



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 02/24/2026

**REQUESTER:** Ryan Riddel, Assistant City Attorney

**PRESENTER:** Ryan Riddel, Assistant City Attorney

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-114: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$14,056.17 FROM THE REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS TO PAY FOR REPAIRS TO CITY OF NORMAN VEHICLES DAMAGED BY OTHER DRIVERS IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Funding is required to repair City vehicles that are damaged by other drivers in traffic collisions. A large portion of these funds are collected by the City's vendor, Alternative Claims Management (ACM), who pursues payment from the other driver's insurance policy to reimburse the City for damage. However, when the other driver has no insurance coverage, they can enter into a repayment agreement directly with the City.

This item requests appropriation of various payments which have been received to pay for repairs to City vehicles.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Reimbursement has been received for the following incidents:

On July 11, 2017, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1221) received damage when it was struck by another driver who failed to yield to traffic. State Farm insurance determined their driver was at fault and after the City received payment for damage costs, a loss of use payment was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$2,118.60.

On March 5, 2018, three (3) Police Department vehicles received damage when they were involved in the pursuit of a fleeing suspect driver. USAA insurance determined their driver was at fault and after the City received payment for damage costs, diminished value payments were collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the following amounts: \$1,069.25 for Unit 1221; \$254.19 for Unit 1128; \$290.58 for Unit 1206.

On September 1, 2024, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1143) received damage when it was struck by another vehicle from behind. The driver of the other vehicle was found to be at fault but she did not have active insurance coverage at the time. She has since entered into a repayment plan for damage costs and the City received payments as follows: \$85 each month for November, December and January, totaling \$255.

On September 14, 2024, a Transit Division bus (Unit 5-2304) received damage when it was struck by another driver from behind. USAA insurance determined their driver was at fault and payment for damage was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$9,905.96.

On April 9, 2025, a Transit Division bus (Unit 5-2367) received damage when it was struck by another driver from behind. Progressive insurance determined their driver was at fault and payment for additional damage costs was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$162.59.

The collections outlined above, totaling \$14,056.17, were received by the City and forwarded for deposit into the Refunds/Reimbursements Miscellaneous Risk Management account. Staff now submits this request to reimburse the Transit Division for their expenses as well as to place funds into the Fleet Division vehicle repair account for the other damaged City vehicles.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of R-2526-114 for the appropriation of \$10,068.55 and \$3,987.62, respectively, from the Transit Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements (Account 279-365264) and Risk Management Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements (Account 439-365264), respectively, to the Public Transit Fund, Transit Maintenance & Repair Services-Auto (\$10,068.55; Account 27550276-44201) and to Miscellaneous Services/Uninsured Losses (\$3,987.62; Account 43330104-44798) for the reimbursement of repairs to City of Norman vehicles.