CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2024-136: Approval of Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for state funds to be used for operating assistance for the Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS); and, containing an emergency clause

MEETING DATE
September 3, 2024

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. 2024-136; 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 One Hundred One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars and 25/100 Dollars ($101,121.25) to be used for operating assistance for the Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS) and containing an emergency clause.

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.

DISCUSSION
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 $101,121.25 in grant funds during the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION
City staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2024-136 to accept a MODOT Grant on an emergency basis per Section 2.12 (4) of the Joplin City Charter.