



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 8/11/2026

REQUESTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF TRANSFER OF 0.67 ACRES FROM THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE CITY OF NORMAN, FOR REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED AS PARK LAND IN CONJUNCTION AT ADKINS CROSSING PARK AND THE POTENTIAL NORMAN FORWARD RIVER PARK.

BACKGROUND:

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) owns a parcel of land adjacent to Adkins Crossing Park. This property presents an opportunity for the City of Norman Parks Department to expand park amenities, improve connectivity, and enhance environmental stewardship in the area. Acquisition of this land aligns with the goals of Norman Forward due to its location next to the possible River Park area and the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

DISCUSSION:

City staff have identified the ODOT parcel as a strategic addition to the area around Adkins Crossing Park and the connection to the potential Norman Forward River Park. Potential uses include expanded improved trail access, stormwater management enhancements, and habitat restoration. If the deed is accepted by Council, Park staff will coordinate with community stakeholders, and relevant city departments to develop a plan for integrating the property into the park system.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend acceptance of the ODOT deed for the property adjacent to Adkins Crossing Park and the Norman Forward River Park for future use as parkland.