JOPLIN AREA
Transportation Study Organization

Policy Board Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2025

The Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization Board met on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. in the 5th floor study at 602 S Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

1. **Call to Order and Member Introductions**
   Troy Bolander, City of Joplin, called the meeting to order.

   The following members were present:
   Troy Bolander- City of Joplin
   Rob Beachner- City of Joplin (for Dan Johnson)
   Dakota Rusk- City of Joplin
   Carl Francis- City of Webb City
   Allison Zahner- Joplin Airport (remote)
   Marvin Morris- MoDOT
   Steve Lawver- City of Carl Junction (remote)
   Jeremey Hagerman- City of Joplin
   Daniel Swem- Newton County
   Gina Thompson-Joplin Transit

2. **Approval of January 16, 2025, Minutes**
   Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve the January 16, 2025, meeting minutes for the JATSO Policy Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rusk. Motion carried. All in favor.

3. **Approval of the FY2022-2025 TIP Amendment #15**
   Mr. Rusk made a motion to approve the FY2022-2025 TIP Amendment #15. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hagerman. Motion carried. All in favor.

4. **Approval of the Public Participation Plan Update**

   Mr. Lolley explained that the Public Participation Plan has been open to public comment for the required 45-day period. Mr. Lolley also explained he received 3 suggestions from FHWA and the suggestion to update the JATSO map and included language from the BIL legislation that allowed the use of virtual meetings. These suggestions were including the plan the board was voting to approve.

   Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve the Public Participation Plan. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rusk. Motion carried. All in favor.

5. **SS4A Safety Action Plan Presentation**

   Marc Thornberry with CJW presented the SS4A Safety Action Plan to the Policy Board. Mr. Thornberry explained that the safety action plan will follow the Safe Systems Approach and follow the guidelines for Vision Zero.

   Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve and adopt the SS4A Safety Action Plan. This motion was seconded by Mr. Swem. Motion carried. All in favor.

6. **Origination & Destination Study Update**

   Jacob Berry with Olsson presented the Organization and Destination Study update. Mr. Berry explained they hope to have the final findings ready to present to the Policy Board in May.

7. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Plan Update**

   Mr. Lolley gave an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Lolley explained that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is designed to be used for 20-25 years and has a large public participation component. Mr. Lolley also explained that the Transportation Improvement Program is due at the end of May, and this will be used to apply for federal grants.

8. **Member Updates**

   Mr. Lolley gave an update stating that the JATSO Facebook page has been relaunched and provides daily updates on all things related to transportation in the JATSO area.

Mr. Hagerman gave an update on the continuation of capital improvement projects. Mr. Hagerman explained that there is a project to widen 20th Street, and a project in collaboration with MoDOT for improvements to 15th Street and Range Line.

Ms. Thompson gave an update on the relaunch of the Sunshine Lamp Trolley and said that they will be at Third Thursday to increase ridership.

Mr. Swem gave an update on bridges in the Newton County, he explained that they are in the early stages of improvements to the Dutch Elm Bridge and are looking into Federal Bridge Program for future projects.

Mr. Beacher gave an update on the Zora improvements.

Mr. Rusk stated that the intersection of 4th Street and Murphy will be completed soon, and construction on the Tin Cup Trail will begin this summer.

Mr. Switzer explained that there are still plans to rebuild the street on 7th Street, from Schifferdecker to Range Line Road. Work is scheduled to begin in 2026. Bridge over the railroad on 32nd is scheduled for 2028 and the Main Street bridge replacement and bike path project is also scheduled for 2028.

9. **Adjournment**

Mr. Rusk made a motion to adjourn the March 20, 2025, meeting of the Joplin Area Transportation Organization Policy Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hagerman. Motion carried. All in favor.