Salt Lake City (SLC) and at the University of Utah. Additional track through the west side of the downtown SLC area would provide train traffic congestion relief as well as a new connection from the Ballpark Station to the Salt Lake Central area and a more direct connection to the University. An additional end-of line extension at the University of Utah's Research Park allows for rail access to existing and extensive planned land uses there.

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Thank you for your consideration of the Utah Transit Authority's SCL TRAX Realignment Project.

Sincerely,

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Wade

T. Wade Fallin, MS
Research Professor, Department of Orthopaedics
LS Peery MD Orthopaedic Innovation Center

June 22, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning SLC TRAX Realignment to Research Park

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Shirley LeGrand and UTA, I write in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2021 RAISE planning proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to plan new projects, including new extensions for the TRAX system through downtown Salt Lake City (SLC) and at the University of Utah. Additional track through the west side of the downtown SLC area would provide train traffic congestion relief as well as a new connection from the Ballpark Station to the Salt Lake Central area and a more direct connection to the University. An additional end-of line extension at the University of Utah's Research Park allows for rail access to existing and extensive planned land uses there.

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Thank you for your consideration of the Utah Transit Authority's SCL TRAX Realignment Project.

Sincerely,



Shirley LeGrand
General Manager
Marriott University Park Salt Lake City
801-584-3302

July 1, 2021



Jennifer Wilson
Salt Lake County Mayor

Dina Blaes
Director, Regional Operations

Regional Planning & Transportation

Helen Peters, MPA, AICP
Transportation Program Manager

Jake Young, AICP
Planning Program Manager



The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Utah Transit Authority TRAX Realignment to Research Park – Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Salt Lake County, I am writing in support of the application submitted by Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2021 RAISE planning proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to plan new projects which include new extensions for the TRAX system through downtown Salt Lake City and at the University of Utah. Additional track through the west side of the downtown Salt Lake City area would provide train traffic congestion relief as well as a new connection from the Ballpark Station to the Salt Lake Central Station area and a more direct connection to the University. An additional end-of line extension at the University of Utah's Research Park allows for rail access to existing and extensive planned land uses there.

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Thank you for this opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's SCL TRAX Realignment Project.

Sincerely,

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Dina Blaes

June 23, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning SLC
TRAX Realignment to Research Park

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Jennifer McGrath and Jonathan Bates, I am writing this letter in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2021 RAISE planning proposal. The funds from this award will be used to plan new projects, including new extensions for the TRAX system through downtown Salt Lake City (SLC) and at the University of Utah. This new extension through the west side of the downtown SLC area would provide congestion relief as well as a new connection from the Ballpark Station to the Salt Lake Central area. This will also provide a more direct transportation route to the University of Utah. An additional end-of line extension at the University of Utah's Research Park allows for rail access to existing and extensive planned land uses there.

As a University employee working within Research Park, I welcome this work because of the tremendous impact it would have on reducing a major transportation bottleneck and source of frustration for our employees. Parking is a constant issue for both employees and patients at the University of Utah, and this extension to Research Park would connect all of UTA's system to additional employment, education and housing opportunities.

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Thank you for your consideration of the Utah Transit Authority's SCL TRAX Realignment Project.

Sincerely,



Charles L. Saltzman, M.D.
Professor and Chair, Department of Orthopaedics
Louis S. Peery, M.D. Presidential Endowed Professor

June 23, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Letter of Support for Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning Salt Lake City TRAX Realignment to University of Utah's Research Park

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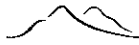
Thank you for this opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's SLC TRAX Realignment Project.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Good
Interim President

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June 25, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning SLC TRAX Realignment to University of Utah's Research Park

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Red Butte Garden at the University of Utah, I write in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for the 2021 RAISE planning proposal. Funds from this award request will be used to plan new projects to include extensions for the TRAX system through downtown Salt Lake City (SLC) and to the University of Utah. Additional track through the west side of the downtown SLC area will provide train traffic congestion relief as well as a new connection from the Ballpark Station to the Salt Lake Central area and a more direct connection to the University. An additional end-of-line extension at the University of Utah's Research Park allows for rail access to existing and extensive planned land uses, while relieving traffic congestion and improving air quality.

