

Resolution 51-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION (FRA) RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION (CROSSING SAFETY) PROGRAM GRANT FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES ON THE 22 ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING / WEST SIDE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Recitals:

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction ("City") has identified the need to improve safety, mobility, and freight access within the River Road and 22 Road industrial corridor; and

WHEREAS, the existing at-grade railroad crossing at G Road has been identified by Union Pacific Railroad as one of the most problematic railroad crossings in the State of Colorado due to repeated gate strikes and conflicts between roadway and rail operations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension of 22 Road across the Union Pacific Railroad corridor to River Road would improve access to the regional transportation network, including Highway 6 & 50 and Interstate 70, while enhancing freight mobility, emergency response access, and overall circulation within the industrial area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes the elimination and closure of the existing G Road railroad crossing and the construction of a safer and more efficient crossing and roadway network connection at 22 Road; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration ("FRA") Railroad Crossing Elimination (Crossing Safety) Program provides funding assistance for projects that improve safety and mobility at highway-rail grade crossings; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to submit a grant application to the FRA Railroad Crossing Elimination Program for funding to complete preliminary engineering, environmental documentation and clearances, railroad coordination, and related planning activities necessary to advance the project toward construction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed project is consistent with the City's transportation, economic development, and public safety goals and is in the best interests of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

1. That the City Council hereby supports the submittal of a grant application to the Federal Railroad Administration Railroad Crossing Elimination (Crossing Safety) Program for the 22 Road Railroad Crossing and G Road Crossing Elimination Project.

2. That the City Council supports the advancement of preliminary engineering, environmental clearance, and related planning activities necessary to position the project for future implementation and construction funding opportunities.
3. That the City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute and submit all documents necessary to apply for grant funding and to act on behalf of the City in connection with the application process.
4. The City Council of the City of Grand Junction authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations, including established deadlines, of any Grant awarded.
5. If the Grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement for the Project.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of June, 2026.



Laurel Lutz
President of the City Council



ATTEST:



Selestina Sandova
City Clerk