



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 01/10/2023

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2223-85: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA PROGRAMMING FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT URBANIZED AREA (STBG-UZA) FUNDS FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG JAMES GARNER AVENUE BETWEEN ACRES STREET AND DUFFY STREET IN NORMAN.

BACKGROUND:

The 2014 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) federal transportation funding bill allocates approximately \$22 Million in Federal funds per year for the implementation of eligible transportation improvements in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

Every year, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) coordinates a regional evaluation process that identifies transportation improvements eligible for federal funding. Individual projects are rated and compared to one another using a pre-established criterion. The process ends with the formulation of the region's transportation improvement program and the decision to use federal funds to pay for a significant portion of the cost of the higher priority projects

DISCUSSION:

On October 31, 2023, staff submitted the ten highest ranked projects for consideration in the formulation of ACOG's 2025 Transportation Improvement Program update. To be eligible, each submitted project must have had a programming resolution submitted for the project. The Programming Resolution submitted in October did not match the most recent cost estimate in terms of federal dollars requested because the original Resolution was approved by City Council several years ago. The old Resolution has been modified to match the most recent cost estimate and, if approved, will be resubmitted to ACOG at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2223-85 (James Garner Avenue, between Acres Street and Duffy Street) requesting Federal STBG/UZA funds for 80% of the construction cost.