



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 2/10/2026

REQUESTER: Scott Sturtz, Director of Public Works

PRESENTER: Paul D'Andrea, Capital Projects Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF WORK ORDER PW1 TO ON-CALL CONTRACT K-2526-79: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND OLSSON, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,809.00 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE 36TH AVENUE NW BOND PROJECTS. (Ward 3 and 8)

BACKGROUND:

On August 28, 2012, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a Bond Issue to finance the local share of eight transportation/stormwater improvement projects. One of the eight 2012 bond projects is the 36th Avenue Northwest Bond Project between Tecumseh Road and Indian Hills Road. Please see the attached location map showing the project boundaries.

On April 2, 2019, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a \$72 million transportation bond issue, which includes nineteen (19) projects. With the anticipated \$67 million in federal dollars being leveraged for these projects, approximately \$139 million is budgeted for the nineteen (19) projects. One of these projects was the 36th Avenue Northwest 2019 Bond Project from Indian Hills Road to the Moore City Limits.

Both bond projects have struggled to obtain the federal funding necessary to complete projects of this magnitude.

The City of Moore has a planned project to continue the widening north along Telephone Road to SW 34th Street in Moore. Therefore, in 2025, the City of Norman and the City of Moore, partnered together to apply for a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) federal grant to help fund all three projects.

In December 2025, the City was notified that our application was successful and that the Projects had received the maximum SS4A award of \$25,000,000 to help fund these projects. Since the City of Norman was the primary applicant, the funding will flow through Norman and City staff will therefore be responsible for meeting all obligations of the agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) who is the funding agency. Although Moore will provide supplemental funding to cover their portion of the project, ultimately, Norman is responsible for making sure all requirements are met to satisfy the SS4A grant requirements.

DISCUSSION:

All federally funded projects require a full NEPA environmental study covering the entire project limits, which for this project is from north of Tecumseh Road to 34th Street in Moore. City staff would like to get this process underway as quickly as possible since these studies take approximately one year to complete and the SS4A grant funding agreement will not be finalized until the environmental document is approved by FHWA.

On January 27, 2026, City Council approved On-Call Contract K-2526-79 with Olsson, Inc. for as needed environmental services. Since Olsson is the design firm for two of the three projects included in the SS4A grant as well as the City of Norman's On-call firm for environmental, they are the logical choice to perform the NEPA environmental study under the On-call contract. Work Order No. PW1, in the amount of \$170,809, with Olsson, Inc. is therefore recommended to complete the required NEPA environmental study.

Funding for Work Order No. PW1 is available within the 36th Ave NW 2019 Bond Project Utilities account (BP0425, 50594019-46701) but will require the funds to be transferred to the project Design account (BP0425, 50594019-46201).

RECOMMENDATION No. 1:

City staff recommends approval of a balance transfer in the amount of \$170,809 from the 36th Ave NW 2019 Bond Project Utilities account (BP0425, 50594019-46701) to the project Design account (BP0425, 50594019-46201).

RECOMMENDATION No. 2:

City staff further recommend approval of Work Order PW1 to Contract K-2526-79 with Olsson, Inc. to provide On-Call Environmental Services in the amount of \$170,809.00.