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To Whom It May Concern:

The Westside Coalition supports an engineering and funding analysis of the Rio Grande Plan that would include a full examination of the impact on the neighborhoods affected by the plan as well as the expenditures and revenues from any implementation.

Railroad barriers are what originally divided Salt Lake City into east and west, and many of the disparities between the two sides followed in their wake. Even today, frequent train crossings are among the most common frustrations expressed by Westside residents. These crossings also hamper access to the area, threatening the success of development projects like the proposed Power District. The Rio Grande Plan is the most promising proposal to mitigate these impacts to come forward in many years.

While this plan may also carry some risks or drawbacks, the many potential benefits, including substantially reducing the divide between east and west, are great enough to justify the expenditures necessary to fully analyze the plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Strong", is written over a white background.

The Westside Coalition Board of Directors