



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services, Finance

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**DATE:** March 24, 2026

### **SUBJECT**

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton ratifying the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program in the amount of \$12,000,000 in grant funding, which will require \$3,000,000 in City matching fund for a multimodal enhancement project for railroad crossings at US 377 and Bonnie Brae and US 377 and Johnson Lane (Brush Creek Corridor); and providing an effective date.

### **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

This action supports Key Focus Area: Enhance Infrastructure and Mobility.

### **BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD grant program provides funding for surface transportation infrastructure projects with a significant local or regional impact. Eligible project sponsors include state and local governments, counties, Tribal governments, transit agencies, and port authorities, allowing them to pursue challenging multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects that may be difficult to fund through other means. Originally launched as RAISE and TIGER grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the BUILD program was officially authorized in November 2021.

This project is titled "Comprehensive Brush Creek Corridor & UPRR Crossing Improvement Program" which would significantly improve the Brush Creek Corridor for Road Safety and Multimodal enhancements by removing two existing railroad crossings at (i) "Bonnie Brae St and US 377" and at (ii) Johnson Lane and US 377, and by adding a new significantly safer railroad crossing at Brush Creek Corridor. The scope of work will include:

1. Removing existing asphalt pavements
2. Removing existing concrete pavement
3. Removing existing railroad signals
4. Removing existing railway signal cabinets and hardware
5. Removing existing railroad crossing
6. Restoring the two existing locations to working and safe conditions for all modes

Adding the above to the newly proposed railroad crossing at the Brush Creek Corridor, enhancing the entire corridor for multimodal operational safety and vehicular throughput Staff is requesting a total funding of US \$12 million, including the required local match of 20% (\$3,000,000).

For City Council consideration, Staff would like to highlight specific information in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) pgs. 48-49:

**Compliance with Federal Law and Policies**

Except where prohibited by court order, “The applicant assures and certifies, with respect to any application and awarded Project under this NOFO, that it will comply with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance, and use of Federal funds.”

**Federal Anti-Discrimination**

Except where prohibited by court order, pursuant to Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity, as a condition of grant award, each Recipient must agree that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal antidiscrimination laws is material to the government’s payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of title 31, United States Code.

Except where prohibited by court order, pursuant to Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit- Based Opportunity, as a condition of grant award, each Recipient must certify that it does not operate any programs promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

To the extent a court order bars the implementation or enforcement of one or more of the provisions with respect to a particular applicant or recipient, the Department will not implement or enforce the relevant provision(s) against that applicant or recipient for as long as the order remains in place.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the BUILD FY 2026 Grant Program ordinance.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

If awarded, the \$3,000,000 non-federal match will need to be budgeted in future City of Denton Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds.

**EXHIBITS**

- Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet
- Exhibit 2 – Ordinance
- Exhibit 3 – BUILD Notice of Funding Opportunity

Respectfully submitted:

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