

May 27, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Cherriots is pleased to support the City of Salem's *McGilchrist Complete Street* project application for funding assistance to the United States Department of Transportations' 2021 RAISE grant program. We are encouraged to see the project is moving closer to construction, and look forward to the positive impact it will have on those based within the corridor, and those accessing it on a regular basis.

We recognize McGilchrist Street is home to several small and medium sized businesses; in addition to providing critical services for veterans, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. In its current condition, the street is not safe to provide local fixed route public transportation to these businesses and critical services.

McGilchrist Street is a key transportation corridor within Salem. An investment in the infrastructure to support walking, biking, and other forms of multi-modal transportation as part of its overall economic revitalization strategy. We believe the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project will improve transportation and economic opportunities for the corridor. We hope the USDOT will partner with the City of Salem by granting a 2021 RAISE award.

Sincerely,



Ian Davidson, President
SAMTD Board of Directors