



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 10/14/2025

**REQUESTER:** Katherine Coffin

**PRESENTER:** David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-69: 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 TAP3-8723(004)AG, STATE JOB 38723(04)(05)(06)(07), FOR BOYD STREET SIDEWALK UPGRADES AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2526-52.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) Transportation Alternative Program is administered by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation 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 call for projects, through ACOG, closed on September 3, 2024. Awards were announced on February 27, 2025. Among two total projects, Norman was awarded sidewalk upgrades for Boyd Street between Berry Road and Flood Avenue (a location map is attached).

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) 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 \$164,968. These funds are available in Boyd Street Sidewalks and Pedestrian Crossing, Construction (Account 50597712-46101; Project TR0129). In addition, the City is obligated to:

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

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

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2526-69 and Resolution R-2526-52 with ODOT for Boyd Street sidewalk upgrades between Berry Road and Flood Avenue.