

City of Norman Amendment and Resolutions

6. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-113: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING ALL AFFECTED MAPS WITHIN THE AIM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND ANY OF THE SEVEN DISTINCT APPROVED PLANS, IN ORDER TO UPDATE AFFECTED MAPS WITH THE MOST RECENT DEMONSTRATED ALIGNMENT OF THE ACCESS OKLAHOMA TURNPIKES ACCORDING TO INFORMATION ANNOUNCED BY THE OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY.

ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

- 1. Staff Report**
- 2. AIM Character, Land Use, and Transportation Maps**

Staff Presentation

Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager, presented the Staff Report for the AIM Maps Resolution.

Commissioner Kindel emphasized the importance of maintaining language on the maps clarifying the alignment is proposed and not a City of Norman project and asked that this wording remain included with the map updates. Ms. Hoggatt stated the clarification language will be included in the document accompanying the maps rather than printed directly on them. The statement notes that the City of Norman does not endorse or influence the development or alignment of the proposed turnpikes and the alignments shown reflect the most current information provided by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority as of September 23, 2025. Ms. Hoggatt added that if alignments change in the future, an amendment will be brought forward for City Council review.

Commissioner Parker asked whether the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) had released a formal alignment, noting a 30% design had not yet been provided. Ms. Hoggatt responded the alignment shown reflects the OTA's most recent announcement from September 23 and is the most current information available. She added that the action before the Commission is to recommend the updates to City Council for further discussion.

Applicant Presentation

City staff as applicant made the presentation.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Planning Commission Discussion

Commissioner Brewer asked whether the map updates were requested by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority or by City Council. Ms. Hoggatt stated the updates were anticipated in the plan, as the AIM Norman Steering Committee had directed the maps be updated when new information becomes available.

Commissioner Parker noted the OTA alignment appears to have changed again since the September update and expressed concern about updating the maps while the alignment may still shift, particularly for nearby property owners facing uncertainty. Ms. Hudson acknowledged the OTA alignment may continue to experience minor changes, and additional updates could be needed in the future. She emphasized the importance of keeping City maps as current as possible using the latest information available from OTA, noting the GIS layer is taken directly from OTA so residents see the most up-to-date alignment currently available.

Commissioner Brewer suggested including the date of the most recent proposed alignment on the maps or in a note to help clarify when the information was last updated for the public. Commissioner Bird noted the current maps do not include dates and suggested adding a revision date to indicate when updates occur. She added the revision date could reflect general updates rather than specifically referencing OTA's date and suggested a separate note or page could provide additional clarification if needed.

Commissioner Bird expressed support for updating the maps even if additional revisions are needed in the future, noting that providing the most current information helps improve transparency for residents and developers considering property purchases or development.

Commissioner Kindel asked about the cost to taxpayers for updating the maps each time. Ms. Hoggatt said the updates are built into existing staff time.

Commissioner Jablonski asked about the proposed minimum criteria route across the northern leg of Lake Thunderbird and whether approval from the Bureau of Reclamation would be required, expressing concern about potential impacts to the lake.

Mr. Riesland stated the lines shown on the map are conceptual and do not guarantee construction but indicate possible future connections. He added the route has been in discussion in response to past flooding that limited access in the area.

Commissioner Kindel added the connection has been discussed to improve emergency access, noting challenges with access, firefighting response, and evacuation during last year's wildfires.

Commissioner Bird stated discussion of the proposed route across Lake Thunderbird was outside the scope of the current agenda item, which is limited to OTA-related map

updates. She suggested that topic be as a separate agenda item for future discussion and asked the commission to return to the item under consideration.

Motion made by Commissioner McDaniel, **Seconded** by Commissioner McClure.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Brewer, Commissioner McClure, Chair Bird, Vice Chair Jablonski, Commissioner McDaniel, Commissioner Kindel

Voting Nay: Secretary Parker

Planning Commission Recommended approval of R-2526-113.