

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4404

April 22, 2020

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, in partnership with the Utah Department of Transportation, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Mountainland Association of Governments, Salt Lake County, and the cities of Bluffdale, Draper, Lehi, Sandy, and South Jordan, Utah to apply for a Better Utilizing Infrastructure to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

I have been informed that the purpose of this grant will be for the Point of the Mountain Transit Study, which seeks to define transit improvements to serve the growing and developing communities between southern Salt Lake County and northern Utah county. Further, this study intends to include the development of a transit plan for the land that currently houses the soon to be relocated Utah State Prison.

As Utah's population continues to grow, I commend UTA's efforts to seek short- and long-term solutions that will provide Utahns with a safe, reliable, and efficient transit system in the years ahead.

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,



Mike Lee
United States Senator

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April 20, 2020

Secretary Elaine Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing today concerning a BUILD Transportation planning grant submitted by Utah Transit Authority (UTA), in partnership with the Utah Department of Transportation, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Mountainland Association of Governments, Salt Lake County, and the cities of Bluffdale, Draper, Lehi, Sandy, and South Jordan, Utah.

Travel along the Interstate 15 corridor is often congested due to the high population density and rapid growth of the region. To minimize all of the costs imposed by this challenge, this grant application intends to facilitate a coordinated effort between governments at all levels in order to define possible transit improvements that can be made to strengthen the communities between southern Salt Lake County and northern Utah County. These improvements have the potential to reduce congestion and bolster the state's economy.

I encourage and appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Johnson at paul.johnson@mail.house.gov in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

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Rob Bishop
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 17, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing today to urge your full and fair consideration for the Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Planning BUILD Competitive Grant application, in partnership with the Utah Department of Transportation, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Mountainland Association of Governments, Salt Lake County, and the cities of Bluffdale, Draper, Lehi, Sandy, and South Jordan, Utah.

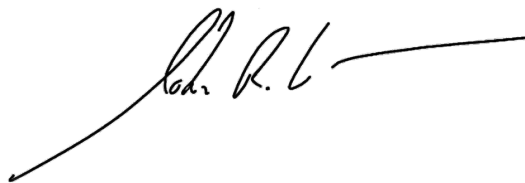
Due to rapid business and residential growth, the Point of the Mountain Corridor of Interstate-15 is extremely congested and travel times are often unreliable. This area of Utah is one of the fastest growing populations in Utah and the nation.

These Planning BUILD Grant funds would be used for the Point of the Mountain Transit Study, which is a coordinated effort between state and local agencies to define transit improvements to serve the growing and developing communities between southern Salt Lake County and northern Utah County. This study would include the development of a transit plan for the area that currently houses the soon to be relocated Utah State Prison.

I am hopeful that this grant will ultimately lead to improved access and mobility, greater connections to the regional transit system, better management of employment and residential growth, more economic opportunities, and ultimately a better quality of life for Utahns living in these communities.

I encourage and appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jake Bornstein at Jake.Bornstein@mail.house.gov in my Washington Office.

Sincerely,

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John Curtis
Member of Congress

Ben McAdams

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April 30th, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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RE: Letter of Support for the Utah Transit Authority "Planning BUILD Grant Application"

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing today to express support for the Utah Transit Authority's Planning BUILD Competitive Grant application, in partnership with the Utah Department of Transportation, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Mountainland Association of Governments, Salt Lake County, and the cities of Bluffdale, Draper, Lehi, Sandy, and South Jordan, Utah.

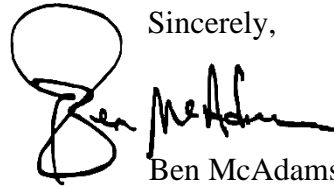
Due to rapid business and residential growth, the Point of the Mountain Corridor of Interstate-15 is extremely congested and travel times are too often unreliable. Our local communities deserve access to a better transportation system. This area of Utah is one of the fastest growing populations not only in Utah but the nation as well.

These Planning BUILD Grant funds would be used for the Point of the Mountain Transit Study, which is a coordinated effort between state and local agencies to define transit improvements to serve the growing and developing communities between southern Salt Lake County and northern Utah County. This study would include the developing of a transit plan for the land that currently houses the soon to be relocated Utah State Prison.

