



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 26, 2025

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA REQUESTING \$158,688.11 IN ACOG AIR QUALITY SMALL GRANT FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PEDESTRIAN PATH LIGHTING ALONG THE CONSTITUTION STREET PATH BETWEEN JENKINS AVENUE AND CLASSEN BOULEVARD IN NORMAN.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Air Quality Small Grant Program Funds, a part of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, as administered through the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) will be available in a 2025 Call for Projects. ACOG is making up to \$4,000,000 available to fund congestion mitigation projects such as sidewalks and bicycle lanes. Eligible entities can submit projects for consideration at a minimum size of \$50,000 up to a maximum size of \$1,000,000. In this Call for Projects, ACOG will coordinate a regional evaluation process to identify projects eligible for this federal funding. Individual projects are rated and compared to one another using a pre-established set of criteria.

DISCUSSION:

Sometime in October 2025, staff will submit a project to provide grant funding for solar pedestrian lighting for the Constitution Street path located between Jenkins Avenue and Classen Boulevard. This is a heavily used path that can be difficult to navigate at night. This is hindered by the lack of street lighting along Constitution Street in proximity to the path. In addition, the prospects for adding light to serve both causes without grant funding are not good. To be eligible, each submitted project must have a programming resolution submitted for the project with a cost that matches the most recent cost estimate and, if approved, will be submitted to ACOG as part of the project application. A project location map and an estimate of the necessary light locations from the proposed solar lighting vendor is also attached.

While the most recent cost estimate indicates the anticipated construction cost to be \$198,359.92, grant funding totaling eighty percent (80%) or \$158,688.11 is being sought through the ACOG Air Quality Small Grant Program. This would mean that \$39,671.81 will represent the local match (20%). Sufficient funds are available within Flood Avenue Multimodal Path, Design

(Account 50596688-46201; Project TR0112); 36th Avenue NW Bart Connor & Cascade, Construction (Account 50590076-46101; Project TR0109); and Classen Boulevard Signals, Construction (Account 50590076-46101; Project TR0057) to pay the invoice that would be forthcoming from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for this anticipated local match.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2526-21 (Solar Pedestrian Path Lighting along the Constitution Street Path between Jenkins Avenue and Classen Boulevard in Norman) requesting \$158,688.11 in ACOG Air Quality Small Grant Funding for 80% of the construction cost.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Staff recommends approval of the following transfers to pay a future invoice from ODOT for the local match (\$39,671.81) on the project, in anticipation of a successful grant award. The gaining account below, Experimental Traffic Devices, Materials (Account 50596688-46301; Project TC0160) has previously been established as the account to fund experimental solar lighting.

Losing Account			Gaining Account		
Account	Beg. Balance	End. Balance	Account	Beg. Balance	Cumulative End. Balance
Flood Avenue Multimodal Path, Design	\$3,537.50	\$0	Experimental Traffic Devices, Materials	\$546.40	\$4,083.90
36 th NW Bart Connor/ Cascade, Construction	\$32,723.67	\$0	Experimental Traffic Devices, Materials	\$4,083.90	\$36,807.57
Classen Boulevard Signals, Construction	\$9,455	\$0	Experimental Traffic Devices, Materials	\$36,807.57	\$46,262.57