CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-139 Municipal and Cost Apportionment Agreement between City of Joplin and Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Project J7S2185C, Route 66 (7th Street) Improvements from Maiden Lane to Route 43

MEETING DATE
September 15, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Public Works-Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-139; Agreement; Location Map

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

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Municipal and Cost Apportionment Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Project J7S2185C, Route 66 (7th Street) Improvements from Maiden Lane to Route 43 in the amount of Five Million Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six and 43/100 dollars ($5,299,446.43)

BACKGROUND
In April 2024, the voters passed the Renewal of the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Program for an additional 12 years. Three of the projects included in the program were 7th Street City-Owned Sidewalks, the 7th Street and Illinois Intersection, and the improvement of the Old Willow Branch Storm Sewer System.

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has plans to reconstruct Route 66 / 7th Street in Joplin from Schifferdecker Avenue to Range Line Road. This project is currently in the design phase, with a bid letting scheduled for the Fall of 2025. Project J7S2185C is the portion of this project between Maiden Lane and Route 43.

The attached agreement provides City funds for the replacement of the City-owned sidewalks between Maiden Lane and Route 43 in the amount of One Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight and 97/100 dollars ($1,949,798.97), (47.56% of the total cost of new sidewalks), and in the amount of Three Million Three Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Seven and 46/100 dollars ($3,349,647.46) for the total cost of a new storm sewer culvert that will serve as part of the improved Willow Branch storm sewer system.

MoDOT is responsible for the construction engineering and construction oversight of this project. The sidewalks are included in the current fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. The budget is being amended for the Willow Branch portion of this project, in the amount of $3,349,647.00.

FUNDING SOURCE

This item is partially included in the FY 2025 Budget in the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund and is being amended for the Willow Branch portion.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2025-139, a Municipal and Cost Apportionment Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on an emergency basis, per section 2.12(6) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Furthermore, approval of this council bill will allow MoDOT to maintain the current project letting schedule, and is therefore an emergency.