This grant may lead to improved access and mobility, increased connections to the regional transit system, better management of employment and residential growth, greater economic opportunities, and a better quality of life for Utahns living these communities. Can we leave this paragraph out? IF we want to keep the paragraph, then I have made some changes.

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact

Brennen Cain at Brennen.Cain@mail.house.gov in my Washington Office.

Sincerely,

Ben McAdams
Member of Congress

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April 22, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing today to express support for the Utah Transit Authority's Planning BUILD Competitive Grant application, in partnership with the Utah Department of Transportation, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Mountainland Association of Governments, Salt Lake County, and the cities of Bluffdale, Draper, Lehi, Sandy, and South Jordan, Utah.

Due to rapid business and residential growth, the Point of the Mountain Corridor of Interstate-15 is extremely congested and travel times are too often unreliable. Our local communities deserve access to a better transportation system. This area of Utah is one of the fastest growing populations not only in Utah but the nation as well.

These Planning BUILD Grant funds would be used for the Point of the Mountain Transit Study, which is a coordinated effort between state and local agencies to define transit improvements to serve the growing and developing communities between southern Salt Lake County and northern Utah County. This study would include the developing of a transit plan for the land that currently houses the soon to be relocated Utah State Prison.

I am hopeful that the use of this grant will ultimately lead to improved access and mobility, increased connections to the regional transit system, better management of employment and residential growth, greater economic opportunities, and a better quality of life for Utahns living these communities.

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I encourage and appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Coffield at Mark.Coffield@mail.house.gov in my Washington Office.

Sincerely,

Chris Stewart
Member of Congress



STATE OF UTAH

GARY R. HERBERT
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SPENCER J. COX
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

May 5, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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RE: Letter of Support for the Utah Transit Authority "Planning BUILD Grant Application"

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing today to express support for the Utah Transit Authority's Planning BUILD Competitive Grant application, in partnership with the Utah Department of Transportation, the Wasatch Front Regional Council, the Mountainland Association of Governments, Salt Lake County, and the cities of Bluffdale, Draper, Lehi, Sandy, and South Jordan, Utah.

Due to rapid business and residential growth, the Point of the Mountain Corridor of Interstate-15 is extremely congested and travel times are too often unreliable. Our local communities deserve access to a better transportation system. This area of Utah is one of the fastest growing populations not only in Utah but the nation as well.

These Planning BUILD Grant funds would be used for the Point of the Mountain Transit Study, which is a coordinated effort between state and local agencies to define transit improvements to serve the growing and developing communities between southern Salt Lake County and northern Utah County. This study would include the developing of a transit plan for the land that currently houses the soon to be relocated Utah State Prison.

I am hopeful that the use of this grant will ultimately lead to improved access and mobility, increased connections to the regional transit system, better management of employment and residential growth, greater economic opportunities, and a better quality of life for Utahns living in these communities.

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I encourage and appreciate your full and fair consideration of this important grant application.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert
Governor



GARY R. HERBERT
Governor

SPENCER J. COX
Lieutenant Governor

Office of the Governor

ROBERT SIMMONS.
Energy Advisor
Executive Director

May 1, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

The Governor's Office of Energy Development (OED) is pleased to provide this letter in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Point of the Mountain Transit Project application in response to the USDOT FY 2020 BUILD Grant opportunity.

OED's mission is to effectively implement State Energy Policy and the Governor's Energy Vision for more affordable, reliable, diverse, and cleaner energy options through strategic planning and programs, market-based incentives, and education tools that promote wise resource development, economic opportunity, innovation, and workforce development. Utah's Energy Action Plan recognizes advancing the air energy nexus as an important goal to help develop innovative, multi-modal transportation solutions to improve air quality and alleviate traffic congestion at the Point of the Mountain.

The proposed Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers. UTA's proposed project creates an opportunity to improve air quality and strengthen transit networks while planning for population growth in the Salt Lake City metropolitan area.



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OED appreciates UTA's dedication to improving transit accessibility and encourages USDOT to support UTA's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Simmons".

Rob Simmons, Esq.



State of Utah

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May 4, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

As Executive Director of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), I would like to give my support for UTA's Point of the Mountain Transit Study project for BUILD funding.

The requested funds from this award represent the critical funding necessary to complement the local and state resources that have been dedicated to the Point of the Mountain Transit Study project.

