



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 2/25/2025

**REQUESTER:** Katherine Coffin

**PRESENTER:** David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-88: IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000 AND BUDGET TRANSFER AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT TO FUND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD INTERSECTION WITH WHITE STREET.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Councilmember Holman approached Staff to provide a pedestrian crossing of University Boulevard at White Street to facilitate pedestrian movements between the NOUN Hotel and the Campus Corner area. Staff conducted two studies in response to this request. The first was an intersection evaluation to determine if conversion to all-way STOP control is warranted as this would be the simplest way to provide a proper pedestrian crossing. That study was completed on January 10, 2025, and determined that conversion to all-way STOP control is not warranted. With this result, the next available option is to install pedestrian actuated signs with rectangular rapid flashing beacons. In order to proceed with this option, Staff followed the appropriate guidelines to determine that the demand exists to proceed with this option. To do this, Staff scheduled a pedestrian count of the area between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 PM on January 16, 2025. The count showed that 19 pedestrians crossed University Boulevard near White Street. Staff reasoned that the count was taken in very much of an off-peak time and that volumes during peak times would realistically be much higher. As such, Staff is comfortable with the installation of the pedestrian actuated rectangular rapid flashing beacons at this location (a project location map is attached).

### **DISCUSSION:**

The proposed project is an ADA compliance project. The project will require the construction of ADA-compliant curb ramps, construction of some portions of sidewalk to connect from the street to existing sideway, and installation of the pedestrian actuated signs with rectangular rapid flashing beacons. To fund all of the required work, Staff proposes to utilize funds available in the ADA Sidewalk Audit/Repair Project (TC0038), with a transfer to the Sidewalk Accessibility Project, Materials and Construction (Account Numbers 50593316-46301 and 46101; Project TC0238). The estimated cost for construction and material purchase (the pedestrian actuated signs will be installed by City of Norman Traffic Division personnel) are the same at \$9,000 each.

Because the signs will be installed by City Staff a materials account will be set up within the Sidewalk Accessibility account to track the charges for this project. The following table identifies the budget transfers requested to complete this project.

Losing Account					Gaining Account				
Description	Project #	Org	Object	Transfer Amount	Description	Project #	Org	Object	Transfer Amount
ADA Sidewalk Compliance Audit/Repair	TC0038	50592206	46201	-\$9,000	Sidewalk Accessibility	TC0238	50593316	46101	+9,000
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If City Council approves the fund transfers, the project will be scheduled to be completed in early spring.

**RECOMMENDATION 1:**

Staff recommends approval of the transfer of funds from ADA Sidewalk Compliance Audit/Repair to Sidewalk Accessibility Construction Account in the amount \$9,000.

**RECOMMENDATION 2:**

Staff recommends approval of the transfer of funds from ADA Sidewalk Compliance Audit/Repair to Sidewalk Accessibility Materials Account in the amount \$9,000.

**RECOMMENDATION 3:**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2425-88.