



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/14/2021

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: Jami Short, Traffic Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2122-63: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$26,278.18 FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSEMENTS REFUNDS ACCOUNT TO REPAIR AND REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT OR TRAFFIC SIGNS DAMAGED IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

BACKGROUND:

The City's Traffic Control Division maintains more than 170 traffic and pedestrian signals citywide using \$105,291 in the Division's operating budget (approximately \$620 per signalized intersection per year). These funds are used for the purchase of replacement traffic signal system components needed for the safe and efficient operation of our traffic signals. In addition, the Division also maintains approximately 30,000 traffic control signs throughout the City of Norman using \$44,480 in the Division's operating budget (approximately \$1.49 per sign per year). These funds are used for the purchase of the replacement sign components needed for the safe and efficient navigation of our roadways.

On September 22, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at the Elm Avenue intersection with Hoover Street damaging a City fire hydrant and causing City crews to install temporary traffic control devices to close the intersection. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On October 12, 2021, a \$4,514.48 check was collected from the responsible party, of which \$311.19 was the portion for the installation of the traffic devices. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On October 19, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at Classen Boulevard intersection with the westbound State Highway 9 On-Ramp damaging a roadway light pole assembly. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces contracted repair of the damage at this location. On May 14, 2021, a \$100 check was collected from the responsible party as partial payment. On July 15, 2021, an \$85 check was collected from the responsible party as partial payment. On August 19, 2021, an \$85 check was collected from the responsible party as partial payment. On October 19, 2021, a \$90 check was collected from the responsible party as partial payment. On November 16, 2021, a \$100 check was collected from the

responsible party as partial payment. All checks were deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On December 13, 2020, a traffic collision occurred at the 168th Avenue NE intersection with Franklin Road causing damage to a stop sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location. On July 21, 2021, a \$246.30 check was collected from the insurance company for the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On March 6, 2021, a traffic collision occurred at the 12th Avenue SE intersection with Missouri Street causing damage to a stop sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location. On October 15, 2021, a check in the amount of \$185.46 was collected from the insurance company for the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On April 30, 2021, a traffic collision occurred at the Robinson Street intersection with Crossroads Boulevard causing damage to the traffic controller and battery back-up cabinets at the intersections. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location. On November 23, 2021, a check in the amount of \$22,141.82 was collected from the insurance company and deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On June 14, 2021, a traffic collision occurred at George Avenue intersection with the Lindsey Street damaging a pedestrian pole assembly on the southwest corner of the intersection. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces contracted repair of the damage at this location. On October 28, 2021, an \$863.67 check was collected from the responsible party as partial payment. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On June 21, 2021, a traffic collision occurred at the McGee Drive intersection with Lindsey Street causing damage to a pedestrian pole assembly. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location. On October 12, 2021, a \$1,026.10 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On June 30, 2021, a traffic collision occurred at the N. Interstate Drive intersection with Pheasant Run Road causing damage to a roadway light pole assembly. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On September 29, 2021, a \$617 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On August 13, 2021, a traffic collision occurred at the Lahoma Avenue intersection with Boyd Street causing damage to a stop sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at the location. On October 22, 2021, a \$207.07 check was collected from the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On August 18, 2021, a traffic collision occurred near the intersection of 24th Avenue SE and Beaumont Drive causing damage to a stop sign installation. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On

October 28, 2021, a \$219.67 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

DISCUSSION:

The continuing number of traffic collisions involving damage to traffic control equipment depletes the City's inventory of spare units. Replacement units are necessary in order to address future emergency situations. The Division does not have adequate funding in its operating budget to purchase replacements units and needs to access the funds collected from the insurance companies in order to do so. Funds collected to date from the previously described incidents total \$25,108.49 for damages to traffic signal/street light equipment and \$1,169.69 for damages to traffic signs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of Resolution R-2122-63 an appropriation of \$25,108.49 from Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management Account (439-365264) to Traffic Signal Parts (account 10550223-43212). These funds will be used for the purchase of replacements for the equipment damaged in the respective collisions. In addition, staff recommends the appropriation of \$1,169.69 from Refunds/Reimbursements-Risk Management (Account 439-365264) to Traffic and Street Signs (Account 10550223-43213). These funds will be used for the purchase of replacements for the equipment damaged in the respective collisions.