UDOT supports integrated transportation options for all Utahans. Public transit provides reliable and convenient service which strengthens and connects communities. This project will identify a world class transit plan for the land that currently houses the soon to be relocated Utah State Prison. The study is currently completing an analysis of various transit corridors and modes. The next step will be to conduct an environmental analysis to include conceptual design.

Progress has been made toward the region's ongoing strategy of offering more and better transportation choices for our communities. UDOT and UTA are strong partners in leading the charge to implement and realize this vision. The Point of the Mountain Transit Study project represents an important milestone in this crucial process of improving the nation's transportation infrastructure and thus promoting a high quality of life.

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
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We appreciate this opportunity to endorse the Utah Transit Authority's Point of the Mountain Transit Study project.

Sincerely,

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Carlos M. Braceras, P.E.
Executive Director



April 28, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) FY 2020 Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

As the Executive Director of the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), I would like to offer our endorsement of the Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) 2020 BUILD proposal. The funds from this award represent the funding necessary to complement the local and state resources that have been dedicated to the Point of the Mountain Transit Project.

MAG serves the governments and citizens of Summit, Utah and Wasatch Counties and has the task of planning for the urban Utah County regional transportation needs. MAG has a strong history of working together with stakeholders and accomplishing results. Part of MAG's focus is to support the increase of accessibility and mobility of people and freight.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers.

Progress has been made toward the region's ongoing strategy of offering more and better transportation choices for our communities. MAG and UTA are strong partners in leading the charge to implement and realize this vision. The Point of the Mountain Transit Project represents an important milestone in this crucial process of improving the region's transportation infrastructure and thus promoting a high quality of life.

If you have any question feel free to call me.

Sincerely, Shawn Seager, Regional Planning Director

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May 12, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
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Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) FY 2020 Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

As the Executive Director of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), I would like to offer our strong endorsement of the Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) 2020 BUILD proposal. The funds from this award represent the funding necessary to complement the local and state resources that have been dedicated to the Point of the Mountain Transit Project.

As one of the fastest growing regions in the country possessing a wealth of natural treasures, we work tirelessly to balance development with a healthy environment. WFRC has a strong history of working together with stakeholders and accomplishing results.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies and entities to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers. The WFRC 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan calls for this critical extension into an area that is poised for major redevelopment. Funding this extension, to this area, at this time, is a unique opportunity that will not present itself again. This is because the state of Utah is relocating the state penitentiary, which currently sits on over 600 acres of land in the heart of one of the fastest-growing areas of Utah. Providing high-capacity transit service to that area and connecting the surrounding area with the regional transportation system, has the ability to generate significant ridership and enable transit oriented development patterns that will reduce traffic congestion and improve economic opportunity.

Progress has been made toward the region's ongoing strategy of offering more and better transportation choices for our communities. WFRC and UTA are strong partners in leading the charge to implement and realize this vision. The Point of the Mountain Transit Project represents an important milestone in this crucial process of improving the region's transportation infrastructure and thus promoting a high quality of life.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's Point of the Mountain Transit Project.

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Gruber
Executive Director

**POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN
STATE LAND AUTHORITY**

April 30, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

On behalf of the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority, I am writing today in support of Utah Transit Authority's Point of the Mountain Transit Project application for the USDOT FY 2020 BUILD Grant.

Utah has one the most diverse and fastest growing economies in the country. This translates to an economic environment that has long-term stability and sustainability. The State seeks to continue this sustainable economic growth through a number of strategies. One of those strategies is the redevelopment of the Draper Prison site in the heart of Utah's vibrant Silicon Slopes tech hub.

The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority is the state entity charged with overseeing the development of the 700-acre prison site. This site presents one of the most promising economic development opportunities in the nation. Recognizing the value of transportation to the future of this site, the Utah Legislature directed the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority to pursue "world-class transit" through the area. We believe that exceptional planning efforts for this area, including high-quality transit, will lead to a dynamic economic hub that will attract international attention and benefit all residents of Utah. We value our partnership with the Utah Transit Authority and other partners to optimize transit performance in the Point of the Mountain region.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County, through the *Draper Prison site, into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers.* We are committed to improving transit access and planning for future transit investment in our community. This project is essential for achieving the transit goals for the Point of the Mountain area.

