



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2025

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-36: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$7,500,000 IN STBG-UZA FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TECUMSEH ROAD BETWEEN FLOOD AVENUE AND 24TH AVENUE NW IN NORMAN.

BACKGROUND:

The current federal transportation funding bill allocates approximately \$40 Million in Federal funds per year for the implementation of eligible transportation improvements in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area. Ten percent of this appropriation is used to fund safety projects at 100% of their construction cost.

Every year, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) coordinates a regional evaluation process that identifies transportation improvements eligible for federal funding. Individual projects are rated and compared to one another using a pre-established criterion. The process ends with the formulation of the region's transportation improvement program and the decision to use federal funds to pay for a significant portion of the cost of the higher priority projects.

DISCUSSION:

On or before the end of October 2025, staff will submit the ten highest ranked projects for consideration in the formulation of ACOG's 2029 Transportation Improvement Program update. To be eligible, each submitted project must have a programming resolution submitted for the project with a cost that matches the engineer's estimate.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2526-36 (Tecumseh Road Improvements between Flood Avenue and 24th Avenue NW) requesting \$7,500,000 (the maximum amount of federal matching funds that can be allocated to an individual project under the criteria) in Federal STBG/UZA funds for 70.65% of the projected construction cost.

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BETWEEN FLOOD AVENUE AND 24TH AVENUE NW IN
NORMAN.**

- § 1. WHEREAS, Federal STP/UZA funds have been made available for the construction of eligible urban projects; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norman has selected a roadway improvement project described as follows:

**Widening and traffic signal modification on Tecumseh Road between Flood
Avenue and 24th Avenue NW**

- § 3. WHEREAS, the engineer's preliminary estimate of total construction cost is \$10,614,967 and Federal participation under the terms of the current Federal infrastructure funding bill, relating to STP/UZA funds is hereby requested in the amount of \$7,500,000.00 or 70.65% of the construction cost.
- § 4. WHEREAS, the City of Norman will arrange for a qualified engineer to furnish engineering services for the preparation of detailed plans, specifications, and estimates; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman agrees to provide satisfactory maintenance after completion; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman agrees to provide, at its sole cost, all required right-of-way necessary and to relocate any utilities required/affected by this project; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the City of Norman agrees, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42. U.S.C. 2000d et seq., and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, "Nondiscrimination of Federally-Assisted Programs of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation-Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, the City of Norman agrees to become jointly responsible, with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the contractor as co-applicants, for meeting all Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) requirements for storm water runoff from this project. Further, if required, the City agrees to file jointly with the Department and the contractor, the general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (N.P.D.E.S.) permit with the E.P.A. which authorizes the storm water discharges associated with activity from the construction site identified in this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 9. That the State Transportation Commission is hereby requested to concur in the selection of this project for construction and to submit same to the Federal Highway Administration for their approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk