

CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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-2122-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$25,879.83 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR PAYMENT TO THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER CONTRACT K-2021-87 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF ALAMEDA STREET AND SUMMIT

LAKES BOULEVARD/LOCHWOOD DRIVE.

BACKGROUND:

The 2015 – Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) federal transportation funding bill allocates approximately \$21 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 allocated to fund safety projects at 100% of their construction cost. Installation of pavement markings along federal functionally classified roads is eligible for this level of funding.

The intersection of Alameda Street and Summit Lakes Boulevard/Lochwood Drive became eligible for a traffic signal in accordance with the City's traffic ordinance in the fall of 2019. The intersection serves large residential subdivisions on the north and south sides of Alameda Street. An aerial photo of this area is included in Attachment 1.

On February 13, 2007, the City Council adopted Resolution R-0607-83 requesting federal funds for the construction of the new traffic signal and its interconnection to signals along Alameda Street east of 24th Avenue SE. The project was submitted to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) with a request to include it in the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Both the Intermodal Technical and Policy Committees of ACOG approved this request in January 2020. As a result, transportation federal safety funds to pay up to \$217,465 in construction costs were secured in Federal Fiscal Year 2021. On January 26, 2021, City Council approved Resolution R-2021-80 and Contract K-2021-87. The Contract was a Project Maintenance, Financing and Right-of-Way Agreement for this signalization project. Total construction costs were estimated at the time at just over \$275,000. Previously-collected traffic impact fees are available to cover the difference.

Final plans were submitted and the project was included in the June 2021 ODOT bid. Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2021 with completion of the work expected in early 2022. The low bid came in at \$290,289.90 and will be funded with 100% federal funds up to \$217,465 as a safety improvement project. The City's estimated share of \$60,691, from the original construction cost estimate, plus an estimated six-percent construction management deposit (\$3,641.46) is \$64,332.46, and will be paid with previously-collected traffic impact fees. The Federal Grant was capped because this was the last project selected and the amount of available funds were less than the estimated construction costs. Following the higher than expected bid, the City was sent a second invoice to cover those additional costs. The attached invoice from ODOT shows the costs that are to be paid by the City. This invoice totals \$25,879.83.

DISCUSSION:

Staff is requesting that an appropriation in the amount of \$25,879.83 be approved from the Capital Fund Balance (50-29000) to Account 50590076-46101 (Project Number TR0237) for use in funding Construction.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2122-17 to authorize the appropriation necessary for payment in the amount of \$25,879.83 to ODOT under Contract K-2021-87. These funds are to be appropriated from the Capital Fund Balance (50-29000) to New Traffic Signals, Construction (Account Number 50590076-46101; Project Number TR0237).