

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS'S
APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION'S
2026 RAIL CROSSING ELIMINATION GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City seeks funding to prevent traffic-related injuries and deaths through the implementation of the “Safe Systems” approach by building and reinforcing multiple layers of protection to both prevent crashes and minimize harm when crashes do occur; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Strategic Plan prioritizes improved connectivity and enhanced walkability providing a well-connected transportation network serving pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists and freight vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration issued a call for projects in early 2026 for communities to apply for funding assistance through the Rail Crossing Elimination Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Rail Crossing Elimination Grant Program funds may be used for development of engineering (plans, specifications, and estimates and environmental documentation) and construction of grade separation at rail crossings for vehicles and/or pedestrians. The funds require a local match for 20% of eligible project costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

THAT, The City of New Braunfels supports funding this project as described in the 2026 Rail Crossing Elimination Grant Program application (including the required local match, if any) and is willing to commit to the project’s development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing. The City of New Braunfels is willing and able to enter into an agreement with the department by resolution or ordinance, should the project be selected for funding.

DULY PASSED by majority vote of all members of the City Council of the City of New Braunfels on the 11th day of May 2026.

City of New Braunfels, Texas

Attest:

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor

GAYLE WILKINSON, City Secretary