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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Please accept this letter as a representation of my support for the *McGilchrist Complete Street* project RAISE grant application. The City of Salem, as the capital city of Oregon, appreciates the impact this project will have on our community and recognizes the value of the improvements for future development opportunities.

The project will involve approximately 10,000 linear feet of roadway improvements, including a crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The project is within an active Urban Renewal Area and is a major transportation corridor adjacent to the Salem Municipal Airport. The project will improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people, reduce traffic congestion, and enhance storm water retention, while also supporting continued development of the corridor.

The City of Salem is always looking for ways to create economic opportunities and improve infrastructure conditions for the community. The *McGilchrist Complete Street* project will result in an up-to-date transportation facility providing; travel lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, and signalized intersections, to promote development in the area.

The improvements implemented as part of this project are needed and will bring added value to the City of Salem. Thank you in advance for giving due consideration to the merits of our application.

Sincerely,

Kristin Retherford
Interim City Manager

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