



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

---

**MEETING DATE:** 10/28/25

**REQUESTER:** Michele Loudenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager

**PRESENTER:** Michele Loudenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager

**TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-69: 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 ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) REPLACEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING EV CHARGING STATION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

---

### **BACKGROUND:**

On September 2, 2025, 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 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 enable public entities to access CMAQ funds for fleet conversions to clean fuel technology, including light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty alternative fuel vehicles, as well as hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles, off-road equipment, and alternative fuel vehicle refueling infrastructure. Selected projects must be paid in full, and the awarded entity will submit a reimbursement request for the incremental cost of 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 funds for installation costs and capital investments in alternative fuel refueling/recharging infrastructure.

Application submissions are due by 4:00 p.m. on October 31, 2025. Award Notifications and notices to proceed will be sent out in February 2026.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Annually, Fleet staff develops a vehicle replacement report considering the age, life-to-date, maintenance cost, and miles/hours for all City vehicles. Vehicle replacements are prioritized and ranked.

The City of Norman Fleet and Environmental Sustainability divisions have identified several high-priority vehicles that are in need of replacement for FYE 2027 and are also candidates for replacement with electric vehicles along with solar-powered off-grid EV charging units. Nine vehicles within five project groupings will be submitted under one application package as follows:

1. Sewer and Water Line Maintenance (East Robinson)
  - a. Unit 64 (2007 F-150 – Water Line Maintenance)
  - b. Unit 363 (2011 Chevy Colorado – Sewer Line Maintenance)
  - c. One Off-grid, solar EV charger at 2705 E. Robinson
  
2. Public Works (Lindsey Yard)
  - a. Unit 57 (2013 F-150 – Engineering)
  - b. Unit 850 (2012 Chevy 2500 – Stormwater)
  - c. One Off-grid, solar EV charger at Lindsey Yard
  
3. Planning & Community Development
  - a. Unit 941 (2013 Chevy 1500 – Code Compliance)
  - b. Unit 945 (2018 F-150 – Planning & Development)
  - c. Off-grid, solar EV charger (location TBD)
  
4. Planning & Community Development
  - a. Unit 953 (2017 F-150 – Planning & Development)
  - b. Unit 952 (2016 F-150 – Planning & Development)
  - c. Off-grid, solar EV charger (location TBD)
  
5. Traffic Division
  - a. Unit 628 (2016 F-150 – Traffic)
  - b. EV replacement only; charger is already installed here.

These projects align with the City’s sustainability goals, reduce fleet emissions, and strategically deploy chargers at operational yards where charging infrastructure is needed.

If the grant is successful, the grant would pay for the incremental cost of an alternative fuel replacement vehicle except for the 20 percent match required. Costs required for the match will come from the respective funds for the Departments/Divisions receiving the vehicles similar to new vehicle purchases by Fleet. The costs for the charger match will be funded from the Utilities Department capital funding. Should the grant application be unsuccessful, vehicle replacements may occur with standard fuel vehicles.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve Resolution R-2526-69 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit a grant application to the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments, Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Grants for the replacement of nine vehicles and associated charging infrastructure as outlined in the staff report.