



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 01/29/2024

REQUESTER: Jami Short, Traffic Management Center Engineer

PRESENTER: Jami Short, Traffic Management Center Engineer

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF EASEMENTS E-2324-32, E-2324-33, E-2324-34, E-2324-35, E-2324-36, E-2324-37, AND E-2324-38:
A DONATION OF PARCELS 1 THROUGH 6 (RIGHT-OF-WAY) AND PARCEL (TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT) FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MULTI-MODAL PATH ALONG FLOOD AVENUE AND TECUMSEH ROAD IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND DIRECTING THE FILING THEREOF.

BACKGROUND:

The project consists of constructing a new multi-modal path along the west side of Flood Avenue starting at Robinson Street and extending north to Tecumseh Road, continuing along the south side of Tecumseh Road to 24th Avenue NW. The new path will connect the paths in a loop around the Max Westheimer Airport. A vicinity map showing the existing and the new path is attached. This project is funded using federal funding and a significant local funding match.

Construction of the new path is anticipated to begin in the late spring of 2024 and be completed sometime in the fall of 2024. The sidewalk will be constructed to meet all applicable ADA requirements.

DISCUSSION:

The City must secure six parcels of permanent right-of-way and one parcel for temporary construction for the placement of the new path and modifications to existing driveways. Staff requested donations prior to making any offers of fair market value. All seven parcels are being donated by the University of Oklahoma and are included in this agenda item for Council acceptance. Attachments provide the details of each easement as well as a depiction of its location and the easement documents signed by an appropriate representative from the University of Oklahoma.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of Easements No. E-2324-32, E-2324-33, E-2324-34, E-2324-35, E-2324-36, E-2324-37 and Temporary E-2324-38 and that staff be authorized to file each easement at the Cleveland County Courthouse as is appropriate.