CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Resolution 2024-015 – Approval for the support of the intent to apply for a $12,800,000.00 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant and committing to the matching portion for the remainder of the project

MEETING DATE
September 3, 2024

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
Resolution 2024-015

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Public Works Director: Dan Johnson; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Resolution grants approval for the support of the City's intent to apply for a $12,800,000.00 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant and committing to the matching portion in the amount of $3,200,000.00.

BACKGROUND
Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the United States Department of Transportation is seeking projects to be funded under the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant. Eligible projects include railroad grade separation or closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel, or combination thereof; track relocation; improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other; measures to improve safety related to a separation, closure, or track relocation project; or, other means to improve the safety if related to the mobility of people and goods at highway-rail grade crossings (including technological solutions).

The grant application is due by September 23, 2024. The Project covered by this grant will be the elimination of the railroad crossing located on Central City Road between 20th Street and 32nd Street. The budgeted total cost for this project is $16 million. This grant requires a minimum 20% match, or $3.2 million, which will be funded through Transportation Sales Tax.

With this resolution, Council is committing to the U.S. Department of Transportation that upon grant award, the City will construct the project within the grant timeline, provide the matching funds to complete the project and be the owner of the project.

FUNDING SOURCE
The Transportation Sales Tax Fund will provide the grant match for this project, if awarded.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this resolution.