PUBLIC WORKS 2026 Update



Joplin Regional Airport





Rescue, Snow Removal, and maintenance have transitioned to new ARRF building.

Passenger boarding bridges are under construction.

Street & Stormwater Maintenance Division





Preparation for paving program-asphalt repairs. Minor stormwater improvements.
Ongoing Programs-Leaf Pickup, Tar Pot, Potholes, Mowing and trimming ditches.
Equipment Purchased-Low Boy Truck and Trailer, 2 Medium sized Dump trucks, and one 10 Wheel Dump truck with anti-ice tank.
Snow Events – One event used 16,000 Gallons of anti-ice and 55 tons of salt.
Street Sweeper miles swept 3,300 miles.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance





November 2025-March 2026: Responded to 55 trouble calls.
Performed approximately 6,645 sanitary sewer/storm sewer locates.
Added one locator position in FY 25-26.
Camera Truck updates have been installed.
Equipment Purchased: Easement Machine (to assist the Jetor Truck).

Wastewater Treatment Plants





- <u>2025 Processed Wastewater Totals</u>: Turkey Creek plant 3.249 *billion* gallons, Shoal Creek plant 2.19 *billion* gallons.
- Shoal Creek- Rehabilitation of East Thickener.
- Turkey Creek- Nearing completion of media replacement in all 4 Trickling Towers.
- 3 operators tested for and earned their D wastewater licenses.
- Fully staffed with 1 open position pending to be filled. Added a new position of a Biosolid Program Supervisor, responsible for overseeing the biosolids hauling and land applications of biosolids.

Facilities

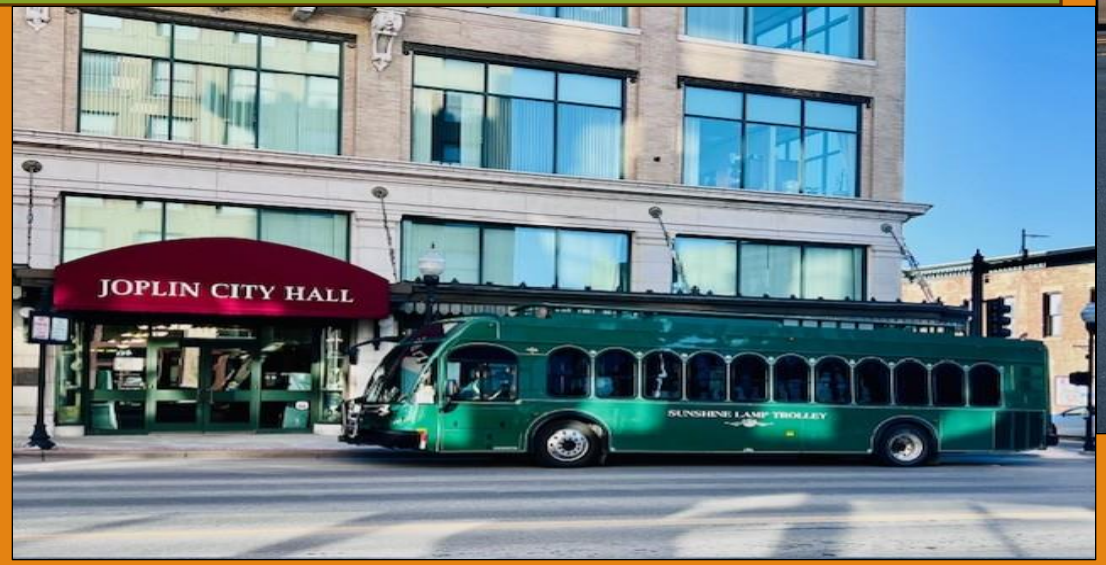






- Completed all ARPA projects for the Justice Center.
- Completed elevator modernizations at City Hall.
- Complete installation of 200-ton Multistack chiller at City Hall.
- Elevator modernization at Justice Center scheduled for this summer/fall.

Transit





The Trolley relaunched 2-2025, over 38,000 riders served to date and climbing daily.
On track to exceed pre shut down service numbers.
New transit software is providing an improved MAPS experience for all stakeholders.

The flag ship "Big Trolley" is back on the streets! Free Trolley ride day was a success.

Solid Waste/Recycling





Monthly average of recycled material since Nov '25 is 44.3 tons. Yearly average is 510+ tons.
Annual Shred Event scheduled for April 4th. Last year collected 6,568 pounds of paper.
The Annual Tire Drop-off Event is scheduled for early June. Last year collected 1410 tires and 6,100 pounds of steel (rims/wheels).
Implementation of the Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) Grant advertising phase.

Recycling Education and Outreach Campaign

The City of Joplin was awarded a $1.74 million Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant in late 2023 for a three-year "Recycling Education and Outreach" (REO) campaign running from June 2024 through May 2027. The grant aims to improve recycling rates, reduce contamination, and educate residents on accepted materials.







Engineering









The engineering division is broken into the engineers & engineering technicians group, the right-of-way team, the capital improvements team with project coordinators and construction inspectors, and finally the administration team.

Questions?