Requested Council Meeting Date: September 6, 2016
Council Bills No. 2016-138
Item: Purchase of (3) MAPS vans

Originating Department: PUBLIC WORKS –MAPS

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2016-138
2) Bid Tabulation
3) Vehicle Drawings

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Recommended Action: Approval of the City of Joplin's purchase of (3) Light duty transit vehicles from Midwest Transit Equipment Co.

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) area 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 at a rate of 80% for capital expenditures and 50% for operational expenses.

Discussion:
Staff conducted a formal bid utilizing the City's Purchasing and Procurement Policies and Procedures by advertising on the city website and it was emailed to companies listed on the city's bid list for vehicles. The bid opening was on July 21, 2016 for the purchase of (3) three light duty cutaway transit vehicles with ADA lifts to be used to provide MAPS service. Five bids were received. The lowest priced bid was submitted by Midwest Transit Equipment Co. in the amount of $182,157 or $60,719 per vehicle. The funds for this purchase were allocated in the 2016 budget using Transportation Sales Tax funds. The FTA will reimburse the City $145,726 for this capital purchase while $36,431 is funded through the Transportation Sales Tax. Contracts that use Federal funds do not allow geographical preferences in purchasing.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council Bill No 2016-138 authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an agreement with Midwest Transit Equipment Co. for the purchase of (3) three medium duty vehicles per the specifications of Bid #2016-06. Per Section 2.12 (6) of the Home Rule

charter, this Ordinance provides for public improvements and should be approved by the Council on an emergency basis.