



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 07/27/2021

**REQUESTER:** Katherine Coffin

**PRESENTER:** David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2121-16: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$3,302 FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSEMENTS REFUNDS ACCOUNT RECEIVED FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES AND/OR THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES TO REPAIR AND REPLACE DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT OR TRAFFIC SIGNS DAMAGED IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The City's Traffic Control Division maintains more than 170 traffic and pedestrian signals citywide using \$105,291 in the Division's operating budget (approximately \$620 per signalized intersection per year). These funds are used for the purchase of replacement traffic signal system components needed for the safe and efficient operation of our traffic signals. In addition, the Division also maintains approximately 30,000 traffic control signs throughout the City of Norman using \$44,480 in the Division's operating budget (approximately \$1.49 per sign per year). These funds are used for the purchase of the replacement sign components needed for the safe and efficient navigation of our roadways.

On May 3, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at the Lindsey Street intersection with McGee Drive damaging a pedestrian pole assembly. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On March 10, 2021, a \$200 check was collected from the responsible party as partial payment. On April 14, 2021, a \$400 check was collected from the responsible party as partial payment. Both checks were deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On August 19, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at the 48th Avenue NE intersection with Rock Creek Road causing damage to a STOP sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location. On May 13, 2021, a \$200.42 check was collected from the insurance company for the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On October 12, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at the 36th Avenue NW intersection with Main Street causing damage to a KEEP RIGHT sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location. On June 15, 2020, a

check in the amount of \$167.72 was collected from the insurance company for the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On October 19, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at Classen Boulevard intersection with the westbound State Highway 9 On-Ramp damaging a roadway light pole assembly. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces contracted repair of the damage at this location. On March 15, 2021, an \$85 check was collected from the responsible party as partial payment. On April 15, 2021, a \$100 check was collected from the responsible party as partial payment. Both checks were deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On November 5, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at the North Interstate Drive intersection with I-35 southbound on-ramp causing damage to a STOP sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location. On March 23, 2021, a \$151.37 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On November 7, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at the Robinson Street intersection with Flood Avenue causing damage to a KEEP RIGHT sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On June 15, 2021, a \$185.32 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On January 7, 2021, a traffic collision occurred at the Main Street intersection with Peters Avenue causing damage to a traffic signal pole's decorative base. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location. On March 23, 2021, a \$1,653.51 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On March 1, 2021, a traffic collision occurred near the intersection of 24th Avenue NW and Franklin Road causing damage to a CHEVERON sign assembly. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On February 28, 2021, a \$158.66 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The continuing number of traffic collisions involving damage to traffic control equipment depletes the City's inventory of spare units. Replacement units are necessary in order to address future emergency situations. The Division does not have adequate funding in its operating budget to purchase replacements units and needs to access the funds collected from the insurance companies in order to do so.

Funds collected to date from the previously described incidents total \$2,438.51 for damages to traffic signal/street light equipment and \$863.49 for damages to traffic signs. At the start of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2021), these funds were transferred into the Risk Management Fund Balance Account (43-29000).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of Resolution R-2122-16 for the appropriation of \$2,438.51 from Account No. 43-2900 (Risk Management Fund Balance) to Account No. Org 10550223, Object 43212 (Traffic Signal Parts). These funds will be used for the purchase of replacements for the equipment damaged in the respective collisions. In addition, staff recommends the appropriation of \$863.49 from Account No. 43-2900 (Risk Management Fund Balance) to Account No. Org 10550223, Object 43213 (Traffic & Street Signs). These funds will be used for the purchase of replacements for the equipment damaged in the respective collision.