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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE 2022 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANTS

The Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) provides federal transportation funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, community improvement activities, safe routes to school projects and other related activities. ODOT staff along with members of the Transportation Alternative Advisory Committee reviewed and scored 135 applications. The ODOT Transportation Commission, at their April 3, 2023, meeting awarded 61 projects totaling \$51,864,585. Ten projects received approval by the Commission in the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) region.

City of Weatherford – Lyle Road from Sand Plum trail and the splash pad through Radar Park to Lawter Road connecting to the new Lyle Road, then Logan Road to Shooting Stars Park, then Jim Cobb Drive from Logan to Main Street (Rt. 66) and west to existing sidewalk system (in front of Western Technology Center). Total project cost is \$2,110,000.

City of Elk City – Streetscape on S Main Street from 5th Street to 7th Street Intersection. Total project cost is \$1,955,316.

City of Thomas – Sidewalk on Missouri St., From Broadway St. / SH-33 to Thomas Fay Custer Schools and on Orient Ave. from Missouri St. to 6th St. and Sewell Park. Total project cost is \$974,225.

Town of Canute – Route 66 from 1st street to 9th street and one block east to the city park. Total project cost is \$744,000.

City of Anadarko – Trail on Central Boulevard (US 62) from East Seventh Street (SH 8) to Mission Street (US 62) Total project cost is \$850,000.

City of Duncan – Whisenant Park to Beech Ave to Alice Drive to the intersection with Heritage Trails Phase 1a. Phase 1b also includes signage and pavement markings on W. Pine Avenue from Whisenant Park east to US 81. Total project cost is \$1,734,757.

City of Duncan – Pine St. from US 81 to Whisenant Park. Total project cost is \$827,799.

City of Duncan – Trail from E. Chestnut Avenue from D Avenue east to Eastland Drive. Total project cost is \$482,306.

City of Chickasha – Trail at 9th Street & Ron Terry Drive and creates a loop around Shannon Springs Lake. \$1,801,355.

Town of Central High – Sidewalk on Broncho Road from 7-mile road to the school. Total project cost is \$250,000.

In addition to projects awarded to municipalities within the regional transportation planning region the City of Lawton/Metropolitan Planning Organization application for E. Gore Boulevard from Flower Mound Road to 51st Street totaling \$1,585,133 was also approved by the Commission.

The TAP funds will help strengthen local governments and improve quality of life in southwest Oklahoma. For more information about South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) and SORTPO and Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments (ASCOG), please visit: <u>www.swoda.org</u> and <u>www.sortpo.org</u> and <u>www.ascog.org</u>.