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RE: Local Match Availability for the FY 2020 UTA Future of FrontRunner First Steps BUILD Application

Dear Ms. Barnea, Mr. Bathrick, and Mr. Hill,

Utah Transit Authority (UTA) is applying for funding through the US Department of Transportation Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program for double tracking of the Commuter Rail FrontRunner from Draper to South Jordan, and new wayfinding signage at Vineyard, Draper and South Jordan. The local non-federal amount listed in the application for this project is \$20.4 million to support the BUILD request of \$20.4 million for a total project cost of \$40.8 million.

The local match is from UTA funds and includes \$2.5 million ROW in-kind for South Jordan to Draper, \$200,000 in funding already budgeted for the wayfinding portion of the project, and \$17,700,000 in other funds that UTA will budget as the project moves forward. The right of way was all acquired with local funds and is eligible as local match for this project. UTA's board of trustees and executive team have committed to budgeting the additional \$17,700,000 if selected to receive BUILD funds. These amounts are acceptable within UTA's long-range financial model. The \$20.4 million in match equates to 50 percent local funding and 50 percent BUILD funding—well exceeding the minimum required match for the BUILD program.

The double tracking is a necessary improvement for UTA to continue efficient service and to expand service as called for in municipal and regional transportation plans. The project has local support and Utah State Legislature appropriated funds. Award of the BUILD funds would complete the funding plan for this much needed project.

Please contact me (801-287-3367) or Alma Haskell (801-741-8813) with any needs or questions. Thank you for your consideration of UTA's application.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Biles
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