



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 02/27/2024

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-127: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA SUPPORTING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE'S PURSUIT OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BRIDGE FUNDS.

BACKGROUND:

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe (AST) is working with Cross Timbers Consulting, LLC, (Cross Timbers) to prepare a grant application for funding through the Tribal Transportation Program Bridge Funds. The AST reached out to the City of Norman about the potential to collaborate on a bridge program using available tribal bridge funding sources following the highly successful 2023 Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds. In numerous meetings with Staff, the AST and Cross Timbers has proposed a program where they would submit two applications. One would be for a large bridge on Porter Avenue north of Tecumseh Road. The second would be a series of smaller bridges at various locations. The nature of the Tribal Transportation Program Bridge Funds is that the grant will pay design and/or construction depending on what may be needed at each specific bridge. The various location bridges will be comprised of either yellow or orange locations on the attached list.

DISCUSSION:

Over the course of the past few months, Staff has been working with AST and Cross Timbers sharing information about potential bridge projects. Staff fully supports the decision of AST and Cross Timbers to proceed with two applications for bridge funding. One would be for a large bridge on Porter Avenue north of Tecumseh Road, and the other would be for a series of smaller bridges at various locations. It is important to note that all bridges that will be a part of these two applications are currently on the AST system of routes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2324-127 supporting the Absentee Shawnee Tribe pursuit of Tribal Transportation Program Bridge Funds with the United States Department of the Interior for the Porter Avenue Bridge north of Tecumseh Road as well as a number of smaller bridges at various locations.