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Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to convey SEDCOR's 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 program.

SEDCOR, the Strategic Economic Development Corporation, is a regional public-private partnership working to promote economic vitality in our three-county, Mid-Willamette Valley region. Salem is the commercial hub of our region, and we have 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 an important transportation corridor within Salem, located in an industrial area with significant opportunities for infill development and job creation. But current conditions of the road inhibit area investment and the corridor lacks provisions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The McGilchrist Complete Street project is designed to provide a modern transportation facility which incorporates 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. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Erik Andersson
President