

No: 26-  
Date: June 3, 2026

RESOLUTION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SANDPOINT

**TITLE: APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE GREAT NORTHERN ROAD RAIL AND CORRIDOR SAFETY PROJECT.**

WHEREAS: The City Council adopted the Multimodal Transportation Master Plan through Resolution No. 21-022, identifying the Great Northern Road Corridor Project as a priority capital improvement project;

WHEREAS: The Great Northern Road Rail and Corridor Safety Project includes roadway reconstruction, multimodal transportation improvements, stormwater improvements, utility upgrades, rail crossing safety improvements, and related infrastructure improvements;

WHEREAS: The project is supported by the Northern Urban Renewal District and has been developed in coordination with J-U-B Engineers, the Idaho Transportation Department, and BNSF Railway;

WHEREAS: The Federal Railroad Administration has announced funding availability through the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program, with applications due June 8, 2026;

WHEREAS: The total estimated project cost is approximately \$31 million, with an estimated local match of approximately \$6.2 million proposed to be funded through Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency funding and City water and sewer enterprise funds;

WHEREAS: If awarded, grant funding would support final design, environmental compliance, railroad coordination, and construction of the project;

WHEREAS: The project presents an opportunity to complete the Great Northern Road Corridor improvements in a single phase, reducing costs and construction impacts while accelerating transportation and safety improvements;

WHEREAS: The grant application includes consideration of the Mountain View Drive rail crossing as part of the overall corridor safety improvements; and

WHEREAS: Authorization to submit the grant application does not obligate the City to accept grant funding, commit matching funds, or approve closure of the Mountain View Drive crossing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: City Council authorizes staff to submit an application for the Federal Railroad Administration Railroad Crossing Elimination Program grant for the Great Northern Road Rail and Corridor Safety Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Mayor is authorized to execute application materials necessary for grant submittal, including a conditional local match commitment letter.

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Jeremy Grimm, Mayor

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March 20, 2024

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ATTEST:

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Meri Jane Bohn, City Clerk