



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 05/12/2025

REQUESTER: Joseph Taylor, Staff Engineer

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-172 AND PROJECT RESOLUTION R-2526-143: A PROJECT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,393,893 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LINDSEY STREET SPECIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT FROM PICKARD AVENUE TO ELM AVENUE AND APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. (WARD 4)

BACKGROUND:

On April 2, 2019, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a \$72 million transportation bond issue, which includes nineteen (19) projects. With the anticipated \$67 million in federal dollars being leveraged for these projects, approximately \$139 million is budgeted for the nineteen (19) projects. One of the nineteen 2019 bond projects is the Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue. The Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project located from Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue is approximately 0.4 miles in length. The design of this project will improve this segment of Lindsey Street including the following:

- Reconstruct the 2-lane roadway
- Add left-turn lanes at intersections
- On-street bike lanes
- Add curb and gutter
- Reconstruct sidewalks on both sides of the street
- New storm sewer system
- Traffic signal replacements
- Adding side street center left-turn lanes for existing signalized intersections

The Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project - Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue has been approved to receive federal funds to aid in the construction costs and is anticipated to be out for bid in October of 2026 pending right of way and utility relocations and ODOT environmental review.

On January 9, 2024, the Norman City Council approved contract No. K-2324-116 in the amount of \$313,775 with MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC, for the design of the Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project - Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue.

On November 25th, 2025, the Norman City Council approved work order #PW1 for Right-of-Way acquisition services on the Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue to Pinnacle Consulting Group, Inc. (Pinnacle) of Oklahoma City in the amount of \$241,350.00.

DISCUSSION:

Now that ACOG funding is secured for FFY2026, ODOT is ready to enter into a project agreement with the City of Norman. ODOT has requested the City approve the attached agreement that addresses the responsibilities of the City of Norman and ODOT. Staff has reviewed and recommends approval of the project agreement and resolution.

In summary, the City's responsibilities are:

- Prepare plans for construction in conformance with ODOT 2019 Standard Specifications
- Provide necessary rights-of-way to construct the project and relocate any utilities
- Maintain the traffic signal equipment after construction
- Certify the project will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Comply with environmental requirements
- Maintain the roadway and all drainage systems and facilities after construction
- Ensure permanent rights-of-way are free of any encroachments
- Maintain lighting and lighting systems

In summary, ODOT's responsibilities are:

- File jointly with the contractor the Notice of Intent (NOI) for a general construction storm water permit with the EPA which authorizes storm water discharges associated with construction activities
- Advertise and let the construction contract for this project
- Construct the project in accordance with the plans
- Provide competent supervision of the construction

The construction and construction management portion of the project is funded 80% by ODOT and 20% by local funds up to the maximum cap of \$4,178,579 for the ODOT federal funds. After the cap is reached, 100% of construction and construction management costs will be

local funds. No construction funds have been appropriated to the project yet because City staff generally transfer the funds about a year before construction and this project was originally planned for FY28. The construction phase for this project is underfunded due to unprecedented inflation since the original 2019 Bond Program cost estimate was prepared. As a result, City staff propose to supplement the \$697,265 in construction funds programmed for this project with \$696,628 in extra funds from the Gray Street 2-Way 2019 Bond Project Account for a total invoice of \$1,393,893. The Gray Street project was originally planned to be funded with only City funds, but staff was able to leverage \$4.2 million in federal funds, which resulted in excess funds that can be utilized elsewhere on the 2019 Bond Projects.

A budget appropriation in the amount of \$697,265 from the 2023A General Obligation Bonds Fund Balance (Account No. 50-29000) to the Lindsey Street Special Corridor – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue Project (Project BP0432, Account No. 50594019-46101 Construction) will be required to transfer the allocated funds into the project account. A second budget appropriation in the amount of \$696,628 from the Gray Street Two-Way 2019 Bond Project (Project BP0424, Account No. 50594019-46101 Construction) to the Lindsey Street Special Corridor – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue Project (Project BP0432, Account No. 50594019-46101 Construction) will be required to transfer the excess funds from the above-mentioned Gray Street Project to the Lindsey Street Project.

City Staff are working toward an October 2026 ODOT bid opening for this project and are currently working through the right-of-way acquisition process and utility relocation with property owners. ODOT is simultaneously working on the environmental NEPA document while our consultant finalized the plans. All of these items have to be completed prior to ODOT bidding this project.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1:

Staff recommend an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$697,265 from the 2023A General Obligation Bonds Fund Balance (Account No. 50-29000) to the Lindsey Street Special Corridor – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue Project (Project BP0432, Account No. 50594019-46101 Construction).

RECOMMENDATION No. 2:

Staff further recommend an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$696,628 from the Gray Street Two-Way 2019 Bond Project (Project BP0424, Account No. 50594019-46101 Construction) to the Lindsey Street Special Corridor – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue Project (Project BP0432, Account No. 50594019-46101 Construction).

RECOMMENDATION No. 3:

Staff further recommend approval of contract No. K-2526-172 with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

RECOMMENDATION No. 4:

Staff further recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2526-143 adopting Contract No. K-2526-172, and if approved, authorize the execution thereof.