



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 8, 2023

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-22: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$588,855.09 IN STBG-UZA-SAFETY FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL ON 36TH AVENUE NW AT BART CONNER DRIVE IN NORMAN.

BACKGROUND:

The 2022 – Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA Act) federal transportation funding bill allocates approximately \$40 Million in Federal funds per year for the implementation of eligible transportation improvements in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area. Ten percent (10%) of this appropriation is used to fund safety projects at 100% of their construction cost.

Every year, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) coordinates a regional evaluation process that identifies transportation improvements eligible for federal funding. Individual projects are rated and compared to one another using a pre-established criterion. The process ends with the formulation of the region's transportation improvement program and the decision to use federal funds to pay for a significant portion of the cost of the higher priority projects.

DISCUSSION:

On or before October 31, 2023, staff will submit the twenty highest ranked projects for consideration in the formulation of ACOG's 2026-2027 Transportation Improvement Program update. To be eligible, each submitted project must have a programming resolution submitted for the project. The Resolution that is submitted must match the most recent cost estimate and, if approved, will be resubmitted to ACOG at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2324-22 (36th Avenue NW at Bart Conner Drive Traffic Signal Installation) requesting \$588,855.09 in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant/Urbanized Area SAFETY IIJA funds for 100% of the construction cost.