



TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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REPORT TO: STILLWATER CITY COUNCIL

No. CC-16-28

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ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER - STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA

**Date of Meeting:** March 7, 2016

**Subject:** Resolution of Support for Oklahoma State University's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application

**Purpose of Report:** This report is to provide information to the City Council regarding a Resolution of Support for an ODOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project by Oklahoma State University.

**Discussion:** Oklahoma State University, at the request of President Hargis, is proposing to apply under ODOT's Transportation Alternatives Program for a project known as Boomer Creek Gateway Improvements. The project is located at the southwest corner of McElroy and Duck Streets and is proposed to improve the campus/city pedestrian/bicycle access, safety and curb appeal on the northeast entrance of OSU campus. The project will construct wider, safer sidewalks to connect campus/city corridors and mitigate Boomer Creek erosion and vegetation management challenges through design and landscape implementation.

Currently, pedestrians have no walkway bridge or sidewalk access east/west on McElroy due to the street intersection in relation to Boomer Creek. The need exists for safe access to and from campus serving students, faculty/staff, adjacent residential occupants, visitors and businesses.

Federal funds provide for an 80-20 match with in-kind not an allowed match component. Oklahoma State University will provide the 20% match for the program when awarded. There is no financial obligation for the City of Stillwater. OSU's Facility Management will be responsible for routine and preventative maintenance of the bicycle-friendly sidewalk, lighting, and the creek embankment.

**Budget Impact:** There is no identified budget impact to the City of Stillwater.

**Alternatives:**

1. Approve the Resolution of Support. This allows OSU to complete the application for TAP funds and therefore to improve an unsightly and un-useable area of campus/city.
2. Do not approve the Resolution of Support. Lack of approval will not halt OSU's application for funds.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends Alternative #1: approval of the resolution of support.

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**Attachment:** Boomer Creek Gateway Improvements Visuals  
Project Conceptuals