



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
RESOLUTION**

MEETING DATE: 07/14/2025

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

TITLE: Public Hearing and resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding assistance for Fiscal Year 2026 costs related to the Grand Connection program, and accepting funding in the amount of \$170,584 from TxDOT and \$20,000 from Dallas County for the same. The total budget to operate the Grand Connection for Fiscal Year 2026 is \$1,211,298, of which the City will provide matching funding in the amount of \$205,764

REVIEWING COMMITTEE: (Reviewed by the City Council Development Committee on 07/09/2025)

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

Since its inception in 1988, the City of Grand Prairie Transportation and Mobility program, known as The Grand Connection, has grown to over 70,000 trips annually with an active fleet of twelve (12) transit buses. The Transit Division of the Transportation and Mobility Department operates various types of programs at no charge for 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 TCCC
- 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 (5307)	\$662,000	54.5	\$400,000		\$ 262,000	
FTA (5310)	\$120,000	10.0	\$120,000		\$	Preventative Maintenance
FTA/ TDC	\$ 32,950	3.0			\$ 32,950	
TXDOT	\$170,584	14.0			\$ 170,584	
CITY	\$205,764	17.0			\$ 205,764	
Dallas County Nutrition	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>1.5</u>			<u>\$ 20,000</u>	
 Project Cost	 \$1,211,298	 100.0	 \$520,000		 \$691,298	

We have secured the following grants/credits for FY 2026: \$170,584 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and \$20,000 from Dallas County. In addition, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has committed \$400,000 for Capital expenditures under the FTA 5307 programs, \$262,000 for Operating expenditures under the FTA 5307 programs, \$120,000 for Capital expenditures under the FTA 5310 programs, and \$32,950 in Transportation Development Credits to go towards operating expenditures.

The City is required to provide matching funding in the amount of \$205,764 for FY 2026 for the Grand Connection in order 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 match funding.

BODY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FISCAL YEAR 2026 CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE GRAND CONNECTION PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS THAT PROVIDE 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 2026 OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE GRAND CONNECTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE CITY FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$205,764; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation is authorized to provide grants for a mass transportation program of 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 received 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 2026 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 2026 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 \$205,764 from the City’s FY 2026 budget; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City that minority businesses be fully utilized, when possible, in connection with this/these project(s), and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultancy and other services.

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 2026 Capital and Operational costs related to The Grand Connection program in the amounts of \$400,000 for Capital expenditures under the FTA 5307 program, \$262,000 for Operating expenditures under the FTA 5307 program, \$120,000 for Capital expenditures under the FTA 5310 programs, 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 in relation to grants received from the FTA for Fiscal Year 2026 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 2026 Operational costs related to The Grand Connection program.

SECTION 5. Funding in the amount of \$205,764 is hereby authorized to be appropriated in Grand Prairie's FY 2026 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 14TH DAY OF JULY 2025.