



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 24, 2026

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: Awet Frezgi, Traffic Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-126: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$14,468.65 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM RISK MANAGEMENT MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSEMENTS/REFUNDS ACCOUNT TO REPAIR AND REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT OR TRAFFIC SIGNS DAMAGED IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

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 driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location totaling \$5,783.25. On July 14, 2025, \$60.00 in cash was collected from the party responsible for partial payments and a balance of \$643.25 remains. The cash was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2020-00028734.

On September 12, 2022, a traffic collision occurred at the southeast side of Pickard Avenue and

Boyd Street damaging a STOP sign installation. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repair the damage at this location. On May 1, 2025, a \$173.84 check was collected from the party responsible. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2022-00056605.

On February 22, 2023, a traffic collision occurred near the intersection of State Highway 9 and 36th Avenue SE causing damage to a traffic signal pole located at the southeast corner. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On April 29, 2025, a \$667.08 check was collected from the insurance company of the party responsible. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2023-00011474.

On March 21, 2023, a traffic collision occurred at the southeast corner of State Highway 9 and 24th Avenue SE causing damage to a pedestal pole assembly installation. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On May 12, 2025, a \$1,950.92 check was collected from the insurance company of the party responsible. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2023-00018110.

On August 13, 2024, a traffic collision occurred on Tecumseh Road at the BNSF railroad tracks damaging a KEEP RIGHT symbol sign installation. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repair the damage at this location. On April 16, 2025, a \$256.21 check was collected from the party responsible. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2024-00058229.

On December 27, 2024, a traffic collision occurred on Flood Avenue and Rock Creek Road causing damage to a traffic signal pole located at the northeast corner. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On December 9, 2025, a \$118.97 check was collected from the insurance company of the party responsible. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2024-00093389.

On February 5, 2025, a traffic collision occurred near 84th Avenue SE and Lindsey Street damaging a NO PARKING sign installation north of Lindsey Street. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repair the damage at this location. On September 9, 2025, a \$165.97 check was collected from the party responsible. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2025-00008134.

On March 25, 2025, a traffic collision occurred at the intersection of State Highway 9 and 24th Avenue SW on the northwest corner causing damage to a pedestrian pedestal pole assembly

installation. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On June 10, 2025, a \$3,819.50 check was collected from the insurance company of the party responsible. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2025-00021461.

On July 5, 2025, a traffic collision occurred on Flood Avenue and Tecumseh Road causing damage to a traffic signal pole located at the northwest corner. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On December 9, 2025, a \$1,598.44 check was collected from the insurance company of the party responsible. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2025-00049265.

On July 18, 2025, a traffic collision occurred at the 1000 block of 36th Avenue SE southbound causing damage to a solar powered flashing school beacon assembly installation. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On August 12, 2025, a \$5,190.19 check was collected from the insurance company of the party responsible. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2025-00052823.

On July 21, 2025, a traffic collision occurred near 12th Avenue SE and Oak Tree Avenue damaging a NO PARKING ANY TIME sign installation east of Oak Tree Avenue. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repair the damage at this location. On November 4, 2025, a \$191.11 check was collected from the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2025-00053098.

On January 16, 2026, a traffic collision occurred at the northwest corner of 84th Avenue NE and Franklin Road damaging a STOP sign and ALL WAY plaque installation. The driver responsible was identified for collection purposes. City forces repair the damage at this location. On February 17, 2026, a \$276.42 check was collected from the party responsible. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account. A file name for this collision was given as DCR 2026-00003488.

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 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 to do so. Funds collected to date from the previously described incidents total \$13,405.10 for damages to traffic signal/street light equipment and \$1,063.55 for damages to traffic signs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend the approval of Resolution R-2526-126 for the appropriation of \$13,405.10 from Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management (Account No. 439-365264) to Traffic Signal Parts (Account No. 10550223-43212). These funds will be used for the purchase of replacements for the equipment damaged in the respective collisions. In addition, staff recommend the appropriation of \$1,063.55 from Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management (Account No. 439-365264) to Traffic & Street Signs (Account No. 10550223-43213). These funds will be used for the purchase of replacements for the signs damaged in the respective collisions.