CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-134: Operating Assistance Grant Agreement.

MEETING DATE
August 4, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Public Works

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

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill No. 2025-134; Agreement from Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

SUMMARY
Approval of an Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Public Transit Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for State funds of Sixty Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One and 61/00 Dollars ($60,131.61) to be used for operating assistance for the Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS).

BACKGROUND
The City of Joplin has operated the Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS) since 1998 and the Sunshine Lamp Trolley since 2007. MAPS provides curb-to-curb public transit to residents of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Sunshine Lamp Trolley provides deviated fixed route service within the City of Joplin. MAPS and the Sunshine Lamp Trolley are funded by a combination of rider fares, donations, and the financial participation of other communities in the MPO. Additionally, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) reimburses the City for capital and operational expenses at 80% and 50% respectively. These FTA funds require a local match to qualify. The funds being offered by the State of Missouri are unique in that they do not require local matching funds. The State is offering $60,131.61 in grant funds during the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2025-134 on first reading.

CCO Form: MO79
Approved: 06/96 (RMH)
Revised: 12/24 (MWH)
Modified:

MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into between the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (hereinafter, "Commission") and City of Joplin (hereinafter, "Grantee").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to provide financial assistance to the Grantee as appropriated from the State Fund and to set forth the conditions upon which the assistance will be provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representations in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

(1) SCOPE OF WORK: The Grantee shall provide general public transportation in accordance with the "Missouri State Transit Assistance Application" which is attached and made a part of this Agreement as Attachment A.

(2) AMOUNT OF GRANT: The Commission awards the Grantee the sum of Sixty thousand one hundred thirty one dollars and sixty one cents ($60,131.61) during the period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

(3) PERFORMANCE OF AGREEMENT: The Grantee shall immediately notify the Commission in writing of any condition or event which may significantly affect its ability to perform the required activities in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

(4) RETENTION AND AUDIT OF RECORDS:

(A) The Grantee shall maintain all records relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to invoices, payrolls, etc. These records must be available at all reasonable times at no charge to the Commission and/or its representatives during the period of this Agreement and any extension thereof, and for three (3) years after the date of final payment made under this Agreement.

(B) The Grantee shall submit to the Commission such data, reports, documents, and other information relating to the Grantee's activities as the Commission may require at any time.

(C) At any time during or after the grant period provided in this Agreement,

the Commission may inspect, copy, and audit all records possessed by or available to the Grantee, which may be pertinent to this Agreement. If the Commission notifies the Grantee of its specific intention to inspect, copy or audit any of these records, then the Grantee shall retain all of the records pertinent to this Agreement until the Commission notifies the Grantee that it has completed its inspection, copying, or audit.

(5) THIRD PARTY CONTRACTS:

(A) Prior to execution by either party, the Grantee shall submit to the Commission for review, comment and approval all contracts for services included in the Public Transportation Budget and Service Statement to be provided to the Grantee by a third party.

(B) The Commission shall not be liable to contractors or subcontractors of the Grantee or any other person not a party to this Agreement in connection with the performance of the project.

(6) PAYMENTS:

(A) Limitations on Commission Contribution: Funds made available to the Commission and the Grantee are subject to appropriations made by the General Assembly. In the event state funds available to the Commission are reduced so that the Commission is incapable of completely satisfying its obligations to all the Grantees for the current state fiscal year, the Commission may recompute and reduce this grant. When added to federal operating assistance funds available and applied to the same operating period, the maximum Commission payment on any monthly or quarterly request shall not cause the total of state and federal operating assistance to exceed the amount of operating assistance for which the Grantee would have qualified in federal funds had additional federal funds been available.

(B) Progress Payments: Progress payments, based upon actual allowable costs, for not less than one (1) month and for no more than three (3) months may be made upon receipt of an itemized invoice from the Grantee in an appropriate format approved by the Commission. The itemized invoice shall be reviewed by the Commission prior to payment and must include a certification that costs have been incurred in the performance of the Agreement and a record of the actual costs. Any costs deemed ineligible for reimbursement by the Commission in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be deducted from the itemized invoice before payment is made. Any rejected or unaccepted costs shall be borne by the Grantee.

(C) Availability of Funds: The Commission's duty to pay the Grantee as provided in this Agreement is subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Missouri General Assembly to and from the State Transportation Fund and any subsequent directives mandated by the Governor regarding the withholding of appropriations.

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(7) ASSIGNMENT: The Grantee shall not assign, transfer, or delegate any interest in this Agreement, or its performance of any work required by this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Commission.