The Point of the Mountain State Land Authority looks forward to the implementation of this project to foster thoughtful economic growth and meet the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

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Alan Matheson
Executive Director
Point of the Mountain State Land Authority



Adobe, Inc.
3900 Adobe Way
Lehi, Utah 84043

April 27, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) FY 2020 Grant
Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

On behalf of Adobe, I am writing today in support of Utah Transit Authority's BUILD grant application for the Point of the Mountain Transit Project.

Utah has one of the most diverse and fastest growing economies in the country. This translates to an economic environment that has long-term stability and sustainability. The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers. Adobe supports improving transit access in our community and ensuring that our quality of life and environment are protected as the region grows. We believe this project seeks to meet both goals.

Adobe looks forward to the implementation of this project to foster growth and meet the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

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Wade Sherman
VP & Deputy General Counsel
Adobe, Inc. (Lehi Campus)

April 28, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) FY 2020 Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

I am writing today in support of Utah Transit Authority's Point of the Mountain Transit Project.

Utah has one the most diverse and fastest growing economies in the country. This translates to an economic environment that has long-term stability and sustainability. Clyde believes that exceptional planning efforts are essential to creating a dynamic economic hub.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers. Clyde Companies is committed to improving transit access and helping plan for future transit investment in our community. This project is an integral part of achieving the transit goals for this area.

Clyde Companies looks forward to the implementation of this project to foster growth and meet the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

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Jared Morgan
Project Manager
GWC Capital, Clyde Companies



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May 7, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
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Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA’s United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

Here at Utah Clean Air Partnership (UCAIR), we strive to make it easier for individuals, businesses and communities to make small changes to improve Utah’s air. Every small change adds to a collective bigger step toward better health, a better economy and better overall quality of life for all of us. We promote individuals to TravelWise and drive less by carpooling, using transit, walking/biking, and e-commuting. Transit, due to its ability to transport large groups of people, is one of the best ways to address air quality.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers.

Improved service will help reduce congestion by encouraging more Utahans to use transit. Improving air quality is an extremely high priority, and a major goal, for government leaders, communities and families here in Utah.

This project is a critical step in a course of action for an exciting future for transit in our community. For these reasons, I would like to express my support for this project.

Sincerely,

Thom Carter, Executive Director
Utah Clean Air Partnership



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May 4, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot, Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority | 669 West 200 South | Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

I am writing today in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Point of the Mountain Transit project.

The mission of the Utah Clean Cities Coalition (UCCC) is to advance the energy, economic, and environmental security of the United States by supporting local decisions to adopt practices that reduce the use of petroleum in the transportation sector. This commitment and public security include the use of wide-spread, accessible and shared transportation so aptly provided by UTA. To support this essential goal, our coalition has been an active stakeholder with UTA on multiple projects. UCCC has assisted with the advancement of UTA's progressive adoption and deployment of advanced transit technologies model, including the use of natural gas and electric bus fleet options. UTA's vehicle portfolio moves Utah future to realize a clean, low carbon fuel, and zero-emission transportation reality.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers.

Improved service will help reduce congestion by encouraging more Utahans to use transit. Improving air quality is an extremely high priority, and a major goal, for government leaders, communities and families here in Utah.

Utah Clean Cities Coalition celebrates over 25 years of advanced transportation goals in Utah. Our vehicle technologies program was designed to reduce the U.S. import and overall consumption of petroleum and to use state-side energy sources. This project is a critical step in a course of action for an exciting future for transit in our community.

We look forward to the advancement of this project and the positive results of enhanced, green and clean transit in Utah.

Sincerely,

Tammie Bostick, Utah Clean Cities Coalition
Executive Director



May 7, 2020

Jennifer Wilson
Salt Lake County Mayor

Regional Planning & Transportation

Ryan Perry
Division Director

Helen Peters, AICP
Transportation Program Manager

Jake Young, AICP
Planning Program Manager



Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
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669 West 200 South
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Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

This letter is in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Future of FrontRunner First Steps application for the USDOT BUILD Grant.

Salt Lake County values transit and understands its importance to the quality of life for residents. We are fortunate to have a strong public transportation network, including three TRAX lines, a streetcar, five FrontRunner stations, and over 75 bus routes. As Utah's most populous county and largest employment core, high quality transportation is essential. Roads alone will not be able to support the growing travel demand, and transit options are key to reducing traffic congestion and improving the air quality in our communities.

The Future of FrontRunner First Steps project offers an exciting future for transit in Salt Lake County. The double tracking along the FrontRunner corridor and wayfinding signage will allow for reliability of the system now and lays the foundation for future transit improvements to benefit our residents and local communities.

