



UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY



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June 15, 2020

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chair
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2164 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

On behalf of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), I write to thank you for inclusion of robust funding and policy improvements for public transit in H.R. 2, the "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act" (INVEST in America Act).

UTA provides over 46 million annual passenger rides to residents in the Salt Lake City metropolitan region. This transformative investment in public transportation and passenger rail helps our communities meet growing mobility demands, create family-wage jobs, and grow the economy. In addition, the INVEST in America Act addresses our mission to provide integrated mobility solutions to service life's connections, improve public health and enhance quality of life.

The INVEST in America Act makes critical investments in public transportation, including \$105 billion for public transportation and \$60 billion for rail to meet mobility demands of growing communities, like ours. We also write in support of an amendment sponsored by Congressman Greg Stanton of Arizona that would potentially increase the federal share for smaller Capital Investment Grants project like our Ogden Bus Rapid Transit project.

Thank you for your work and for considering this request. We look forward to working in partnership with you, your staff, and your colleagues on both sides of the aisle as this bill advances through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Carlton J. Christensen
Chair, Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees

cc: Congressman John Curtis
Congressman Ben McAdams

