



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 1/13/2026

REQUESTER: Joseph Hill, Streets Program Manager

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, Interim Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2526-94: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND GARVER, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$445,150 FOR THE DESIGN OF THE 24TH AVENUE N.E. BRIDGE OVER UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO ROCK CREEK BOND PROJECT. (Ward 6)

BACKGROUND:

On October 10, 2023, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a \$50 million bridge replacement and rehabilitation General Obligation Bond issue. The projects listed in the bond are intended to be completed with bond funds; however, federal funds will be pursued at every opportunity (please see the attached project list and map showing the project locations).

On October 11, 2023, City staff advertised Request for Proposal RFP 2324-29 to solicit Consulting Engineering Services for the bond projects still requiring design. The selection committee, consisting of three (3) City staff (Joseph Hill – Streets Program Manager, Jeff Fordice – Capital Projects Engineer, and Brandon Brooks – Capital Projects Engineer) and two (2) citizens, shortlisted eight (8) consultant teams for interviews held on January 18, 2024. Also present at the interviews were the acting City Engineer and the City Auditor. The five (5) consultant teams selected after interviews to complete the design on these projects are:

- Garver, L.L.C. Norman
- H.W. Lochner, Oklahoma City
- MKEC, Oklahoma City
- Aguirre & Fields, Oklahoma City
- CEC, Oklahoma City

These consultants are being assigned the various projects by City staff based on capacity, performance during the interview process, and capabilities of their firm to complete a specific project.

Tonight's agenda item is to award the contract for design of the 24TH Avenue NE bridge over an unnamed tributary to Rock Creek located 0.1 miles south of Rock Creek Road.

DISCUSSION:

The 24th Avenue NE Bridge Replacement, located 0.1 miles south of Rock Creek Road is a full replacement of the load-rated bridge. The project will include roadway work necessary to tie the existing road into the new bridge.

Once the design is completed, Garver, L.L.C., will assist with the necessary environmental permitting. City staff anticipates a 2028 bid opening with construction estimated to take approximately 9 months to complete.

Garver, L.L.C.'s Scope of Services includes:

- Field Inspection and Assessment.
- Detailed Topographic Survey
- Geotechnical Evaluation
- Environmental Permitting
- Design Plan submittals at 30%, 60%, 90%, and Final Plan stages
- Bidding Assistance and Construction Management
- Preparing Right-of-Way acquisition documents
- As-built Drawing Services

Funds are available to pay for these design services in the amount of \$455,150.00 in the Capital Fund, General Obligation Bond Balance (Account 50-29000). However, the funds will need to be transferred into the project Design Account (BP0810, Acct. 50595367-46201)

If approved, Garver, L.L.C., will begin work immediately on the critical path items.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Staff recommends a balance transfer in the amount of \$455,150 from the Capital Fund, General Obligation Bond Balance (Account 50-29000) to the 24th Avenue NE Bridge Replacement project Design account (BP0810, Acct. 50595367-46201).

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2526-94 between the City of Norman and Garver, L.L.C., in the amount of \$455,150 for the design of the 24th Avenue NE Bridge Replacement Bond Project.