



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2023

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-51: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$185,000 IN AIR QUALITY SMALL GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 5-FOOT SIDEWALKS ALONG CHAUTAUQUA AVENUE BETWEEN COMANCHE STREET AND SYMMES STREET, ALONG RICH STREET BETWEEN PETERS AVENUE AND PORTER AVENUE, AND ALONG BROOKS STREET JUST EAST OF 24TH AVENUE SW IN NORMAN.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Air Quality Small Grant Program Funds, a part of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, as administered through Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) are not available in a 2023 Call for Projects. ACOG is making available up to \$4,000,000 to fund congestion mitigation projects such as sidewalks and bicycle lanes. Eligible entities can submit projects for consideration at a minimum size of \$50,000 and a maximum size of \$1,000,000. In this Call for Projects, ACOG will coordinate a regional evaluation process to identify projects eligible for this federal funding. Individual projects are rated and compared to one another using a pre-established criterion.

DISCUSSION:

On or before September 29, 2023, staff will submit two projects, each featuring a bundle of sidewalk and/or multi-modal paths, for consideration for Air Quality Small Grant Program Funds. To be eligible, each submitted project must have a programming resolution submitted for the project that matches the most recent cost estimate and, if approved, will be submitted to ACOG as part of the project application.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2324-51 (Construction of 5-foot Sidewalks along Chautauqua Avenue between Comanche Street and Symmes Street, along Rich Street between Peters Avenue and Porter Avenue, and along Brooks Street just east of 24th Avenue SW—location maps are attached) requesting \$185,000 in Federal STBG/UZA funds for 75.04% of the construction cost.
