



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2026
PREPARED BY: Scott Moore, City Manager
DEPARTMENT: Administration

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Consideration, discussion, and possible action on a letter of support for the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration’s Crossing Safety Program/Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration is providing funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.

There are multiple railroad crossings south of Parsons/Old Highway 20 Between Bastrop and Eggleston streets that could benefit from the installation of the crossing arms. With the city supporting the investment in the original downtown section of the city, working with the USDOT, TXDOT, and CapMetro officials will be essential in addressing this transportation safety concern. We have identified railroad crossing as a serious issue as the population grows toward 50,000. With increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic throughout this section of the community, adding the crossing arms at these critical railroad intersections would be a great addition for the community. The applications must be submitted no later than June 8th. This grant requires a 20% cost match, with the remaining 80% covered by the grant. This letter of support will allow the city to participate in the application process.

LEGAL REVIEW: No
FISCAL IMPACT: Yes – 20% of grant funding.
FORM 1295 FILED: No
PRESENTATION: No
ATTACHMENTS: Yes

- Letter of Support

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The city staff recommends that the City Council approve a letter of support for the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration’s Crossing Safety Program/Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program.