



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 07/11/2023

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2324-3: 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 TAP3-7981(004)TP, STATE JOB 37981(04), TO PROVIDE TWO MILES OF MULTIMODAL PATH ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 9 BETWEEN 48th AVENUE SE AND 72nd AVENUE SE AND RESOLUTION R-2324-3 WITH CAPITAL FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION OF \$529,492 AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Alternative Program has historically provided funding for projects and programs defined as transportation alternatives that advance non-motorized transportation opportunities, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, historic transportation preservation, environmental mitigation and vegetation management activities; recreational trail programs; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways. The Transportation Alternatives Program continues to build upon the legacy of prior programs by providing funding opportunities for local projects that support additional transportation options, strengthen local economies, improve quality of life, protect the natural environment, and enhance transportation infrastructure.

Funds set aside for the ODOT Transportation Alternatives Grant program include projects and activities encompassing a variety of transportation projects that prioritize safety, comfort, and connectivity to destinations for all people who use the street network such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to Stormwater and habitat connectivity. The call for projects, through ODOT, closed on November 30, 2022. Awards were announced on April 3, 2023. Norman was awarded two

miles of multimodal path along the north side of State Highway 9 between 48th Avenue SE and 72nd Avenue SE (a location map is attached).

DISCUSSION:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) 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. Based upon the preliminary cost estimates submitted with the grant application, the City's financial obligation in this agreement, shown on page 6 of the attached agreement, is \$529,491.66. In addition, the City is obligated to:

- Finance and prepare engineering design plans
- Finance and acquire any necessary rights-of-way and easements
- Finance and relocate any potential utility conflicts
- Finance and prepare applicable NEPA environmental assessments

The City's financial obligation of \$529,491.66 is not currently allocated in any account. In order to have this agreement signed and returned to ODOT, an appropriation of funds will be required. The total of the local share, \$529,491.66, is requested to be appropriated from the Capital Fund Balance (Account 50-29000) to SH 9 Multimodal Path 48th to 72nd, Construction (Account 50596688-46101; Project TR0125).

If approved, the two new miles of multimodal path should be let for construction in early fall of 2024. This would mean that the two miles of path would be under construction in early 2025 with completion before the end of 2025.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2324-3 and Resolution R-2324-3 with ODOT for two miles of multimodal path along State Highway 9 between 48th Avenue SE and 72nd Avenue SE.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Staff recommends approval of the appropriation of Capital Fund balance (Account 50-29000) for the total local share of construction costs, \$529,491.66, for the two miles of State Highway 9 multimodal path to SH 9 Multimodal Path 48th to 72nd Construction (Account 50596688-46101; Project TR0125).