



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX. AE  
12/31/2024

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution distributing \$3,000,000 from interest earned in the Oklahoma City Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Program. Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

### **Background:**

On June 20, 2017, Ordinance No. 25,751 was adopted by City Council to establish a temporary sales tax to fund City capital improvements. It provides a Citizens Advisory Board to be established for the purpose of advising the City Council regarding projects proposed for funding from the sales tax.

On September 12, 2017, voters approved the levy of an additional sales tax of one percent (1%) within Oklahoma City for a limited term of twenty-seven (27) months. Funding generated by this temporary sales tax will be used to continue the momentum of the MAPS Program investments by building more complete, livable streets and other community and neighborhood improvements. Deemed as the "Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Program," this program will strategically enhance and extend multiple forms of transportation and improve the quality of neighborhoods across Oklahoma City through street resurfacing and street enhancements, and building new sidewalks, trails and bicycle infrastructure.

On November 7, 2017 the Citizens Capital Improvements Sales Tax Advisory Board to be known as the "Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Board" was established.

In January of 2018, the Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Board began meeting to discuss potential projects and establishing criteria to help prioritize projects to recommend to City Council for funding.

A Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Program Project Implementation Plan (Implementation Plan) was created to capture projects that are selected and recommended for funding and is maintained and updated as projects are approved throughout the course of the Advisory Board's work.

On March 31, 2020, collections of the one-cent sales tax levy ended, and the amount of revenue received has exceeded the originally projected amount.

On August 3, 2020, the Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Board reviewed

the interest earned and recommended to City Council that \$18,000,000 be distributed into four of the Better Streets Safer City Sales Tax Program project categories.

On June 6, 2022, the Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Board again reviewed the interest earned and recommended to City Council that \$5,676,528 be distributed into two Better Streets Safer City Sales Tax Program project categories and one new project.

On August 28, 2024, an additional \$3,000,000 of interest had been earned in the Oklahoma City Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

On December 7, 2024, the Community and Neighborhood Enhancement Advisory Board was dissolved and any remaining tasks were transitioned to the City Council for approval.

Distribution of the of the \$3,000,000 in interest earned into the following the Better Streets Safer City Sales Tax Program project categories will allow one existing project and one new project to be funded:

Bicycle Infrastructure	\$2,000,000
Resurfacing	\$1,000,000

The Indiana/Linwood Bicycle Infrastructure Project will require resurfacing of Linwood from Indiana to Walker, and is therefore underfunded. This project will connect the Plaza Area to Downtown and better enhance opportunities for all modes of transportation to and from the MAPS4 Diversion Hub.

A Street Enhancement Project on NW 6th Street from Walker to Walnut is part of a project awarded a grant for 2028 by the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. Early funding of the required resurfacing of 6th Street will coincide with the 30th Anniversary of the Murrah Bombing and provide an improved entry point into Downtown from I-235.

**Review:**

Public Works Department

**Recommendation:** Resolution be adopted.