



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 23, 2025

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-48: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORMAN REQUESTING \$786,550.34 IN ACOG AIR QUALITY GRANT FUNDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE ASPHALT PORTION OF THE ROBINSON STREET PATH BETWEEN 24TH AVENUE NW AND FLOOD AVENUE IN NORMAN TO CONCRETE.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Air Quality Grant Program Funds, a part of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, as administered through the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) will be available in a 2025 Call for Projects. ACOG is making up to \$4,000,000 available to fund congestion mitigation projects such as sidewalks and bicycle lanes. Eligible entities can submit projects for consideration at a minimum size of \$50,000 up to a maximum size of \$1,000,000. In this Call for Projects, ACOG will coordinate a regional evaluation process to identify projects eligible for this federal funding. Individual projects are rated and compared to one another using a pre-established set of criteria.

DISCUSSION:

By the end of October 2025, staff will submit a project to convert the asphalt portion of the Robinson Street path between 24th Avenue NW and Flood Avenue (a segment of "Legacy Trail") to concrete. This is a heavily used path with the condition of the asphalt portion of the path making the path difficult to navigate. To be eligible, each submitted project must have a programming resolution submitted for the project with a cost that matches the most recent cost estimate and, if approved, will be submitted to ACOG as part of the project application (a project location map is attached).

While the most recent cost estimate indicates the anticipated construction cost to be \$983,187.92, grant funding totaling \$786,550.34 is being sought through the ACOG Air Quality Grant Program. This would mean that a total of \$196,637.58 will represent the local match. A number of projects with available funds will be requested to be re-allocated to provide the local match should the grant application be successful. These projects include ADA Sidewalks, Construction (Account 50592206-46101; Project TC0038 -- \$92,317.71 available); ADA Sidewalks, Design (Account 50592206-46201; Project TC0038 -- \$26,710 available); ADA Building & Parks Evaluation, Design

(Account 50592206-46201; Project TC0278 -- \$1,650 available), Acres Street Inset Parking, Design (Account 50596688-46201; Project TC0280 -- \$18,453 available), Park Parking Lots and Sidewalks Maintenance, Design (Account 50596688-46201; Project EF0012 -- \$60,000 available). The total of the above available balances is \$199,130.71, adequate for the local match that would be required for this project if the matching grant funds are approved. Staff will prepare a future agenda Item to transfer these funds should the Grant application be awarded to the City of Norman.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2526-48 (Conversion of the Asphalt Portion of the Robinson Street Path Between 24th Avenue NW and Flood Avenue in Norman to Concrete) requesting \$786,550.34 in ACOG Air Quality Grant Funding for 80% of the construction cost.