



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 02/28/2023

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2223-117: A PROJECT MAINTENANCE, FINANCING, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT J3-6407(004)AG, STATE JOB 36407(04), TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY VEHICLE PRE-EMPTION UPGRADES AND RESOLUTION R-2223-94.

BACKGROUND:

The 2015 – Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) federal transportation funding bill allocates approximately \$21 million in Federal funds per year for the implementation of eligible transportation improvements in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. New traffic signals along federal functionally classified roads are eligible for 100% federal funding.

On February 23, 2021, City Council adopted resolution R-2021-92, which was later forwarded to both the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) requesting federal funds to pay for 100% of the construction cost. In the resolution the City agreed to the terms and conditions of a federally funded project by stating its willingness to assume the responsibility for the preparation of engineering plans, the purchase of any additional needed rights-of-way, the relocation of public utilities and funding of the local share of the construction cost, which is normally 0% for federal safety projects. On May 12, 2022, ACOG recommended to ODOT that the project be included in the federal fiscal year 2023-2024 (FFY 2024) Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Final plans for the Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption Upgrades Phase 3 are nearing completion, with the understanding that plans are progressing toward a November 2023 bid opening. The plans were developed “in house” by the engineering staff in the Traffic Control Division. Construction is anticipated to begin in the winter of 2024 with completion of the work in May of the same year.

This project is the last in a series of phased projects to upgrade our emergency vehicle pre-emption systems at signalized intersections from the older Infrared technology to a more robust GPS based technology. The estimated construction cost of \$618,809 will be funded with 100% federal funds as a safety improvement project. A map of the locations to be touched in this final phase of the project is attached.

DISCUSSION:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation requires the City to execute a project agreement and to adopt it by resolution before letting the project to contract. The agreement addresses the responsibilities of the City and the Department during and after the construction of the project. Both the resolution and agreement have been reviewed by staff and approved by the City Attorney's Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2223-117 and Resolution R-2223-94 with ODOT for Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption Upgrades Phase 3.