



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 08/25/2026

**REQUESTER:** Katherine Coffin

**PRESENTER:** David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-37: A SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT MAINTENANCE, FINANCING, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT), FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT 36<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NW WITH BART CONNER DRIVE PROJECT AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2627-19 (Ward 8).

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### **BACKGROUND:**

A traffic signal at the intersection with 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW at Bart Conner Drive was approved for Federal Safety funds by the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments and is included in the Federal Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation Improvement Plan. The Norman City Council approved a Project Agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the project on October 8, 2024. Previously, the Norman City Council had approved Contract K-1718-51 with Garver Engineers as well as a Programming Resolution. Among other things, that Contract included the design of the traffic signal installation on 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW at Bart Conner Drive.

### **DISCUSSION:**

ODOT recently identified fourth quarter redistribution funds that could be applied to any project requiring larger than normal local matches. The signalization of the 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW intersection with Bart Conner Drive was selected as a 100 percent Federally funded Safety Project. The cap for the award was based on a construction cost estimate that was prepared at the time of the original application. Contract K-2425-56, attached, was approved fully by the City and ODOT in October of 2024 and sets forth the entirety of the grant contractual requirements.

However, as construction costs continued to rise, a local match was identified in the 2024 project agreement which is unusual for a Safety Project. Securing the fourth quarter redistribution funds and applying those funds to this project will remove the previously applicable cap from this Safety Project. ODOT requires the City to execute a supplemental project agreement and to adopt it by Resolution before letting the project to contract. The

agreement addresses the increase in the capped amount for the project and supplements and modifies Contract K-2425-56. Both the resolution and agreement have been reviewed by staff and approved by the City Attorney's Office. The project is currently scheduled for an October 2026 construction letting by ODOT.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend approval of Contract K-2627-37 for Project STPG-214B(199)AG, State Job 36951(04) and Resolution R-2627-19 with ODOT for the installation of a traffic signal at the 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW intersection with Bart Conner Drive in Norman.