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Thank you for this opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's SCL TRAX Realignment Project.

Sincerely,

Derrek Hanson
Interim Executive Director
Red Butte Garden & Arboretum

June 16, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning SLC TRAX Realignment to University of Utah's Research Park

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Sincerely,



Andrew S. Weyrich, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research
Professor of Internal Medicine
H.A. & Edna Benning Presidential Endowed Chair



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Deputy Director of Engineering and Operations

July 7, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
US Department of Transportation
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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning SLC TRAX Realignment to Research Park

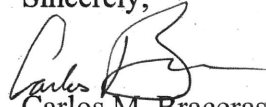
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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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July 7, 2021

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TRAX Realignment Project.

Sincerely,

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Carlos M. Braceras, P.E.
Executive Director



July 7, 2021

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As community leaders in Salt Lake City, we are writing in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for the 2021 RAISE planning proposal.

Funds from this grant would help us take a critical step in our long term goals for the rejuvenation and reconnection of Salt Lake City's historic Granary District to the city as a whole. The areas targeted by this proposal are undergoing dramatic changes and planning growth with essential public transportation will have a huge impact on the independent businesses, and local residents who call the Granary District home. Salt Lake City is growing dramatically and increased public transportation services are critical to reducing air quality issues and congestion.

The Granary District Alliance is aware of the broad support from institutions like the University of Utah, UTA, and Salt Lake City for these funds and would like to add the voice of the community to theirs.

Thank you for the consideration of the impact on our communities and our support for UTA's Raise 2021 Planning grant request.

Sincerely,


Britney Helmers (Jul 8, 2021 13:04 MDT)

Britney Helmers, GDA Board Member


Andrew Dasenbrock (Jul 8, 2021 15:18 MDT)

Andrew Dasenbrock, GDA Board Member


Tim Dwyer (Jul 8, 2021 12:40 MDT)

Tim Dwyer, GDA Board Member



Kristen Lavelett, GDA Board Member












TRAX Study Support Letter

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Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Planning SLC TRAX Realignment to University of Utah's Research Park

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing as a representative of the East Bench Master Planning Group, a group encompassing District 6 City Council District, consisting of 28,535 people.

Since we formed our group in 2010, our major goal has been transit improvements in SLC and specifically the east bench.

The EBMP Group supports the the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for the 2021 RAISE planning proposal. Funds from this award request will be used to plan new projects to include extensions for the TRAX system through downtown Salt Lake City (SLC) and to the University of Utah. Additional track through the west side of the downtown SLC area will provide train traffic congestion relief as well as a new connection from the Ballpark Station to the Salt Lake Central area and a more direct connection to the University. An additional end-of-line extension at the University of Utah's Research Park allows for rail access to existing and extensive planned land uses, while relieving traffic congestion and improving air quality.

Transit projects are known to benefit local economies, improve local air quality, and help underserved and underrepresented groups. The new connection through downtown is expected to result in improved system performance by reducing the length of track shared by three lines. This proposal includes new stations adjacent to housing, retail, and community spaces. Added TRAX service on the west side of SLC will offer greater connection for underserved communities to educational and employment opportunities. The extension to Research Park connects the same populations and all of UTA's system to additional employment, education and housing opportunities. If selected, this award will provide the funding necessary to leverage local resources recently dedicated to this planning effort,

and will result in a locally preferred alternative for the downtown connection and provide options for future extensions within the University of Utah campus.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's SCL TRAX Realignment Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen R. Reddick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "E" and "R".

Ellen R. Reddick

Chair

East Bench Master Planning Group