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Protest against TIGER VII grant application from Utah Transit Authority/Salt Lake City.

Dear Sirs:

We formally protest the TIGER VII grant application from Utah Transit Authority regarding several projects in Salt Lake City including the expansion of the Sugar House streetcar.

Due to the insistence on secrecy regarding this application, we are not able to determine the application wording. Therefore this is a general protest towards awarding the TIGER VII funding to Salt Lake City and Utah Transit Authority.

There is no broad public support as evidenced by the fact that the application is considered secret by UTA and Salt Lake City. (email below).

The project will destroy most of the last of the small businesses that are on Highland Drive and 1100 East that cannot endure more construction in the area.

The increase in congestion due to not just the construction but also the operation of the streetcar will cause significant air pollution.

Construction of a .4 mile extension puts the rail one block closer to the Sugar House Plaza but it takes an out of way route and significantly increases the cost from a \$5 million project to a \$15 million project.

Hidden Hollow lighting benefits the adjacent private development more than the park which is now lit by the private development.

The Parley's Trail components (local match) are already budgeted and being constructed.

The language may be (again this is secret so we don't know for sure): "The City has already allocated funding directly towards some of the components listed, and this is considered as local match." And "The County has also previously allocated funding to the Parley's Trail, which can also be considered as match."

The application also contains other projects but we do not know about them because the whole application is considered secret. The whole application should be denied.

We ask that the Federal Government, Department of Transportation not approve the application for the Salt Lake City/UTA S-line extension and any project in the application. The main reasons are that this project has no broad public support, the application is secret, the project will increase air pollution, the project will destroy small businesses in the area, the match was budgeted before consideration of folding it into the streetcar application, the ridership is abysmally small and the area needs better bus and streetcar span of service and not more projects.

This is the email that indicates that the whole application is secret and therefore does not have broad public support:

RE: how can I get a copy of the TIGER Grant applications that were sent to the Federal Government

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Thu, Jun 11, 2015 at 10:14 AM

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George, the TIGER application is not a public document, yet. Both UTA and SLC have strict policies relating to grant applications that are still in an open process, which this is. We are happy to share it once USDOT makes a decision, which is likely in the August timeframe.

Let's keep chatting about how we can get you to embrace this streetcar extension, I know you have it in you.

-Matt

-----Original Message-----

From: george chapman [mailto:gechapman2@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2015 8:19 PM

To: Allegra, Michael (President-CEO)

Cc: Sibul, Matthew (Chief Planning Officer); Meyer, Steve (Chief Development Officer)

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