



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/8/2026

REQUESTER: Paul D'Andrea, Capital Projects Engineer

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-53: A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TECUMSEH ROAD-24TH AVENUE NW AND FLOOD AVENUE INTERSECTIONS PROJECT AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2627-33 ADOPTING THE ODOT PROJECT AGREEMENT; AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. (WARD 8)

BACKGROUND:

The intersection of Tecumseh Road and 24th Avenue NW is a four-way signalized intersection in the northwest part of Norman. Both Tecumseh Road and 24th Avenue NW are major arterial streets. The intersection provides the northern ingress/egress to the largest Planned Unit Development (PUD) in the history of the City, known as University North Park (UNP).

The intersection of Tecumseh Road and Flood Avenue is a skewed four-way signalized intersection located approximately 700' east of the Tecumseh Road and 24th Avenue NW intersection. Flood Avenue is a very busy major arterial roadway with regional significance as one of the entry points into the City of Norman with direct access to Interstate 35. Flood Avenue north of Tecumseh Road and Tecumseh Road east of Flood Avenue are designated as U.S. Highway 77.

In 2002, the City of Norman approved a development plan for a large Planned Unit Development (PUD) known as the University North Park (UNP) along the east side of I-35 immediately north of the Robinson Street and 24th Avenue NW intersection. To identify the proposed impact of the development and the transportation projects needed to support it, a succession of traffic studies was performed for the entire development between 2002 and 2008 by Traffic Engineering Consultants, Inc. From this work, a series of transportation projects were recommended and many have been implemented.

In 2014, Garver Engineers was commissioned by the City to amend the current I-35 at Robinson Street Interchange Study to update the traffic impacts of the remainder of the UNP development and validate the previous studies at a full build-out year of 2035. This study, which was completed in August of 2015, made a series of recommendations for improvements to the

transportation network that serves the UNP. Among the most critical and urgently needed are capacity improvements at the intersections of Tecumseh Road with 24th Avenue NW and Flood Avenue. These improvements will address the peripheral traffic problems along the north side of the UNP.

At the Tecumseh Road and 24th Avenue NW intersection, recommendations include additional northbound and westbound left turn lanes, and a dedicated eastbound right turn lane. The project will also widen Tecumseh Road to accommodate these lanes, and to modify the existing traffic signal.

At the Tecumseh Road and Flood Avenue intersection, recommendations include additional eastbound, northbound, westbound, and southbound left turn lanes, and dedicated eastbound and westbound right turn lanes. The project will widen both Tecumseh Road and Flood Avenue to accommodate these lanes, and to modify the existing traffic signal.

On November 8, 2016, City Council approved Resolution R-1617-47, which was later forwarded to both the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), requesting federal funds to pay for 80% of the construction cost. In the resolution the City agreed to the terms and conditions of a federally funded project by stating its willingness to assume the responsibility for the preparation of engineering plans, the purchase of any additional right-of-way, the relocation of public utilities and funding of the 20% local share of the construction cost.

On January 15, 2026, this project was selected by ACOG for federal funds in Fiscal Year 2029 to pay 80% of the construction cost up to a maximum amount of \$7.5 million.

DISCUSSION:

Now that the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) funding is secured for FFY2029, ODOT is ready to enter into a project agreement with the City of Norman. ODOT has requested the City approve the attached agreement that addresses the responsibilities of the City of Norman and ODOT. Staff has reviewed and recommends approval of the project agreement and resolution.

In summary, the City's responsibilities are:

- Prepare plans for construction in conformance with ODOT 2019 Standard Specifications
- Provide necessary rights-of-way to construct the project and relocate any utilities
- Maintain the traffic signal equipment after construction
- Certify the project will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Comply with environmental requirements
- Maintain the roadway and all drainage systems and facilities after construction
- Ensure permanent rights-of-way are free of any encroachments
- Maintain lighting and lighting systems

In summary, ODOT's responsibilities are:

- File jointly with the contractor the Notice of Intent (NOI) for a general construction storm water permit with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which authorizes storm water discharges associated with construction activities

- Advertise and let the construction contract for this project
- Construct the project in accordance with the plans
- Provide competent supervision of the construction

The construction and construction management of the project is funded 80% by ODOT federal funds and 20% by local funds up to the maximum cap of \$7,500,000. After the cap is reached, 100% of construction and construction management costs will be local funds. The City's portion of the construction and construction management of the project is estimated to be \$3,114,967 and will be due upon execution of the agreement. Funding for the City's portion of the construction cost will come from the UNP TIF Fund (Account No. 57-29000). Sufficient funds are available in the UNP TIF account but will need to be appropriated to the Tecumseh Road-24th Avenue NW and Flood Avenue Intersections project Construction Account (Project No. UT0015, Acct. Number 57595552-46101).

City Staff are working toward a November 2028 ODOT bid opening for this project and are currently working through the project design. In the near future, City staff will be starting the right-of-way acquisition process with property owners, and utility relocation. ODOT will simultaneously begin working on the environmental NEPA document while our consultant finalizes the plans. All these items must be completed prior to ODOT bidding this project.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1:

Staff recommends an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$3,114,967 from the UNP Tax Increment Finance Fund Balance (Account No. 57-29000) to the Tecumseh Road-24th Avenue NW and Flood Avenue Intersections project Construction Account (Project No. UT0015, Acct. Number 57595552-46101).

RECOMMENDATION No. 2:

Staff further recommends approval of contract No. K-2627-53 with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for ODOT Project No. J3-9287(004) AG, State Job No. 39287(04)(05)(06)(07).

RECOMMENDATION No. 3:

Staff further recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2627-33 adopting Contract K-2627-53, and if approved, authorize the execution thereof.