

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORMAN REQUESTING THE OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY'S ACCESS OKLAHOMA PROGRAM TO IMPROVE AND CONSTRUCT FACILITIES IN THE VICINITY OF THE CITY OF NORMAN ALONG THE EAST-WEST CONNECTOR.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) operates a turnpike system within Oklahoma that connects with the state highway/interstate and local road system; and

WHEREAS, the OTA has announced a 15-year, long-range turnpike improvement and expansion program for projects defined in the Advancing and Connecting Communities and Economies Safely Statewide "ACCESS Program"; and

WHEREAS, the ACCESS Program represents approximately \$5 billion in improvements to Oklahoma's turnpike system; and

WHEREAS, the ACCESS Program includes the construction of a new turnpike route from the I-44 Tri-City area (Newcastle, Blanchard, Tuttle) at SH-37, crossing the South Canadian River, east to I-35, then continuing east along Indian Hills Road and then northeast to I-40, connecting to the new Kickapoo Turnpike (East-West Connector or "EWC" Project); and

WHEREAS, the City of Norman requests construction of access points along the East-West Connector to include the the following: 60th Avenue NW, 36th Avenue NW, I-35, 12th Avenue NW/Broadway, SH-77H (12th Avenue NE), 48th Avenue NE, South Extension Turnpike, 120th Avenue NE (S. Choctaw Road) and 156th Avenue NE (Peebly Road); and

WHEREAS, the City of Norman requests the construction of one-way service roads along the turnpike from 60th Avenue NW to 48th Avenue NE; and

WHEREAS, the development of the EWC project will involve improvements to roadways that either interchange with the EWC or are grade-separated from the EWC project; and

WHEREAS, 36th Avenue NW be reconstructed to 4-lane with 10-foot off street bike lane per current design plans from East-West Connector north to City Limits and from East-West Connector South to Franklin Road; and

WHEREAS, a 10-foot wide multimodal path will be constructed on the south side of the EWC; and

WHEREAS, efforts will be made to mitigate the stormwater effects of the construction of the EWC to both stormwater quantity and quality by the use of green

infrastructure practices as applicable to protect the Little River and meet attainment goals of the the Lake Thunderbird Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL); and

WHEREAS, the OTA as with every project will receive all required federal and state permits including but not limited to the Federal Highway Administration, and US. Corp. of Engineers before the construction of the EWC Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norman requests that it be allowed to create and install public art on the EW Project I-35 overpass; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: as a reflection of its commitment and in support of a partnership between the City of Norman and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. The City of Norman commits to the development of the EWC Project thereafter to maintain the EWC Project service roads as city streets.

ADOPTED by the Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, on this ____ day of _____, 2024.