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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to voice the support of the Salem Municipal Airport for the City of Salem's *McGilchrist Complete Street* project application to the 2021 RAISE grant program.

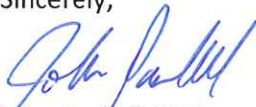
The implementation of the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project will significantly improve safety, mobility and pedestrian access along the McGilchrist Street corridor while also supporting continued commercial/industrial development of the area.

The *McGilchrist Complete Street* project is designed to provide an up-to-date transportation facility which provides additional travel lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, and signalized intersections. The planned improvements will contribute to promoting development and improving multi-modal access, which will benefit the airport as well as the surrounding industrial area and contribute to the safety of the multi-modes of travel in and around the airport and surrounding industrial area.

McGilchrist Street is a key transportation corridor and being located immediately adjacent to the Salem Municipal Airport is strategic to traffic flow to and from the airport. Improvements to McGilchrist Street will provide significant opportunities for industrial-related infill development, which will also benefit the growth and development of the Salem Municipal Airport. Current conditions limit traffic volumes, freight movement, and storm water drainage which hinders development opportunities.

For these reasons, I strongly support the City's efforts and I hope that the USDOT will partner with the City of Salem by granting a 2021 RAISE award.

Sincerely,



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