



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 8/13/2024

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROGRAMMING ACOG TAP FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF BOYD STREET FROM BERRY ROAD TO FLOOD AVENUE IN NORMAN.

BACKGROUND:

The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) has historically provided funding for projects and programs defined as transportation alternatives that advance non-motorized transportation opportunities, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, historic transportation preservation, environmental mitigation and vegetation management activities; recreational trail programs; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways. TAP continues to build upon the legacy of the Transportation Enhancements (TE) and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) programs by providing funding opportunities for local projects that support additional transportation options, strengthen local economies, improve quality of life, protect the natural environment, and enhance transportation infrastructure.

Funds set aside for ACOG TAP include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TE, encompassing a variety of transportation projects that prioritize safety, comfort, and connectivity to destinations for all people who use the street network such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to Stormwater and habitat connectivity. The call for projects, through the (ACOG), is now open and will remain open through September 3, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

The construction of a sidewalk along the south side of Boyd Street between Berry Road and Flood Avenue has been the subject of significant conversation over the past couple of years (a location map is attached). This project will help to increase pedestrian mobility in Norman and has the support of Norman Public Schools. If City Council approves this programming resolution, staff will submit an application for the construction of a sidewalk along the south side of Boyd Street between Berry Road and Flood Avenue.

The call for projects documentation indicates that this round of TAP funding is for federal fiscal year 2024-2025 (FFY 2025). City Staff would enlist consultant serves to complete the plans necessary to construct the sidewalk. Aside from design costs and any right-of-way costs, the only cost to the City would be the 20% City share of construction, which is estimated at \$164,967.77. City staff would need to request a re-allocation or appropriation of these funds in the City fiscal year 2024-2025 (FYE 2025) and bid the project through ODOT once eligible. In that case, construction of this sidewalk could be completed by mid to late 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2425-21 (Boyd Street Sidewalk South Side Between Berry Road and Flood Avenue) requesting ACOG TAP funding to provide 80% of the anticipated \$824,838.85 construction cost.