



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 11, 2025

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2425-90: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$26,830.62 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM RISK MANAGEMENT MISCELLANEOUS REIMBURSEMENTS/REFUNDS ACCOUNT TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL PARTS TO REPAIR AND REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT 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.

On November 18, 2024, a traffic collision occurred at the intersection of State Highway 9 and McGee Drive causing damage to a traffic signal cabinet at the northeast corner. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On December 23, 2024, a \$25,000 check was collected from the insurance company of the responsible party representing the maximum payout allowed in the insureds policy. The check was deposited into the Refunds/Reimbursements Risk Management account.

On January 7, 2025, a traffic collision occurred at the intersection of Porter Avenue at Gray Street causing damage to a traffic signal pole assembly installation on the southwest corner of the intersection. The responsible driver was identified for collection purposes. City forces repaired the damage at this location. On January 31, 2025, a \$1,830.62 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 \$26,830.62 for damages to traffic signal equipment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of Resolution R-2425-90 for the appropriation of \$26,830.62 from the Risk Management Fund, Refunds/Reimbursements (Account 439-365264) to the General Fund, Traffic Signal Parts (Account 10550223-43212). These funds will be used for the purchase of replacements for the equipment damaged in the respective collisions.