CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM

Council Bill 2020-169. Authorizing the adoption of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) detailing the safety processes and procedures for the City of Joplin, MO, Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS) & Sunshine Lamp Trolley. This plan utilizes existing agency safety practices and best practices to be implemented to meet the new regulation set in 49 CFR Part 673 of the federal guidelines.

MEETING DATE

November 16, 2020

ORIGINATING DEPT

Public Works/Transit

ATTACHMENTS

CB2020-169 Ordinance; Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

REVIEWED BY

Director of Public Works: David Hertzberg; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards

SUMMARY

The PTASP includes formal documentation to guide the agency in proactive safety management policy, safety risk management, safety assurance, and safety promotion. The goal is to provide management and labor with a comprehensive and collaborative approach to managing safety. The plan includes the process and schedule for an annual review of the plan to review the safety performance measures and update processes that may be needed to improve the organizations safety practices.

BACKGROUND

PTASP regulation implements a risk-based Safety Management System approach and requires recipients or subrecipients of financial assistance under FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Program, (49 U.S.C. Section 5307)(1) to establish and certify that they have an Agency Safety Plan in place that meets statutory requirements no later than July 20, 2020. On March 13, 2020, the President issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). On April 22, 2020, FTA extended the deadline to no later than December 1, 2020. Staff has worked with MODOT throughout this pandemic to develop a PTASP that meets all the statutory requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an Emergency basis, being an Ordinance dealing with safety of the transit division, within the meaning of Section 2.12(1) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and, as such, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Specifically, this council bill needs to be approved on an emergency basis in order to meet the new regulation set in 49 CFR Part 673 of the federal guidelines.