



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 01/14/2025

**REQUESTER:** Katherine Coffin

**PRESENTER:** David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2425-87: A PROJECT MAINTENANCE, FINANCING, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PROJECT TAP3-8650(004)TP, STATE JOB 38650(04), TO PROVIDE TWO MILES OF MULTIMODAL PATH ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 9 BETWEEN 72<sup>nd</sup> AVENUE SE AND 84<sup>th</sup> AVENUE SE WITH BUDGET TRANSFER (\$242,500 FROM THE ASP AVENUE PARKING LOT) AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R-2425-79.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Alternative Program has historically provided funding for projects and programs defined as transportation alternatives that advance non-motorized transportation opportunities, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, historic transportation preservation, environmental mitigation and vegetation management activities; recreational trail programs; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways. The Transportation Alternatives Programs continues to build upon the legacy of prior programs by providing funding opportunities for local projects that support additional transportation options, strengthen local economies, improve quality of life, protect the natural environment, and enhance transportation infrastructure.

Funds set aside for ODOT Transportation Alternatives Grant program include projects and activities encompassing a variety of transportation projects that prioritize safety, comfort, and connectivity to destinations for all people who use the street network such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to Stormwater and habitat connectivity. The call for projects, through ODOT, closed on May 31, 2024. Awards were announced on October 24, 2024. Norman was awarded one mile of multi-

modal path along the north side of State Highway 9 between 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE and 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. A location map is attached.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation requires the City to execute a project agreement and to adopt it by Resolution before letting the project to contract. The agreement addresses the responsibilities of the City and the Department during and after the construction of the project. Both the resolution and agreement have been reviewed by staff and approved by the City Attorney’s Office. Based upon the preliminary cost estimates submitted with the grant application, the city’s financial obligation in this agreement, shown on page 6 of the attached agreement, is \$242,500. These funds will have to be included in the FYE 2026 capital budget. In addition, the City is obligated to:

- Finance and prepare engineering design plans
- Finance and acquire any necessary right-of-way/easements
- Finance and relocate any potential utility conflicts
- Finance and prepare applicable NEPA environmental assessments

If approved, the new mile of multi-modal path should be let for construction in early fall of 2026. This would mean that the mile of path would be under construction in early 2027 with completion before the end of 2027.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2425-87 and Resolution R-2425-79 with ODOT for one mile of multimodal path along State Highway 9 between 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE and 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and budget transfer from Asp Avenue Parking Lot (BG0255) for path construction.

Losing Account			Gaining Account		
Account	Beg. Balance	End. Balance	Account	Beg. Balance	Cumulative End. Balance
BG0255, 50594908-46001 Land (Asp Avenue Parking Lot)	\$266,902	\$24,402	TR0127, 50596688-46101 Const. (SH 9 Multimodal Path 72 <sup>nd</sup> to 84 <sup>th</sup> )	\$0	\$242,500