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Secretary Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to convey our strong support for the City of Salem's *McGilchrist Complete Street* project application to the United States Department of Transportation's 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant. The Salem Chamber of Commerce has a strong commitment to working with the City of Salem, and other public, private, and community organizations in support of economic development efforts within the McGilchrist Street corridor and city-wide.

McGilchrist Street is a key transportation corridor within Salem, located in an industrial area with significant opportunities for infill development. Current conditions of the road inhibit area investment. Additionally, the corridor lacks provisions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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. All the planned improvements will contribute to promoting development of properties within the project area.

We look forward to working with the City of Salem to realize this very beneficial project. We hope that USDOT joins this partnership with the award of a 2021 RAISE grant.

Sincerely,

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