



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 26, 2024

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-72: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$53,366.22 FROM THE REFUNDS REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS RISK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT RECEIVED FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES AND/OR THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES TO REPAIR AND REPLACE DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT OR TRAFFIC SIGNS DAMAGED IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

BACKGROUND:

The City's Traffic Control Division maintains more than 170 traffic and pedestrian signals citywide using \$105,291 in the Division's operating budget (approximately \$620 per signalized intersection per year). These funds are used for the purchase of replacement traffic signal system components needed for the safe and efficient operation of our traffic signals.

On February 21, 2023, a traffic collision occurred near the intersection of 12th Avenue SE and State Highway 9 causing damage to a traffic signal cabinet and pole assembly at the southeast corner. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On October 30, 2024, a \$34,348.75 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On July 23, 2024, a traffic collision occurred at 1009 West Lindsey Street causing damage to a roadway light assembly installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces contracted repair of the damage at this location. On November 5, 2024, a \$19,017.47 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

DISCUSSION:

The continuing number of traffic collisions involving damage to traffic control equipment depletes the City's inventory of spare units. Replacement units are necessary in order to address future emergency situations. The Division does not have adequate funding in its operating budget to purchase replacements units and needs to access the funds collected from the insurance companies in order to do so. Funds collected to date from the previously described incidents total \$53,366.22 for damages to traffic signal/street light equipment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of Resolution R-2425-72 for the appropriation of \$53,366.22 from the Risk Management Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements (Account 439-365264) to the General Fund, Traffic Signal Parts (Account 10550223-43212). These funds will be used for the purchase of replacements for the equipment damaged in the respective collisions.