

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 02/24/26

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 26-0154

LOG NAME: 20FY2026 BUILD GRANT APPLICATION

SUBJECT

(CD 10) Authorize Application for and Acceptance of, if Awarded, a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant from the United States Department of Transportation, in an Amount Up to \$25,000,000.00 for the Design and Construction of a Grade-Separated Railroad Crossing on Heritage Trace Parkway at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Rail Lines, Authorize Execution of a Federal Grant Agreement and Other Necessary Documents and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of, if awarded, the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant, in an amount up to \$25,000,000.00 for the design and construction of a grade-separated railroad crossing on Heritage Trace Parkway at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail lines;
 2. Authorize execution of the Federal Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Transportation; and
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Capital Projects Federal Fund, in the amount up to \$25,000,000.00, subject to the receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding the Heritage Trace Parkway Grade Separated Railroad Crossing Project.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize an application for and acceptance of, if awarded, a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant in the amount up to \$25,000,000.00 for the design and construction of a grade-separated railroad crossing on Heritage Trace Parkway at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail lines.

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) is making this discretionary grant available for infrastructure projects that improve safety and mobility for people and goods. Eligible projects include grade-separated crossings. The application deadline is February 24, 2026, and it is unknown when the notice of award will be communicated.

Heritage Trace Parkway currently dead-ends at both sides of the BNSF rail lines, creating increased travel times and congestion along adjacent arterials such as Bonds Ranch Road and Bailey Boswell Road. The project supports the City's goals of improving network connectivity, reducing congestion, and enhancing multimodal access to nearby residential and commercial areas for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

The City will be responsible for providing a 20% local match or up to \$12,500,000.00 as part of the grant. The current estimated total project cost is \$60,675,388.00. A separate M&C will be presented to Council once funding has been identified to meet the grant match requirement. Should no funding be available, then the Transportation and Public Works (TPW) Department will not accept the grant award and will be responsible for all costs incurred.

A grant application has been entered into the Grant Application Repository. The number is GRNT-APPL-0000000174. City salaries will be charged to the grant. Indirect cost recovery does not apply.

The proposed project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 10.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: USDOT

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the capital budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund for the Heritage Trace Parkway Grade Separated Railroad Crossing project. Transportation and Public Works (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Transportation and Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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