



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/23/2025

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-67 AND RESOLUTION R-2526-50: A PROJECT MAINTENANCE, FINANCING, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT TAP3-8721(004)AG, STATE JOB 38721(04)(05)(06)(07), FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SYSTEMS ON 36TH AVENUE NW AT THE ENTRANCE TO ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND ON 24TH AVENUE NE AT CREIGHTON DRIVE; AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT.

BACKGROUND:

The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) Transportation Alternative Program is administered by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and has historically provided funding for projects and programs defined as transportation alternatives that advance non-motorized transportation opportunities, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, historic transportation preservation, environmental mitigation and vegetation management activities; recreational trail programs; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways. The Transportation Alternatives Programs continues to build upon the legacy of prior programs by providing funding opportunities for local projects that support additional transportation options, strengthen local economies, improve quality of life, protect the natural environment, and enhance transportation infrastructure.

Funds set aside for the Transportation Alternatives Grant program include projects and activities encompassing a variety of transportation projects that prioritize safety, comfort, and connectivity to destinations for all people who use the street network such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to Stormwater and habitat connectivity. The 2024 Call for Projects, through ACOG, closed on September 3,

2024. Awards were announced on February 27, 2025. Norman was awarded two pedestrian crossing systems--one on 36th Avenue NW at All Saints Catholic School and the other on 24th Avenue NE at Creighton Drive (location maps are attached).

DISCUSSION:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation requires the City to execute a project agreement and to adopt it by Resolution before letting the project to contract. The agreement addresses the responsibilities of the City and the Department during and after the construction of the project. Both the resolution and agreement have been reviewed by staff and approved by the City Attorney's Office. Based upon the preliminary cost estimates submitted with the grant application, the City's financial obligation in this agreement, shown on page 6 of the attached agreement, is \$13,600. These funds are available in the General Fund, Plant and Operating Equipment-Traffic (Account 10550223-45105). In addition, the City is obligated to:

- Finance and prepare engineering design plans
- Finance and acquire any necessary right-of-way/easements
- Finance and relocate any potential utility conflicts
- Finance and prepare applicable National Environmental Policy Act assessments

If approved, the new pedestrian crossing systems should be let for construction in early 2026. This would mean that both systems should be operational by late spring of 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2526-67 and Resolution R-2526-50 with ODOT pedestrian crossing systems to be installed on 36th Avenue NW at All Saints Catholic School and on 24th Avenue NE at Creighton Drive.