



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08/8/2022

REQUESTER: Taylor Johnson, Transit and Parking Program Manager

PRESENTER: Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-31: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT, EXECUTE, AND FILE AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORMAN WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO AID IN THE FINANCING OF PLANNING, CAPITAL AND/OR ASSISTANCE PROJECTS PURSUANT TO 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5307 AND SECTION 5339 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SET FORTH AND EXECUTE POLICIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS, BUDGETS, AND PROCUREMENT NEEDS.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Norman is a designated recipient for the following US Department of Transportation (USDOT) federal grant funds under 49 U.S.C.: Section 5307, Public Transit Systems in Urbanized Areas; and Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities. The City of Norman must file a grant application with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for these funds and provide the necessary assurances of compliance with federal laws.

DISCUSSION:

Subject to funding from Congress, the FTA annually allocates funds to assist transit agencies in the United States. The City of Norman is the designated recipient of FTA funds for the Norman Urbanized Area but has to submit, execute, and file grant applications annually to receive the allocated federal funding. In addition, the City of Norman must comply with federal regulations and laws in order to receive the funding.

Through the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and subsequent funding authorization by Congress, Norman's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 apportionment (which the City will use for fiscal year 2024 expenses) for section 5307 funds is \$2,384,883 and for section 5339 it is \$197,103 (includes unused funds from Ft. Smith AK-OK). Section 5307 funds, combined with local matching funds, are used on an annual basis for general transit expenses, such as operations, preventive maintenance, ADA paratransit operations, planning activities,

and required security projects. Section 5339 funds are generally used for capital activities, such as vehicle replacements, and are paired with local matching funds as they are available.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2324-31, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit, execute, and file grant applications to the FTA during fiscal year 2023-2024 and to set forth and execute policies in connection with the program of projects, budgets, and procurement needs.