



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-2324-50: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$800,000 IN AIR QUALITY SMALL GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 10-FOOT WIDE MULTI-MODAL PATH ON THE WEST SIDE OF 12TH AVENUE NE FROM ROBINSON STREET TO ROCK CREEK ROAD AS WELL AS 5-FOOT SIDEWALKS ALONG BOTH SIDES OF BROOKS STREET BETWEEN WYLIE ROAD AND PICKARD AVENUE 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 R-2324-50 (Construction of 10-foot Path along 12th Avenue NE between Robinson Street and Rock Creek Road as well as 5-foot Sidewalks along Brooks Street between Wylie Road and Pickard Avenue; location maps are attached) requesting \$800,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant/Urbanized Area (TBG/UZA) funds for 77.42% of the construction cost.
