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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to convey my support for the City of Salem's application to the United States Department of Transportation's 2021 RAISE grant program for the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project. I am committed to the continued revitalization of the McGilchrist Street Corridor and believe this grant program can make a significant impact on our project.

The *McGilchrist Complete Street* project is located within an active urban renewal area, which was established in 2006 for the specific purpose of completing necessary transportation improvements within the McGilchrist Corridor. The project is in an older industrial area which has significant opportunities for infill development, but current road conditions hinder investment in the area. The roadway also lacks provisions for pedestrians and bicyclists and experiences flooding during wet weather.

McGilchrist Street plays a unique role as a transportation corridor within Salem, while also serving the adjacent Salem Municipal Airport. An investment in critical infrastructure that provides travel lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, signalized intersections, and stream crossing improvements is a high priority for our community in this project area.

I look forward to continuing to partner with the USDOT on the needed infrastructure investments in the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project with the award of a 2021 RAISE grant.

Sincerely,

Chuck Bennett
Mayor

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