City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: September 18, 2017
Council Bills No. 2017-152
Item: Operating Assistance Grant Agreement

Originating Department: PUBLIC WORKS –MAPS

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2017-152
2) Grant Agreement

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Recommended Action: Approval for the City of Joplin to execute a Public Transit Operating Assistance Grant Agreement in the amount of $11,524.00.

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 Area (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 within the MPO area. 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. Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is offering $11,524.00 in grant funds for the State's FY2018 budget.

Recommendation: City staff recommends that Council approve the agreement between the City of Joplin and MoDOT in the amount of $11,524.00 on an emergency basis in accordance with Section 2.12(6) of the Home Rule Charter.