



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 09/12/23

**REQUESTER:** Mike White, Fleet Program Manager

**PRESENTER:** Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works

**TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-53: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS' PUBLIC FLEET CONVERSION GRANTS FUND FOR CITY VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

On August 1, 2023, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) announced a Clean Air Grant For Public Sector Fleets using the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). Two years each of CMAQ and CRP funds will be available during this call for projects, representing approximately \$4 million.

ACOG Clean Air Grants for Public Sector Fleets will allow public entities to access CMAQ funds for fleet conversions to clean fuel technology to include light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty alternative fuel vehicles, hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles, off-road equipment, and alternative fuel vehicle refueling infrastructure. Selected projects need to be paid in full, and the awarded entity will submit for reimbursement of the incremental cost of the identically-equipped conventional fueled vehicles. The old vehicle/equipment being replaced is required to be removed from the fleet. Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Projects may be funded at a ratio of *up to* 80 percent federal funds and 20 percent local match.

Application submissions are due by 4:00 p.m., September 29, 2023. Award Notifications will be distributed in November, and notices to proceed will be sent out in December 2023.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Annually, Fleet Staff develops a vehicle replacement report considering the age, life-to-date, maintenance cost, and miles/hours. FYE 2024, City vehicle replacements were prioritized, ranked, and submitted for final approval by the City Management Team and Council. All light-duty vehicles approved for replacement are currently conventionally-fueled units. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) powers the five heavy-duty refuse trucks. If approved, eligible project

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expenditures for reimbursement are limited to the “incremental cost” of the new vehicle purchases. The “incremental cost” is the conversion cost or cost increase due to the alternative fuel aspects of the vehicle; the local share is the new vehicle purchase price minus the incremental or conversion cost.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve Resolution R-2324-53 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit a grant application to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Grants for the replacement of (1) one Electric Vehicle (EV) F150 Lightning pickup truck for Public Works Stormwater Division; (2) two F150 Hybrid pickup trucks for Public Works Traffic Division; (21) twenty-one Hybrid Ford Police Interceptor Units (PIUs) for Norman Police Department; and (5) five CNG refuse trucks for Utilities Sanitation Division.