CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Resolution 2026-004 – Sunshine Lamp Trolley Anniversary

MEETING DATE
February 02, 2026

REVIEWED BY–
Director of Public Works – Daniel Johnson, Director of Finance – Leslie Haase, City Attorney – Peter Edwards, Assistant City Manager – Tony Robyn, City Manager – Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
The following is a resolution that approves one fare free day for fixed route transit riders.

BACKGROUND
The purpose of this resolution is to approve one fare free day on the fixed route Sunshine Lamp Trolley service in honor of the anniversary of the Trolley relaunch. After a two-year shut down of the Trolley system, the Trolley service was relaunched on February 3, 2025. Prior to the relaunch, city staff worked diligently in evaluating and improving the system with input from all stakeholders, which provided a successful soft relaunch of the Trolley service. In the fall of 2024, a comprehensive transit study began through the AOPP grant which is complete and highlights growth opportunities. Between February 2025 and January 2026, the Trolley system served over 32,000 riders. The Federal Transportation Administration supports and encourages the implementation of free ride opportunities for citizens as a strategy to expand access and increase transit utilization. Currently, participation in free fare opportunities is a local recipient decision.
Given this is the month of the anniversary, we request approval of the one free fare day for February. This resolution will have a 5-year term limit.

RECOMMENDATION
City staff recommends adoption of this Resolution for approval.

ATTACHMENTS
Resolution No. 2026-004