



March 24, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Full Funding Grant Agreement Support**

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the Salt Lake Chamber, I'd like to express our support for Caltrain's Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) and the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) pending approval from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The Chamber is always interested in projects that create quality jobs, provide opportunities for training and invest in infrastructure. The Caltrain project meets all of these criteria and has a significant economic impact far beyond California. In Utah alone, Stadler will invest \$30 million in a new facility and hire 550 employees to complete the Caltrain project. Stadler is also working with our Applied Technology College system to create apprenticeship programs that will educate and empower workers.

In Utah, we know our growth is closely tied to infrastructure development. Our streets, roads and highways are significant to the state's innovation and economic growth; and so, it is essential that we invest in opportunities to increase capacity on transit systems where demand is surging. As the FTA acknowledged in its evaluation, the Caltrain project is a unique opportunity to do just that. It will be an investment that will help serve future generations of riders. The project is one that is being closely watched by many metropolitan areas, including Salt Lake City.

We offer our full support to the PCEP and strongly encourage you to help fuel the national economy by investing in this critical transportation improvement.

Sincerely,

Lane Beattie  
President and CEO  
Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce