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April 13, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

**SUBJECT: Letter of Commitment and Partnership for the UTA Westside Express
RAISE Application**

We are pleased at UDOT to fully partner with UTA on the development of the West Side Express project and in their application to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. We consider ourselves a full partner in this application and are working diligently with UTA to realize the implementation of the project.

UDOT commits to provide property for the project as in-kind match for UTA to use for the RAISE grant application. The properties included will be used for bus stops and park-and-ride lots on the alignment. No other federal interest exists in the parcels to be used as match.

The Utah Department of Transportation has recommended \$20.5 Million in State of Utah Transit Transportation Investment Funds be applied to this project.

This project will improve regional air quality, help low income and underserved areas, and provide access to jobs. If selected, this award will represent the funding necessary to complement the local resources that have recently been dedicated to the area.

Sincerely,

Carlos M. Braceras, P.E.
Executive Director

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April 12, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the 2022 RAISE Grant Application for the West Side Express Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I express my strong support for the West Side Express Project. This project will complete a new electric bus line running along 5600 West in Salt Lake County. This route will connect the Old Bingham Highway to Downtown Salt Lake City via the Salt Lake Airport. The service will have 15-minute peak headways and 30-minute headways during non-peak hours.

Transit projects like this are critical to improving quality of life in Utah. The West Side Express project will provide connections and access to jobs for underserved communities, and help improve regional air quality through the implementation of electric buses, which will reduce transportation emissions. This project will serve the west side of the Salt Lake Valley which has historically had less access to transit than other parts of the Salt Lake Valley.

The Utah Department of Transportation has recommended this project for state funding to the Utah Transportation Commission which, if approved, would provide funds available to match a RAISE grant award.

I fully support this West Side Express project and ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

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Spencer J. Cox
Governor



April 4, 2022

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) West Side Express
Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Salt Lake City, we stand in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2022 RAISE proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to complete a new electric bus line running along 5600 West in Salt Lake County. This route will connect the Old Bingham Highway to Downtown Salt Lake City via the Salt Lake Airport. The service will have 15-minute peak headways and 30-minute headways during non-peak hours.

Salt Lake City has developed a strong partnership with UTA to improve the quality of its resident's lives through transit projects. The project will improve regional air quality, help low income and minority areas, and provide access to jobs. It will serve the west side of the Salt Lake Valley which has historically had less access to transit than the east side. If selected, this award will represent the funding necessary to complement the local resources that have recently been dedicated to the area.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's West Side Express.

Sincerely,

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Erin Mendenhall
Mayor, Salt Lake City

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5502

April 6, 2022

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) West Side Express Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Salt Lake City Transportation Advisory Board, we stand in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2022 RAISE proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to complete a new electric bus line running along 5600 West in Salt Lake County. This route will connect the Old Bingham Highway to Downtown Salt Lake City via the Salt Lake Airport. The service will have 15-minute peak headways and 30-minute headways during non-peak hours.

The Transportation Advisory Board strives to improve the quality of Salt Lake City residents' lives through transit projects. This specific project will improve regional air quality, help low income and minority areas, and provide access to jobs. If selected, this award will represent the funding necessary to complement the local resources that have recently been dedicated to the area.

Transit projects are known to benefit local economies, improve local air quality, and help minorities and underserved groups. The project will improve regional air quality, help low income and minority areas, and provide access to jobs. It will serve the west side of the Salt Lake Valley which has historically had less access to transit than the east side. If selected, this award will represent the funding necessary to complement the local resources that have recently been dedicated to the area, while continuing to improve equity to the diverse communities of Salt Lake City and the greater Salt Lake area.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's West Side Express.

Sincerely,



Courtney Reeser (Apr 6, 2022 15:46 MDT)

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April 6, 2022

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

Re: Letter of Support for the Utah Transit Authority's (UTA's) United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Westside Express Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) is pleased to support UTA's Westside Express Grant application for the 2022 USDOT RAISE Program.

UTA aims to enhance north-south transit service on the west side of Salt Lake County, reduce emissions through the utilization of electric buses, support underserved communities, and provide improved access to jobs through this project. The high-frequency project will run through and connect major transportation and land use hubs such as the Salt Lake City International Airport and Downtown Salt Lake City.

