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The Honorable Mike Lee  
United States Senator  
363 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lee:

The Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Ogden-Layton and Salt Lake Urban Areas in northern Utah, would like to express support for the *Streamline Transit Projects Act*. We are grateful for your leadership on this important issue.

Providing multimodal transportation choices, including public transit, helps Utah address challenges like traffic congestion, air quality, and housing availability which accompany our state's rapid growth. We believe that the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reforms included in your bill would provide transit agencies and stakeholders with greater flexibility in complying with federal environmental impact standards for certain types of transit projects. These reforms have the opportunity to help Utah expedite the needed expansion of our public transit systems to meet our growth demands. While WFRC understands the importance of minimizing or mitigating the environmental impact of transit projects, we also recognize the need to streamline and eliminate duplication in the environmental review process.

We thank you again for your leadership in introducing this important legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be a resource to you as you work to move this bill through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Andrew Gruber  
WFRC Executive Director