



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** August 22, 2023

**REQUESTER:** Katherine Coffin

**PRESENTER:** Awet Frezgi, Traffic Engineer

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-32: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$56,146.16 FROM THE REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS RISK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT RECEIVED FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES TO REPAIR AND REPLACE 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 intersection of Lindsey Street and McGee Drive causing damage to a pedestrian traffic pole installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location totaling \$5,783.25. On June 2, 2023, a \$300 cash was collected from the responsible party for partial payments and a balance of \$2,103.25 remains. The \$300 check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On October 15, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at the northwest corner of Pickard Avenue intersection with Boyd Street damaging a stop sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces contracted repair of the damage at this location.

On May 22, 2023, a \$141.47 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On December 27, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at the southeast corner of 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW intersection with Franklin Road damaging a stop sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces contracted repair of the damage at this location. On May 30, 2023, a \$258.36 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On April 5, 2021, a traffic collision occurred at the southeast corner of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW intersection with Main Street damaging a stop sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces contracted repair of the damage at this location. On June 1, 2023, a \$175.96 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On December 23, 2021, a traffic collision occurred at the southeast corner of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW intersection with Robinson Street damaging a stop sign and two (2) chevron signs installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces contracted repair of the damage at this location. On June 6, 2023, a \$317.64 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On October 11, 2022, a traffic collision occurred near the intersection of State Highway 9 and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE causing damage to a traffic signal cabinet and pedestal pole assembly at the southeast corner. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On June 1, 2023 a \$22,837.99 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On December 17, 2022, a traffic collision occurred at the northeast corner of Robinson Street intersection with Crossroads Boulevard damaging a pedestal pole assembly installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces contracted repair of the damage at this location. On June 1, 2023, a \$1,011.16 check was collected from a personal check of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On January 13, 2023, a traffic collision occurred at the northwest corner of Tecumseh Road intersection with the northbound I-35 off-ramp damaging a traffic signal pole installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces contracted repair of the damage at this location. On June 1, 2023, a \$252.67 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On January 27, 2023, a traffic collision occurred at the north side of Tecumseh Road, west of 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW causing damage to a speed limit sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location. On June 6, 2023, a check in the amount of \$229.51 was collected from the insurance company for the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On February 25, 2023, a traffic collision occurred near the intersection of Chautauqua Avenue at Imhoff Road causing damage to a traffic signal cabinet assembly at the southwest corner. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On July 5, 2023 a \$30,621.40 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 \$55,023.22 for damages to traffic signal/street light equipment and \$1,122.94 for damages to traffic signs.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of Resolution R-2324-32 for the appropriation of \$55,023.22 from Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management (Account 439-365264) to Traffic Maintenance Supplies-Traffic Signal Parts (Account 10550223-43212). 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 \$1,122.94 from Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management (Account 439-365264) to Traffic Maintenance Supplies-Traffic & Street Signs (Account 10550223-43213). These funds will be used for the purchase of replacements for the signs damaged in the respective collisions.