



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/11/2022

REQUESTER: Tim Miles, Capital Projects Manager

PRESENTER: Shawn O'Leary, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2223-42: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROGRAMMING ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS (ACOG) TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDING FOR THE ALAMEDA ROAD DIET AND BICYCLE LANES PROJECT BETWEEN CLASSEN BOULEVARD AND RIDGE LAKE BOULEVARD.

BACKGROUND:

The Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) 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. TAP 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 ACOG TAP include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP, 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:

Alameda Street between Classen Boulevard and Ridge Lake Drive was one of six roadway segments recommended for consideration of a road diet in the 2014 Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The other five streets on the list include:

- Rock Creek Road between 48th Avenue NW and Grandview Avenue (Completed)
- West Main Street between 48th Avenue West and 36th Avenue West (Completed)
- Rock Creek Road between 36th Avenue NW and 24th Avenue NW
- Rock Creek Road between 12th Avenue NW and 12th Avenue NE
- 60th Avenue NW between Tecumseh Road and Indian Hill Road

This 2.3-mile long project would convert the existing 5-lane street (2 lanes in each direction and center turn lane) to 3 lanes (1 lane in each direction, center turn lane and on-street bike lanes adjacent to the curb and gutter with a pavement marking striped buffer between the bike lane and through driving lane). The east end of this project would connect to the new East Alameda Street Widening Project at Ridge Lake Boulevard, currently under construction, which consists of a 3-lane roadway with on-street bike lanes to 36th Avenue East. It also would intersect with 24th Avenue East that has on-street bike lanes between Lindsey Street and Robinson Street. Each one of these projects helps increase bicycle mobility in Norman.

A call for projects for the ACOG TAP 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 Alameda Street Road Diet Project.

The call for projects documentation indicates that this first round of TAP 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, which is estimated at \$47,000. City staff could budget these funds for FY2024 and bid the project through ODOT on or before October 2023 so the funds are spent in FFY2023. In that case, construction of the path might take place in early 2024 when temperatures are conducive to installing pavement markings.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2223-42 (Alameda Street Road Diet Project between Classen Boulevard and Ridge Lake Boulevard) requesting ACOG TAP funding to provide 80% of the anticipated \$233,000 construction cost.