



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 1/9/2024

REQUESTER: Katherine Coffin

PRESENTER: David Riesland, Transportation Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2324-102: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SAFETY FUNDS AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS AS OUTLINED IN THE RESOLUTION.

BACKGROUND:

City of Norman Staff collaborated with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe (AST) and Cross Timbers Consulting, LLC, (Cross Timbers) to prepare a grant application for funding through the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds in January 2023. In July 2023, the list of grant awardees was announced. The grants awarded to the AST team included conversion to all-way STOP control at 168th Avenue NE at Franklin Road, 72nd Avenue SE at Cedar Lane Road, 72nd Avenue SE at Post Oak Road, and 72nd Avenue SE at Etowah Road. All of this work has been completed. The work at 72nd Avenue SE at Etowah Road required coordination with Cleveland County as well as the Town of Noble as they each control one of the four legs of the intersection. The material and labor costs attributed to these four intersection control conversions is \$6,000 which was completely covered in the grant application and subsequent award. The AST has been billed in two invoices for the work performed at these four intersections.

The other part of the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund grant application was the implementation of a curve warning system for a series of back-to-back 90-degree turns on 156th Avenue NE north of State Highway 9. This series of curves have been the location of numerous run-off-the-road collisions. The curve warning system would feature flashing chevrons to help drivers negotiate the curves as well as speed feedback speed limit signs on each approach to the series of curves to help motorists negotiate the curves at the proper speed. As the grant application stipulates that funds will be provided as reimbursement, the work on this curve warning system has not yet begun. The costs associated with the materials for the curve warning system is \$78,205.40. At the time the grant application was submitted, the cost was estimated to be \$73,985.80. The \$73,985.80 was used in the grant application and was approved in the grant award. A map showing the locations of all five projects is provided. The most recent estimate for the elements of the curve warning system is also provided.

DISCUSSION:

City of Norman staff will be ordering the elements of the curve warning system in the near future. Those funds will be temporarily taken from the Street Striping project, Construction account (50594406-46101; TC0270). When the payment for the two outstanding invoices as well as a future invoice for the curve warning system are received, these funds should be received into the Special Grants Fund, State Grant Revenue (account 225-331380) and will need to be appropriated from that account and re-allocated to the Capital Fund, Street Striping, Construction (account 50594406-46101; Project TC0270).

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2324-102 receiving payment from the AST for Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund Projects.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

Staff recommends approval to use Street Striping funds to provide advance funding for the elements of the curve warning system on 156th Avenue NE north of State Highway 9.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

Staff recommends that payment for the two outstanding invoices as well as a future invoice for the curve warning system, be received into the Special Grants Fund, State Grant Revenue (account 225-331380) for recording and that these funds then be appropriated from that account and allocated to Street Striping, Construction (account 50594406-46101; Project TC0270).