



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**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-2324-49: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$7,500,000 IN STBG-UZA FUNDING FOR THE WIDENING OF 24<sup>TH</sup> AVE NE FROM TECUMSEH ROAD TO ROCK CREEK ROAD IN NORMAN.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The 2022 –Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA Act) federal transportation funding bill allocates approximately \$40 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. \$7,500,000 is the maximum amount that can awarded for an individual project under the ACOG criterion.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On or before October 31, 2023, staff will submit the twenty highest ranked projects for consideration in the formulation of ACOG’s 2026-2027 Transportation Improvement Program update. To be eligible, each submitted project must have a programming resolution submitted for the project. The Resolution that is submitted must match the most recent cost estimate and, if approved, will be resubmitted to ACOG at this time.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2324-49 (Widening of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE from Tecumseh Road to Rock Creek Road; a location map is attached) requesting \$7,500,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant/Urbanized Area (STBG/UZA) funds for 69.45% of the estimated construction cost.