The WFRC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Ogden - Layton and Salt Lake City - West Valley City urbanized areas in northern Utah and is responsible for coordinating regional transportation and land use planning for the Wasatch Front. WFRC collaborates with partner agencies and local communities to create the Wasatch Choice Vision, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that meets the needs of today's and tomorrow's transportation users. The Westside Express project is identified in the current RTP and TIP through collaboration with partner agencies and local communities mentioned above, and by meeting the selection criteria assigned for transit project evaluation. WFRC supports this Westside Express project and others throughout the Wasatch Front that maintain and continue to invest in our multi-modal network and provide quality of life benefits for the region's residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Gruber
Executive Director

MICHAEL S. LEE
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4404

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April 6, 2022

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) grant .

It is my understanding that the grant would be used to provide an express bus service that utilizes electric buses and provided improved access to jobs, including the SLC International Airport and other key industrial centers.

I commend UTA's efforts to provide Utahns with a safe, reliable, and efficient transit system.

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

MITT ROMNEY
UTAH

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United States Senate

March 28, 2022

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

Re: Letter of Support for UTA's U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) West Side Express Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2022 RAISE Grant proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to complete a new bus line running along 5600 West in Salt Lake County. This route will connect the Old Bingham Highway to Downtown Salt Lake City via the Salt Lake Airport. The service will have 15-minute peak headways, 30-minute headways non-peak hours, and 60-minute headways during weekday nighttime hours.

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I respectfully ask that you give full and fair consideration of UTA's RAISE Grant application. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Vargo from my staff at Alex_Vargo@romney.senate.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mitt Romney
United States Senator

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 29, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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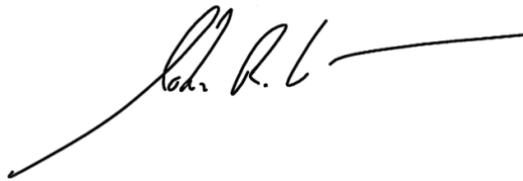
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to urge full and fair consideration of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2022 RAISE Grant proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to complete a new bus line running along 5600 West in Salt Lake County. This route will connect the Old Bingham Highway to Downtown Salt Lake City via the Salt Lake Airport. The service will have 15-minute peak headways, 30-minute headways non-peak hours, and 60-minute headways during weekday nighttime hours.

The project will serve the west side of the Salt Lake Valley which has historically had less access to transit than the east side. If selected, this award will represent the funding necessary to complement the local resources that have recently been dedicated to the area.

I respectfully ask that you give full and fair consideration of UTA's RAISE Grant application. If you have any questions, please contact Troy Dougall from my staff at Troy.Dougall@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Curtis", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Curtis
Member of Congress

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April 4, 2022

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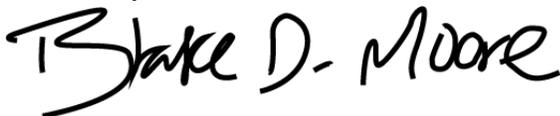
Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to share my support for the RAISE Grant proposal submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA).

UTA is seeking funding to complete a new bus line to service the 5600 West area of Salt Lake County, thereby connecting Old Bingham Highway to Downtown Salt Lake City. Residents will be served well by the frequent service this project will provide, and this increased transit availability will play an important role in reducing congestion and improving air quality. Furthermore, this project will help connect underserved populations to employment opportunities elsewhere along the Wasatch Front.

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

Sincerely,



Blake Moore
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
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March 28, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
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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) West Side Express Grant Application

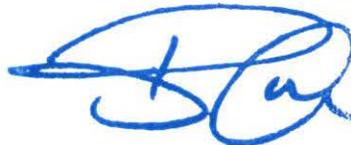
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I respectfully ask that you give full and fair consideration of UTA's RAISE Grant application. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Harmer from my staff at Miriam.Harmer@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Burgess Owens
Member of Congress

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April 06, 2022

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

Re: Letter of support for UTA's U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) West Side Express Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write regarding the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2022 RAISE Grant proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to complete a new bus line running along 5600 West in Salt Lake County. This route will connect the Old Bingham Highway to Downtown Salt Lake City via the Salt Lake Airport. The service is expected to have 15-minute peak headways, 30-minute headways in non-peak hours, and 60-minute headways during weekday nighttime hours.

