



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 04/11/2023

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2223-136:
A PROJECT MAINTENANCE, FINANCING, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT J3-7939(004) AG, STATE JOB 37939(04), TO PROVIDE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) TRANSITION ALONG LINDSEY STREET FROM 12TH AVENUE S.E. TO 24TH AVENUE S.E. AND RESOLUTION R-2223-118.

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 ACOG TAP 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, closed on October 31, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Norman contracted with Kimley-Horn and Associates to conduct an update to the City's 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 intersections, non-signalized intersections, driveways and the sidewalks. Inspection reports with associated costs estimates were included in the update for each location.

The call for projects documentation indicates that this first round of TAP funding is for federal fiscal year 2022-2023 (FFY 2023). City Staff would complete the plans in-house so the only cost to the City would be the 20% City share of construction. The total construction estimate is \$727,189, with the City share of construction costs being \$145,442. Funds for this project are proposed to be made available in the City's fiscal year 2023-2024 Capital Fund, ADA Compliance and Repair Program, Construction (Account 50592206-46101; Project TC0038) that has a total proposed budget of \$300,000. The City of Norman was notified through ACOG of its successful application for this project in February 2023. The project will be bid through ODOT on or after November 2023. In that case, construction of the sidewalks would begin in early 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2223-136 and Resolution R-2223-118 with ODOT for ADA Transition along Lindsey Street from 12th Avenue SE to 24th Avenue SE.