We look forward to the construction of this project.

Sincerely,

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Ryan Perry



May 5, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

The City of Bluffdale is in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Point of the Mountain Transit Project application for the USDOT FY 2020 BUILD Grant.

Bluffdale City values transit and understands its importance to the quality of life for residents.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers. This project will improve air quality and protect the quality of life in our community as our city and region continues to grow.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project offers a critical step in a course of action for an exciting future for transit in our community.

Sincerely,

Derk Timothy, Mayor



May 11, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
Executive Director
Utah Transit Authority
669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

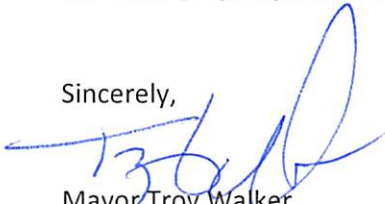
Draper City is in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Point of the Mountain Transit Project application for the USDOT FY 2020 BUILD Grant.

Draper City values transit and understands its importance to the quality of life for residents.

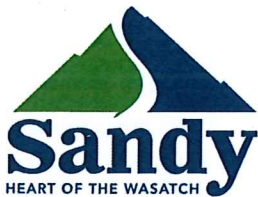
The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers. Draper City believes these planning efforts will greatly improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion in our city and region.

We are committed to further transit planning in the region and look forward to working with UTA and the other project partners as this study moves forward.

Sincerely,



Mayor Troy Walker
Draper City



SANDY CITY ADMINISTRATION

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Carolyn M. Gonot
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Salt Lake City, UT 84101

May 01, 2020

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot:

Sandy City would like to express support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Point of the Mountain Transit Project EIS application for the USDOT FY 2020 BUILD Grant.

Sandy City values transit and understands its importance to the quality of life for residents. This area continues to experience booming growth and a demand for alternative transportation accessibility.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local, and private agencies to complete an environmental study, and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers.

We feel that a public transit connection between South Jordan Front Runner and Sandy Civic Center Station through our downtown Cairns area and over I-15, is an essential piece of the environmental study for connectivity between both transit types. This connection has previously been identified in the 2015 Sandy-South Jordan Circulator Study (CIRQ).

We understand that participation from all regional entities is significant in providing public transportation through the area. Additional publications that identify public transit connectivity include WFRC's Wasatch's Choice 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, Envision Utah vision transportation projects, and Point of the Mountain Transportation Analysis. While these documents identify the need for transit connections in Sandy, South Jordan, and Draper, further analysis is required. Draper's current Transit Alternatives Analysis for the Point of the Mountain Area study will fulfill this need by identifying alignments of public transportation through the point of the mountain area, including the connection of South Jordan Front Runner and Sandy Civic Center Station. The Point of the Mountain Transit EIS and engineering is the next phase, offering a critical step in a course of action for an exciting future for transit in our community.

Sandy City looks forward to partnering with UTA and other regional entities to engage in this important undertaking. Our Transportation Engineer, Britney Ward, will remain engaged as Sandy's primary point of contact (801.568.2991 bward@sandy.utah.gov).

Sincerely,

Matthew B. Huish
Chief Administrative Officer

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April 29, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
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Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

The City of South Jordan is in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Point of the Mountain Transit Project application for the USDOT FY 2020 BUILD Grant.

The City of South Jordan values transit and understands its importance to the quality of life for our residents.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers.

We look forward to the implementation of this project to foster growth and meet the transit needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Whatcott
City Manager



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May 14, 2020

Carolyn M. Gonot
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Re: Letter of Support for UTA's United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gonot,

Lehi City is in support of Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) Point of the Mountain Transit Project application for the USDOT FY 2020 BUILD Grant.

Lehi City values transit and understands its importance to the quality of life for our residents and the region.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project is a coordinated effort between state, local and private agencies to complete an environmental study and preliminary design and engineering of an approximately 12-mile extension of high-capacity transit from southern Salt Lake County into northern Utah County, providing critical transportation connections between existing and planned employment and population centers. Lehi City is committed to improving transit access and planning for future growth in our community. This project helps prepare for both.

The Point of the Mountain Transit Project offers a critical step in a course of action for an exciting future for transit in and around our city.

Sincerely,

Mark Johnson
