



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/11/2022

REQUESTER: Scott Sturtz, City Engineer

PRESENTER: Shawn O'Leary, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2223-45 A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, REQUESTING ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE (ACOG TA) FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ON THE EAST SIDE OF BERRY ROAD FROM BOYD STREET NORTH TO GROVER LANE, THE SOUTH SIDE OF BOYD STREET FROM BERRY ROAD TO FLOOD AVENUE AND THE RAMPS AT THE INTERSECTION OF BERRY ROAD AND BOYD STREET.

BACKGROUND:

The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments Transportation Alternative (ACOG TA) 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. TA continues to build upon the legacy of the Transportation Enhancements (TE) and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) 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 Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) Transportation Alternative include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TA, 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 the (ACOG), is now open and will remain open through October 31, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

There are sidewalk gaps near the intersection of Berry Road and Boyd Street. These gaps include the following sidewalk sections:

- The east side of Berry Road from Boyd Street north to Grover Lane
- The south side Boyd Street from Berry Road to Flood Avenue
- The ramps at the intersection of Berry Road and Boyd Street.

The sidewalk gaps discussed above are currently ranked on the Sidewalk Priority Ranking List. The section on the south side of Boyd Street is currently the highest ranked project in the School Sidewalk and Arterial Program. It would be eligible for FYE 2024 funding. At the current funding levels this project would need to be completed in 3 phases. The section on the eastside of Berry is currently ranked 36th on the list. While this project is not ranked as high, including it in this program would complete the pedestrian connection in this area. The ramp improvements at this intersection are required for ADA compliance and must be completed with these projects.

A call for projects for the ACOG TA set-aside program is currently open and will close on October 31, 2022. If City Council approves this programming resolution, staff will submit an application for the Berry Road and Boyd Street Sidewalk Project.

The call for projects documentation indicates that this first round of TA funding is for FFY2023. City Staff would complete the plans in-house so the only cost to the City would be the 20% City share of construction. Then total construction estimate is \$593,243, with the City share of construction costs being \$107,849. City staff could budget these funds for FY2024 sidewalk programs using the funds from the Sidewalk Accessibility (\$30,000) and Sidewalk Program for Schools and Arterials (\$80,000). The project would be bid through ODOT on or before October 2023 so the funds are spent in FFY2023. In that case, construction of the sidewalks would begin in early 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2223-45 (Berry Road and Boyd Street Sidewalk Project) requesting ACOG TA funding to provide 80% of the anticipated \$593,243 construction cost.