



Legislation Text

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TEMPORARY EASEMENT E-1718-60: ACCEPTANCE OF A TEMPORARY ROADWAY EASEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A NEW COMMUNICATIONS TOWER NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 9 AND 144TH AVENUE S.E. IN CONNECTION WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM PROJECT, PHASE III.

BACKGROUND: Around 2008, the City of Norman was informed by the manufacturer that the City's Emergency Communication System, a fundamental component in public safety service delivery, would be end-of-life or no longer serviceable in 2018. The City's Emergency Communication System is the primary means for 9-1-1 Communication Officers to notify Norman's public safety first responders (medical, fire, and police) of requests for service from citizens as well as the primary means of communication between the same first responders. In addition, the City's Emergency Communication System is the primary means of communication for incidents involving response from public safety partners from neighboring and shared jurisdictions. The City's Emergency Communication System provides both operability for routine delivery City services and interoperability with partnering government entities during joint responses.

On March 14, 2017, City Council approved contact K-1617-107, between the City of Norman, Oklahoma, the Norman Municipal Authority, and Harris Corporation for the purchase, installation, and maintenance assistance of a 700/800 MHz Digital Public Safety Radio Network be approved for \$13,703,056.72. This contact included the establishment of six towers for the new system.

DISCUSSION: The City is now Phase III of the Emergency Communication System. Phase III of the project will consist of implementing and construction of the Harris Emergency Communication System approved in contract K-1617-107. A preferred tower location was identified to be at or near the area of State Highway 9 and 144th Avenue SE. Property was identified near that location (NE/4 Sec 32-T9N-R1EIM) that was owned by the United States Department of the Interior and managed by the Bureau of Reclamation.

After discussion it was determined that a fifty (50) year temporary easement could be obtained from the United State Department of Interior for the tower site. The site would be 80'x80' with a 20'x20' access road. The acceptance of the easement would require no funding.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by staff to accept the above easement.