



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 22, 2023

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-35: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$3,446,653.60 IN STBG-UZA FUNDING FOR WIDENING OF CONSTITUTION STREET BETWEEN JENKINS AVENUE AND CLASSEN BOULEVARD IN NORMAN.

BACKGROUND:

The 2022 –Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA Act) 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 October 31, 2023, staff will submit the twenty highest ranked projects for consideration in the formulation of ACOG's 2026-2027 Transportation Improvement Program update. To be eligible, each submitted project must have a programming resolution submitted for the project. The resolution that is submitted must match the most recent cost estimate and, if approved, will be resubmitted to ACOG at that time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2324-35 requesting \$3,446,653.60 in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant/Urbanized Area (STBG/UZA) funds for 80% of the construction cost of the Constitution Street Widening between Jenkins Avenue and Classen Boulevard project.