CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2024-150 authorizing and approving an Agreement between the City of Joplin, and TransPro Consulting LLC to provide services to research the requirements and planning and implementation steps for the development of a regional transportation-type authority under the Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) Transit Grant.

MEETING DATE
November 4, 2024

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Public Works – Transit Operations

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill No. 2024-150; RFP, RFP Response. Evaluation Scoring; Consulting Agreement

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

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes the City Manager or his designee to enter into a consultant contract with TransPro Consulting LLC for consulting services in the amount of Three Hundred and Four Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine dollars and Fifty-Two Cents ($304,859,52) to provide evaluation, planning and implementation services and the feasibility of a regional transportation authority for the City of Joplin Transit system.

BACKGROUND
The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded AoPP grants for planning, engineering, and technical studies or financial plans to improve transit in Census-defined low-income areas. The scope of this study will define methods of how the Joplin transit system can financially support the expansion of its transit system to areas of need to include a regional transportation authority. On September 6, 2024, the City of Joplin issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultants to provide professional planning services for the City of Joplin Transit Program. Two proposals were received for review on October 7, 2024. Proposals were assessed by a team of four members independently. Proposals were evaluated and TransPro was selected with the best and most comprehensive analysis and benchmark timeline.

FUNDING SOURCE
This program is funded through a Federal Transit Authority matching grant of $400,000 and the City's cost-share is $100,000.

RECOMMENDATION
City Staff recommends adoption of this council bill at First Reading.