



CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE RESOLUTION

MEETING DATE: 07/21/2026

PRESENTER: Caryl DeVries, P.E., PTOE, Director of Transportation & Mobility

TITLE: Public Hearing considering the Grand Connection as a program for which Federal Operating and Capital assistance under Section 5307 and 5310 of the Transportation Efficiency Act of 1998 for rural and Small Urban Transit Agencies will be sought; Resolution authorizing the City Manager to Submit Grant Applications to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for assistance with the fiscal year 2027 capital and operational costs related to the Grand Connection Program in an estimated amount of \$862,950, including Transportation Development Credits; Authorizing the submission of documents providing assurance of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Authorizing the City Manager to execute all contract documents necessary to accept and receive funding from the FTA in the estimated amount of \$830,000; Accepting funding in the amount of \$170,584 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and \$20,000 from Dallas County for Fiscal Year 2027 operational costs related to the Grand Connection Program; Providing for Matching funds from the City's fiscal year 2027 budget in the amount of \$265,521 making the total Fiscal Year 2027 Grand Connection budget \$1,319,055

REVIEWING COMMITTEE: (Reviewed by the City Council Development Committee on 07/16/2026)

SUMMARY:

Since its inception in 1988, the City of Grand Prairie Transportation and Mobility program, known as The Grand Connection, has grown to over 74,458 trips annually with an active fleet of twelve (12) transit buses. The Transit Division of the Transportation and Mobility Department operates various programs at no cost to these citizens. These programs include:

- o Nutrition Trip Program--Provides transportation to Dallas County Health and Human Services Nutrition Program at 2975 Esplanade, Grand Prairie, Texas
- o Medical/Dental Trip Program--Provides transportation to medical/dental appointments.
- o Dialysis treatments – Grand Prairie Dialysis, Tarrant Dialysis (GP), Fresenius GP Dialysis, and DaVita Dialysis Grand Prairie (Clinics)

- o Parkland Hospital – Conover Dr., Grand Prairie and Harry Hines, Dallas (Clinics)
- o Arlington Hospital – Arlington Memorial Hospital (Clinics)
- o Provide transportation to the S. Westmoreland/Illinois DART light rail station on a daily/weekly basis for Clients who have appointments at the Veterans Hospital (VA) in Dallas.
- o Provide trips to the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) for Clients who have appointments in Ft. Worth or Dallas
- o Grocery Trip Program—Provide group transportation to the grocery store on a weekly basis
- o School Program – Provides transportation to local colleges such as Tarrant County College (TCC)
- o Provides trips to work, only within Grand Prairie

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The following is a breakdown of the funding sources used to operate The Grand Connection.

	Total	Percent	Capital	Planning	Operating	
FTA (5310)	\$310,000	24.0			\$ 310,000	
FTA (5307)	\$520,000	39.4	\$520,000		\$	Preventative Maintenance/Buses
FTA/ TDC	\$ 32,950	2.0			\$ 32,950	
TXDOT	\$170,584	13.0			\$ 170,584	
CITY	\$265,521	20.1			\$ 265,521	
Dallas County						
Nutrition	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>1.5</u>			<u>\$ 20,000</u>	
Project Cost	\$1,319,055	100.0	\$520,000		\$ 779,055	

The City has secured the following grants and credits for FY 2027: \$170,584 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and \$20,000 from Dallas County. In addition, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has committed \$520,000 for Capital expenditures under the FTA 5307 programs, \$310,000 for operating expenditures under the FTA 5310 programs, and \$32,950 in Transportation Development Credits for Operating expenditures.

The City is required to provide \$265,521 in matching funding for FY 2027 for the Grand Connection to be eligible for these grants.

By passing this resolution, the City Council would accept the TxDOT and Dallas County grants, authorize the City Manager to submit applications for the FTA grants, and authorize the City to provide matching funds.

BODY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT

ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FISCAL YEAR 2027 CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE GRAND CONNECTION PROGRAM IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$862,950 INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS PROVIDING ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE FTA; ACCEPTING FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,584 FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) AND \$20,000 FROM DALLAS COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE GRAND CONNECTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,521; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation is authorized to provide grants for transportation program projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Prairie operates various programs under the umbrella of the Grand Connection program that assist qualified elderly and disabled residents of Grand Prairie with their transportation needs as approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded funding in the amount of \$170,584 from the Texas Department of Transportation ("TXDOT") and \$20,000 from Dallas County to be used to assist with Fiscal Year 2027 Operational costs related to the Grand Connection program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the City Manager to submit grant applications with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request assistance with Fiscal Year 2027 Capital and Operational costs related to The Grand Connection program; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provision of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires the City to give assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, if said FTA grants are approved, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the City, including matching funding from the City in the total amount of \$265,521 from the City's FY 2027 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and file grant applications on behalf of the City of Grand Prairie with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request funding assistance with Fiscal Year 2027 Capital and Operational costs related to The Grand Connection program in the amounts of \$520,000 for Capital expenditures under the FTA 5307 program, \$310,000 for Operating expenditures under the FTA 5310 program, and \$32,950 in Transportation Development Credits to be used for Operating expenditures.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute and file with such application an assurance, or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, effectuating the purpose of Title

VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The City hereby further declares that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is authorized to execute contract agreements on behalf of the City of Grand Prairie with the U.S. Department of Transportation or other entity as necessary to accept and receive funding from the FTA for Fiscal Year 2027 Capital and Operational costs related to The Grand Connection program.

SECTION 4. The City of Grand Prairie, Texas, hereby accepts funding in the amount of \$170,584 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and funding in the amount of \$20,000 from Dallas County to assist with Fiscal Year 2027 Operational costs related to The Grand Connection program.

SECTION 5. Funding in the amount of \$265,521 is hereby authorized to be appropriated in Grand Prairie's FY 2027 Budget as the City's matching funding for Operational costs related to The Grand Connection program.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 21ST DAY OF JULY 2026