



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/11/2022

REQUESTER: Scott Sturtz, City Engineer

PRESENTER: Shawn O'Leary, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2223-46: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN REQUESTING ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (ACOG TAP) FUNDING FOR THE LINDSEY STREET FROM 12TH AVENUE S.E. TO 24TH AVENUE S.E. SIDEWALK PROJECT.

BACKGROUND:

The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Transportation Alternative Program (ACOG TAP) 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. TAP continues to build upon the legacy of the Transportation Enhancements (TE) and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) 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 Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) Transportation Alternative include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP, 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 the (ACOG), is now open and will remain open through October 31, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

In the City of Norman contracted Kimley-Horn and Associates to conduct an update to the ADA Transition Plan. The update was completed in 2018. In this update, several street corridors were identified for inspection for sidewalk compliance with ADA. The only corridor identified in the update that has not been addressed is the corridor on Lindsey Street from 12th Avenue SE to 24th Avenue SE. The inspection identified issues at signalized intersection, non-signalized intersections, driveways and the sidewalks. Inspection reports with associated costs estimates were included in the update for each location.

A call for projects for the ACOG TAP set-aside program is currently open and will close on October 31, 2022. If City Council approves this programming resolution, staff will submit an application for the Lindsey Street from 12th Avenue SE to 24th Avenue SE Sidewalk Project.

The call for projects documentation indicates that this first round of TAP funding is for FFY2023. City Staff would complete the plans in-house so the only cost to the City would be the 20% City share of construction. Then total construction estimate is \$443,100, with the City share of construction costs being \$88,620. City staff could budget these funds for FY2024 ADA Compliance and Repair Program that has a total proposed budget of \$300,000. The project would be bid through ODOT on or before October 2023 so the funds are spent in FFY2023. In that case, construction of the sidewalks would begin in early 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2223-46 (Lindsey Street from 12th Avenue SE to 24th Avenue SE Sidewalk Project) requesting ACOG TAP funding to provide 80% of the anticipated \$443,100 construction cost.