

May 12, 2021

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 my 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 grant. The implementation of the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project will significantly improve mobility and access along the McGilchrist Street corridor, an incredibly busy road, while also supporting continued development of the area. This is important to the businesses and constituents who operate and live in the area we serve.

The project will involve over 8,000 linear feet of roadway improvements, including a crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The project is within an active Urban Renewal Area, it is adjacent to the Salem Municipal Airport, and also provides direct access to both the Veterans Administration and Social Security offices.

The project will result in an up-to-date transportation facility providing necessary elements including; travel lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, and signalized intersections, to promote development of properties in the area. This is critical for the seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities who may walk, take the bus, or ride a bicycle to the VA and Social Security offices there. Right now it is very dangerous. There will also be stream crossing improvements incorporated into the project on two branches of Pringle Creek.

The investments implemented as part of the *McGilchrist Complete Streets* project are needed, and I hope the application submitted by the City of Salem to the RAISE grant receives every reasonable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

State Senator Deb Patterson