The project will assist low income and minority areas, support regional air quality, and provide access to jobs. It will serve the west side of the Salt Lake Valley which has historically had less access to transit than the east side. If selected, this award will represent the funding necessary to complement the local resources that have recently been dedicated to the area.

On behalf of the residents of Utah, I respectfully ask that you give full and fair consideration of UTA's RAISE grant application. If you have any questions, please contact Connor Meyers at Connor.Meyers@mail.house.gov in my DC office. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Chris Stewart
Member of Congress



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March 29, 2022

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) West Side
Express Grant Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Utah Clean Air Partnership (UCAIR) we stand in support of the application submitted by the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) for their 2022 RAISE proposal. The funds from this award request will be used to complete a new electric bus line running along 5600 West in Salt Lake County. This route will connect the Old Bingham Highway to Downtown Salt Lake City via the Salt Lake Airport. The service will have 15-minute peak headways and 30-minute headways during non-peak hours.

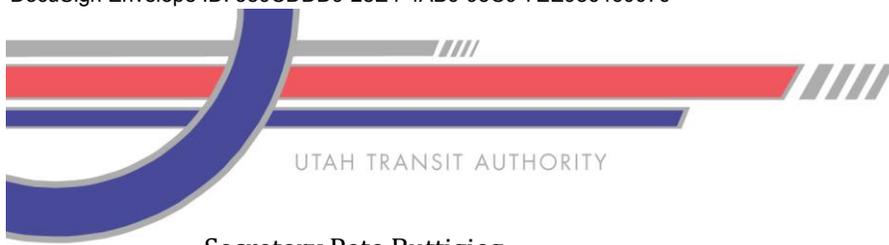
UCAIR strives to improve the quality of its resident's lives though encouraging individuals to adopt emission reducing behaviors such as riding transit. The project will improve regional air quality, help low income and minority areas, and provide access to jobs. If selected, this award will represent the funding necessary to complement the local resources that have recently been dedicated to the area.

Transit projects are known to benefit local economies, improve local air quality, and help minorities and underserved groups. The project will improve regional air quality, help low income and minority areas, and provide access to jobs. It will serve the west side of the Salt Lake Valley which has historically had less access to transit than the east side. If selected, this award will represent the funding necessary to complement the local resources that have recently been dedicated to the area.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Utah Transit Authority's West Side Express.

Sincerely,

Kim Frost
Utah Clean Air Partnership
Executive Director



669 West 200 South

Salt Lake City, UT 84101

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

RE: Local Match Availability for the UTA Westside Express RAISE Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is applying for FY 2022 funding through the US Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for Westside Express project. The local non-federal amount listed in the application for this project is \$57,534,373 to support the RAISE request of \$16.4 million. This project has been awarded \$2,100,000 in CMAQ funds. The total project cost is approximately \$76 million.

The \$57,534,373 is made up of \$17,105,108 in already awarded Volkswagen Settlement Funds for electric buses, \$7,257,317 in the donation of right of way parcels already acquired for the project by UTA and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), \$20.5 million in recommended State of Utah Transit Transportation Investment Funds, and \$12,650,127 in UTA dollars from eligible local sources such as sales tax. This UTA amount is already in the board approved budget and covers the match for the VW settlement funded electric buses and operator facilities needed at end-of-line locations for the project.

These amounts are acceptable within UTA's long-range financial model. The \$57.5 million in local dollars equates to 76 percent local funding and 24 percent RAISE and other federal funding - exceeding the minimum required match for the RAISE program.

The funds from this award request will be used to complete a new, low emission bus line running along 5600 West in Salt Lake County. This route will connect the Old Bingham Highway to Downtown Salt Lake City via the Salt Lake Airport. The service will have 15-minute peak headways, 30-minute headways non-peak hours, and 60-minute headways during weekday nighttime hours. UTA's executive team and board are committed to funding these operating costs, and they are accounted for in UTA's long-range model.

Please contact me at (801) 287-3367 with any needs or questions. Thank you for your consideration of UTA's application.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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William Greene
Chief Financial Officer

