



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/27/2026

REQUESTER: Ryan J. Riddel

PRESENTER: Ryan J. Riddel, Assistant City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2627-62: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$44,018.36 FROM REFUNDS / REIMBURSEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS TO PAY FOR REPAIRS TO CITY OF NORMAN VEHICLES DAMAGED BY OTHER DRIVERS IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

BACKGROUND:

Funding is required to repair City property that is damaged by other drivers in traffic collisions. Part of this funding is received from the City's vendor, Alternative Claims Management (ACM), who pursues payment from the other driver's auto insurance policy when a City vehicle is damaged. When insurance is not available, funds can be received from restitution through criminal court matters.

This item requests appropriation of these types of payments that have been received by the City.

DISCUSSION:

Reimbursement has been received for the following incidents:

On September 24, 2024, a Transit Division vehicle (Bus 5-2304) received damage when it was struck by another driver who failed to stop at a STOP sign. Shelter Insurance determined their driver was at fault and payment for damage costs, loss of use, and diminished value was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$4,935.35.

On September 17, 2025, a Transit Division vehicle (Bus 5-2332) received damage when it was struck by another driver who failed to allow enough room to pass. Gallagher Basset insurance determined their driver was at fault and payment for damage costs was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$25,000.

On September 23, 2017, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1123) received damage when it was struck by another driver who was impaired. Allstate 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 \$770.40.

On June 26, 2026, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1212) received damage when it was struck by another driver who made an improper left turn. State Farm insurance determined their driver was at fault and payment for damage costs was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$2,982.41.

On June 19, 2017, a Fire Department vehicle (Unit 7) was struck by another driver who changed lanes unsafely. Geico insurance determined their driver was at fault and a payment for diminished value was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$250.

On March 7, 2026, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1214) received damage during the pursuit of a reckless driver. Oklahoma Farm Bureau insurance determined their driver was at fault and payment for damage costs was collected by ACM and remitted to the City in the amount of \$9,664.92.

On April 7, 2024, a Police Department vehicle (Unit 1215) received damage during the pursuit of an impaired driver. Restitution was granted by the court and payments were ordered. The City received \$207.64 each for August and September 2026, for a total remittance of \$415.28.

The collections outlined above, which total \$44,018.36, 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 bus repair expenses as well as to place funds into the Fleet vehicle repair account for the other damaged City vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2627-62 for the appropriation of the following amounts to reimburse repair expenses of City of Norman vehicles:

\$29,935.35 from Risk Management Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements (Account 439-365264) to Public Transit Fund, Transit Maintenance & Repair Services-Auto (Account 27550276-44201); and

\$14,083.01 from Risk Management Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements (Account 439-365264) to Miscellaneous Services/Uninsured Losses (Account 43330104-44798).