(8) INDEMNIFICATION: To the extent allowed or imposed by law, the Grantee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Commission, including its members and the Missouri Department of Transportation ("MoDOT" or "Department") employees, from any claim or liability whether based on a claim for damages to real or personal property or to a person for any matter relating to or arising out of the Grantee's wrongful or negligent performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

(9) INSURANCE:

(A) The Grantee is required or will require any contractor procured by the Grantee to work under this Agreement:

1. To obtain a no cost permit from the Commission's district engineer prior to working on the Commission's right-of-way, which shall be signed by an authorized contractor representative (a permit from the Commission's district engineer will not be required for work outside of the Commission's right-of-way); and

2. To carry commercial general liability insurance and commercial automobile liability insurance from a company authorized to issue insurance in Missouri, and to name the Commission, and the MoDOT and its employees, as additional insureds in amounts sufficient to cover the sovereign immunity limits for Missouri public entities ($600,000 per claimant and $4,000,000 per occurrence) as calculated by the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, and published annually in the Missouri Register pursuant to section 537.610 RSMo.

(B) In no event shall the language of this Agreement constitute or be construed as a waiver or limitation for either party's rights or defenses with regard to each party's applicable sovereign, governmental, or official immunities and protections as provided by federal and state constitution or law.

(10) RIGHT OF COMMISSION TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT: Upon written notice to the Grantee, the Commission may suspend or terminate all or part of the financial assistance provided for in this Agreement when the Grantee is, or has been, in violation of any of the terms of this Agreement.

(11) COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVE: The Commission's chief engineer is designated as the Commission's representative for the purpose of administering the provisions of this Agreement. The Commission's representative may designate by written notice other persons having the authority to act on behalf of the Commission in furtherance of the performance of this Agreement.

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(12) NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE: The Grantee shall comply with all state and federal statutes applicable to the Grantee relating to nondiscrimination, including, but not limited to, Chapter 213, RSMo; Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC §2000d and §2000e, *et seq.*); and with every applicable provision of the "Americans with Disabilities Act" (42 USC §12101, *et seq.*).

(13) APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS: This Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. Each party shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Additionally, each party shall adhere to all accepted industry standards, processes, and procedures relevant to the performance of their obligations under this Agreement. A violation of this paragraph constitutes a material breach of the Agreement.

(14) VENUE: It is agreed by the parties that any action at law, suit in equity, or other judicial proceeding to enforce or construe this Agreement, or respecting its alleged breach, shall be instituted only in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri.

(15) NONSOLICITATION: The Grantee warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working for the Grantee, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Commission shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability, or in its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or contingent fee.

(16) AMENDMENTS: Any change in this Agreement, whether by modification or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment or supplemental agreement signed and approved by the duly authorized representatives of the Grantee and the Commission.

(17) DISPUTES: Any disputes that arise under this Agreement shall be decided by the Commission or its representative.

(18) LACK OF WAIVER: In no event shall payment of grant funds to the Grantee by the Commission constitute or be construed as a waiver by the Commission of any breach of covenants, or any default which may exist on the part of the Grantee, and the making of any such payment by the Commission while any such breach or default shall exist shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the Commission with respect to such breach or default.

(19) NOTICES: Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given three (3) days after delivery by United States mail, regular mail postage prepaid, or upon receipt by personal or facsimile delivery, addressed as follows:

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(A) To the Grantee:
City of Joplin
123 S. Main
Joplin, MO 64801
Facsimile No.:417-625-4747

(B) To the Commission:
Missouri Department of Transportation
105 W. Capitol Ave.
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Facsimile No.:573-751-6555

or to such other place as the parties may designate in accordance with this Agreement. To be valid, facsimile delivery shall be followed by delivery of the original document, or a clear and legible copy thereof, within three (3) business days of the date of facsimile transmission of that document.

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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2025-134 **ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the acceptance of a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Public Transit Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for state funds to be used for operating assistance for the Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS); and, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin; and, setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. That an agreement by and between the City of Joplin and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for state funds in the amount of Sixty Thousand One Hundred Thirty-One 61/100 Dollars ($ 60,131.61) to be used for operating assistance for the Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS) and Sunshine Lamp Trolley, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, Missouri**.**

Section 3. That the City of Joplin, Missouri, understands that the grant funds do not require a local match.

Section 4. That this council bill shall have an effective date of August 19, 2025.

Passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2025, by a _____ vote.

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ATTEST: Keenan Cortez, Mayor

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney