



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 8/12/2025

REQUESTER: Joseph Hill, Streets Program Manager

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, AWARDED, AMENDMENT, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF BID 2425-56 AND CONTRACT K-2526-33: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND K&R BUILDERS INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$622,795.38 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EAST POST OAK BRIDGE OVER A TRIBUTARY OF JIM BLUE CREEK PROJECT, PERFORMANCE BOND B-2526-19; STATUTORY BOND B-2526-20; MAINTENANCE BOND MB-2526-15, AND RESOLUTION R-2526-18 GRANTING TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

BACKGROUND:

On October 10, 2023, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a \$50 million bond issue dedicated to the replacement and rehabilitation of bridges throughout the city. The projects included in this bond are intended to be completed using bond funds, although the City will pursue federal funding opportunities wherever possible to supplement local resources.

On April 9, 2024, City Council approved contract K-2324-151 with MKEC Engineering Inc. to provide engineering design services for the replacement of the East Post Oak Bridge over a tributary to Jim Blue Creek, located 0.2 miles east of 96th Avenue SE. Replacement efforts include all roadway work necessary to tie the existing road into the new bridge. MKEC Engineering's Scope of Services included:

- Field Inspection and Assessment
- Detailed Topographic Survey
- Geotechnical Evaluation
- Environmental Permitting
- Design Plan submittals at 30%, 60%, 90%, and Final Plan stages
- Bidding Assistance and Construction Management
- Preparing Right-of-Way acquisition documents
- As-built Drawing Services

Final plans were received for this project on April 11, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

Bid documents and specifications for the East Post Oak Bridge Replacement Project were advertised on May 16, 2025, and May 23, 2025, in accordance with State Law. In addition to advertising bids, staff sent bid documents to forty-three (43) contractors directly, including all known contractors specializing in bridge maintenance and repair. Six (6) bids were received on June 12, 2025.

The low bidder is K&R Builders of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in the amount of \$622,795.38. This bid is \$265,494.22 or 30% below the Engineer's Estimate of \$888,289.60. Staff has carefully reviewed this bid and believes the bid to be competitive and represents a fair price. The tabulation of Bid Results is below:

Tabulation of Bid Results

Contractor	Total
Haskell Lemon	\$866,907.95
Redlands Contracting	\$774,662.50
Silver Star Construction	\$795,146.00
Wyatt Contracting	\$775,775.00
K&R Builders	\$622,795.38
SAC Services	\$669,481.70
Engineer's Estimate	\$888,289.60

If approved, replacement of the East Post Oak Bridge will begin on or before September 1, 2025, and is estimated to be completed in 120 days.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2526-33, between the City of Norman and K&R Builders, Inc, for the replacement of the East Post Oak Bridge over a tributary to Jim Blue Creek.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Staff further recommends that, upon approval of Contract K-2526-33, the following bonds be approved:

Performance Bond B-2526-19
Statutory Bond B-2526-20
Maintenance Bond MB-2526-15

RECOMMENDATION 3:

Staff further recommends that, upon approval of Contract K-2526-33, K&R Builders, INC., be authorized as Project Agent via Resolution R-2526-18 so that materials purchases for this public project will not be subject to sales tax.