



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/24/2023

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: Jami Short, Transportation Management Center Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF EASEMENT E-2324-20: A GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM SAVANNAH CUSTOM BUILDERS, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SIDEWALK ALONG CLASSEN BOULEVARD IN NORMAN.

BACKGROUND:

The project consists of two gaps of five-foot wide sidewalks for pedestrians. The first gap, on the west side of the street, starts at the southwest corner of the intersection of Classen Boulevard and 12th Avenue SE and extends northwest to a new development and further northwest to the Edge Apartment complex south of Lindsey Street. The second gap, on the east side of the street, is further north along Classen Boulevard and starts at the northeast corner of the intersection with Enid Street and extends northwest along the east side of Classen Boulevard to the southeast corner of the intersection with Shawnee Street. This project is 100% locally funded. A vicinity map of the area showing the sidewalk gaps is attached.

Construction of the new sidewalk is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2024 and be completed by the end of the summer. The sidewalk will be constructed to meet ADA requirements.

DISCUSSION:

The City must secure three parcels of permanent right-of-way, for the placement of the new sidewalk and modification of existing driveways. Staff approached the parties regarding the acquisition needs and discussed the potential for donation. One of the easements, Parcel No. 2, is being donated by the property owner and is included in this agenda item for Council acceptance. An attachment provides the details of the easement as well as depicts its location. Another attachment shows the easement document signed by the property owner. The final attachment is a table showing the summary of each easement at this time. This is the second of three easements needed for the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of Easement E-2324-20 and that staff be authorized to file the easement at the County Courthouse as is appropriate.
