



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08/11/2026

REQUESTER: Joseph Taylor, Staff Engineer

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-43: A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LINDSEY STREET SPECIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT FROM PICKARD AVENUE TO ELM AVENUE AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2627-22 ADOPTING THE ODOT PROJECT AGREEMENT; AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. (WARD 4 AND 7)

BACKGROUND:

On April 2, 2019, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a \$72 million transportation bond issue, which includes nineteen (19) projects. With the anticipated \$67 million in federal dollars being leveraged for these projects, approximately \$139 million is budgeted for the nineteen (19) projects. One of the nineteen 2019 bond projects is the Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue. The Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project located from Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue is approximately 0.4 miles in length. The design of this project will improve this segment of Lindsey Street including the following:

- Reconstruct the 2-lane roadway
- Add left-turn lanes at intersections
- On-street bike lanes
- Add curb and gutter
- Reconstruct sidewalks on both sides of the street
- New storm sewer system
- Traffic signal replacements
- Adding side street center left-turn lanes for existing signalized intersections

The Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project - Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue has been approved to receive federal funds to aid in the construction costs and is anticipated to be out for bid in October of 2026 pending right of way and utility relocations and Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) environmental review.

On January 9, 2024, the Norman City Council approved contract No. K-2324-116 in the amount of \$313,775 with MacArthur Associated Consultants, LLC, for the design of the Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project - Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue.

On November 25th, 2025, the Norman City Council approved work order #PW1 for Right-of-Way acquisition services on the Lindsey Street Special Corridor Project – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue to Pinnacle Consulting Group, Inc. (Pinnacle) of Oklahoma City in the amount of \$241,350.00.

On May 12th, 2026, Norman City Council approved Contract K-2526-172 and Resolution R-2526-143 for adopting the ODOT project agreement in the amount of \$1,393,893.00 for the project and appropriation of funds.

Tonight's agenda item is to approve a new ODOT Project Agreement for the Lindsey Street Special Corridor – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue Project.

DISCUSSION:

Now that the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) funding is secured for FFY2026, ODOT is ready to enter into a project agreement with the City of Norman. ODOT has requested the City approve the attached agreement that addresses the responsibilities of the City of Norman and ODOT. Staff has reviewed and recommends approval of the project agreement and resolution.

In summary, the City's responsibilities are:

- Prepare plans for construction in conformance with ODOT 2019 Standard Specifications
- Provide necessary rights-of-way to construct the project and relocate any utilities
- Maintain the traffic signal equipment after construction
- Certify the project will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Comply with environmental requirements
- Maintain the roadway and all drainage systems and facilities after construction
- Ensure permanent rights-of-way are free of any encroachments
- Maintain lighting and lighting systems

In summary, ODOT's responsibilities are:

- File jointly with the contractor the Notice of Intent (NOI) for a general construction storm water permit with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which authorizes storm water discharges associated with construction activities
- Advertise and let the construction contract for this project
- Construct the project in accordance with the plans
- Provide competent supervision of the construction

The construction and construction management of the project is funded 80% by ODOT federal funds and 20% by local funds up to the maximum cap of \$4,178,579. After the cap is reached, 100% of construction and construction management costs will be local funds. \$1,393,893 has been appropriated to this project for construction for our original match for federal funding. ACOG notified City Staff that there was potential for additional funding through excess 4th

Quarter funds from ODOT. Because ODOT was working closely with ACOG on the additional funding distribution and potential for amending the agreement, ODOT did not execute the project agreement that was approved by City Council on May 12, 2026.

Since the original agreement an updated construction cost estimate for the Lindsey Street – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue project has been completed showing the construction costs being \$7,802,071.50. The construction phase for this 2019 Bond Project is underfunded due to unprecedented inflation since the original 2019 Bond Program cost estimate was prepared. This was the first 2019 Bond Project that was planned to not be fully City funded in the program. City staff have been able to complete the funding on previous 2019 Transportation Bond projects by securing federal funding to make up for the difference in inflation. On this project, City staff propose to supplement the \$1,393,893 in construction funds programmed for this project with \$2,229,600 in funds from the original budget of Indian Hills Road – 48th Avenue to Interstate 35, 2019 Bond Project, for a total invoice of \$3,623,493. The Indian Hills Road – 48th Avenue to Interstate 35 project was originally part of the 2019 Bond Program. However, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is reconstructing Indian Hills Road within these project limits via frontage roads on both sides of the Toby Keith Expressway. As a result, the proposed Indian Hills Road 2019 Bond Project is no longer required, and the excess funds can be utilized on the remaining 2019 Bond Projects. No 2019 Bond Program funds had been allocated to the Indian Hills project account from the General Obligation Bonds Fund Balance. City staff propose an appropriation of \$2,229,600 in funds from the 2023A General Obligation Bonds Fund Balance (Account No. 50-29000) to the Lindsey Street Special Corridor – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue 2019 Bond (Project No. BP0432, Construction Account No. 50594019-46101).

City Staff are working toward an October 2026 ODOT bid opening for this project and are currently working through the right-of-way acquisition process and utility relocation with property owners. ODOT is simultaneously working on the environmental NEPA document while our consultant finalizes the plans. All these items must be completed prior to ODOT bidding this project. If all parties can meet this timeline an additional \$279,399 in federal funds will be allocated to this project from the excess ODOT funds discussed above.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1:

Staff recommends an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,229,600 from the 2023A General Obligation Bonds Fund Balance (Account No. 50-29000) to the Lindsey Street Special Corridor – Pickard Avenue to Elm Avenue (Project No. BP0432, Construction Account No. 50594019-46101).

RECOMMENDATION No. 2:

Staff further recommends approval of contract No. K-2627-43 with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for ODOT Project No. STP-214B(180)AG, Job No. 37984(04).

RECOMMENDATION No. 3:

Staff further recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2627-22 adopting Contract K-2627-43, and if approved, authorize the execution thereof.