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H.B. No. 3727

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to a grant program to fund certain railroad grade  
3 separation projects.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 471, Transportation Code, is amended by  
6 adding Section 471.010 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 471.010. GRANT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN RAILROAD GRADE  
8 SEPARATION PROJECTS. (a) For the purpose of increasing public  
9 safety, enhancing economic development, and reducing traffic, the  
10 department shall establish and administer a program to award grants  
11 to political subdivisions of this state or railroad companies to  
12 fund:

18        (b) A political subdivision or railroad company may use  
19        money awarded by the department under this section as matching  
20        funds to secure additional funding for a grade separation project  
21        described by Subsection (a).

22           (c) Each grant awarded under this section must be approved  
23 by the commission. The commission may not approve a grant under  
24 this section unless the commission determines that:

1                   (1) at least 10 percent of the total project costs will  
2   be provided by a source other than the state; or  
3                   (2) if the grant money is being used as matching funds  
4   under Subsection (b), at least 10 percent of the amount used as  
5   matching funds will be provided by a source other than the state.

6                   (d) The department may fund the grant program under this  
7   section only from money appropriated by the legislature for that  
8   purpose and from gifts and grants, including grants from the  
9   federal government. The department may solicit and accept gifts  
10   and grants from any source for the purposes of this section. Money  
11   deposited to the credit of the state highway fund may not be used to  
12   fund a grant awarded under this section.

13                   (e) The commission shall adopt rules as necessary to  
14   implement this section.

15                   SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2025, the Texas  
16   Transportation Commission shall adopt the rules required by Section  
17   471.010, Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

18                   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19   a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20   provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21   Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22   Act takes effect September 1, 2025.