



May 19, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association strongly supports the City of Salem's *McGilchrist Complete Street* project application for funding assistance through the USDOT's 2021 RAISE grant program. This project is well-supported in our joint SESNA-NEN neighborhood improvement plan, and as SESNA Chair, I'm proud to send this endorsement on behalf of our Board.

We are encouraged to see the project is moving towards construction and look forward to the positive impact it will have – not only on people within this corridor, but as an improvement for those accessing it on a regular basis through adjacent neighborhoods.

We recognize McGilchrist Street is a key transportation route within Salem. SESNA supports investing in infrastructure to improve walking, biking, and other forms of multi-modal transportation as part of our community's economic revitalization strategy. We believe this project will improve transportation, safety, and economic opportunities for the corridor.

We hope the USDOT will partner with the City of Salem by granting a 2021 RAISE award.

Sincerely,

Shannon Priem, Chair

Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association