City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: November 7, 2016
Council Bill No. 2016-150

Item: Agreement to Acquire Property for the North Schifferdecker Bridge Project
Originating Department: Public Works – Engineering

Attachments: 1) Location Map
2) Valuation Summary
3) Agreement
4) Deeds
5) Council Bill 2016-150

Department Head: Nicholas A. Heatherly	Date:
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Finance Department: Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards	Date:
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Recommended Action: Approval of an Agreement with Tri-State Investment Company, for the acquisition of Right of Way for the North Schifferdecker Bridge Project.

Background: The City of Joplin, the Jasper County Special Road District, and the Jasper County Commission are working in partnership to construct a new bridge on Schifferdecker Avenue over Turkey Creek. The memorandum of understanding received council approval on January 22, 2013. The bridge design and construction will be necessary to meet future traffic needs. The bridge construction is included in the Capital Improvement Sales Tax program.

Engineering staff conducted an open house in September, 2015, to receive input on the design and address other issues concerning the bridge construction. Since that time the city has been in the process of acquiring the necessary easements and right of way for the project.

Discussion: City staff has reached an agreement with Tri-State Investment Company to acquire the necessary right of way for the bridge project. In lieu of a cash payment, the City will deed a portion of unused city owned property to the Tri-State Investment Company as well as constructing an additional driveway. The value of the land and cost of the additional driveway are equal to the compensation amount determined by the professional appraisal.

Recommendation: Approval of the Agreement to acquire right of way from Tri-State Investment Company for the North Schifferdecker Bridge Project on an emergency basis per Section 2.12 (6) of the Charter of the City of Joplin.