City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2016
Resolution No. 2016-003

Item: Application for the 2016 TIGER Grant with U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

Originating Department: Public Works – Engineering

Attachments: 1) Resolution
2) Location Map

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Recommended Action: Application for the 2016 TIGER Grant with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

Background: The TIGER discretionary Grant program provides state and local public agencies an opportunity to receive federal funds for road and transit projects. The projects identified provide improved capacity and safety, enhance multi-modal transportation and spur economic development in Joplin and adjoining communities.

Discussion: The requested improvements along the 32nd Street Corridor will include: Widening from Schifferdecker Avenue to Central City Road, a railroad grade separation near Davis Blvd, a northbound right turn lane at 32nd and Main Street and selected sidewalk improvements from Schifferdecker Avenue to Range Line.

The 32nd Street widening from Schifferdecker Avenue to Central City Road consists of engineering, land acquisition and construction to widen and resurface 2 miles of roadway to three lanes and acquiring right of way for a future five lane section.

The Railroad grade separation will includes engineering, land acquisition and construction to take 32nd Street over the Kansas City Southern Railroad.

The northbound right turn lane at 32nd and Main consists of engineering, land acquisition and construction for a right turn lane.

The 32nd Street sidewalk improvements will consist of selected sidewalk additions and ADA repairs from Schifferdecker Avenue to Range Line Road.

The grant request is estimated to be up to $20 million to $25 million and the application may include any combination or all of the above projects.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval and support of the application for the 2016 TIGER Grant to the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.