PUBLIC WORKS 2025 Update



Joplin Regional Airport





Staff are settling into the new ARFF/SRE building with Runway 13/31 Rehab and Passenger loading bridges coming soon!

Street & Stormwater





Preparation for paving program-asphalt repairs. Equipment Purchased-Long Arm Mower and tractor, Compact Grader. Ongoing Programs-Leaf Pickup, Tar Pot, Potholes, Weed eating and mowing ditches. For 5 Snow Events we used 25,000 Gallons of anti-ice and 800 tons of salt. Street Sweeper miles swept 3,300 miles.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance





In FY 25, we responded to 110 trouble calls, Approximate 6,000 City utility locates performed, 108 manholes adjusted for asphalt project.

Wastewater Treatment Plants





2024 processed wastewater totals: Turkey Creek plant 3.5 *Billion* gallons, Shoal Creek plant 2.35 *billion* gallons.

We have developed our own in-house wastewater operator training program led by City staff that prepares trainees to test for a Class D wastewater license. We also offer continuing education opportunities consisting of a Biochemical Oxygen Demand class.

Facilities







Replaced old galvanized domestic water lines at the Justice Center.
Updated all electrical main service equipment, wiring and sub-panels at the Justice Center.
Replaced 30-year-old Trane chiller with a Multistack Modular chiller.
Bids are due May 27th for elevator modernizations at City Hall.
Awaiting shipment of new Multistack modular chiller to replace 29-year-old chiller at City Hall.

Transit





The Trolley relaunched 2-2025, 6,786 riders served to date and climbing daily.
Transit Service Hours were increased.
MAPS ridership reached a 29- month high of 4,184 for April!
New transit software providing an improved experience for all stakeholders.
Our flag ship "Big Trolley" is coming back to the streets this fall.

Solid Waste/Recycling



Monthly average of recycled material this year (2025) has been 41.3 tons. Yearly average is 500+ tons.
Shred event on April 12 collected 6,568 pounds of paper.
The annual tire drop off event is scheduled for June 6.
Hosted a group of homeschooled children and their parents for a field trip at the beginning of April.

Engineering





New Right of Way Section is fully staffed! One Infrastructure Project Coordinator position and the new Plans Reviewer position have been filled. Engineering is incorporating new Assest Management software and exploring project management specific software/tools. Completing school dropoff/pickup observations in coordination with the District to help improve safety & traffic flow.

Questions?