CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-153 -- Issuance of Purchase Order to Southern Bus & Mobility, Inc., for purchase of two (2) light duty 12 passenger cutaway transit vehicles, 2026 Ford E450 Diamond Coach with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant lifts.

MEETING DATE
December 15, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Public Works – Metro Area Paratransit System (MAPS) Division

ATTACHMENTS
CB2025-153, Ordinance, Sales Quotation from Southern Bus & Mobility, Inc., (MODOT Co-Op Agreement # IFB605CO21001151)

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 approves the issuance of a Purchase Order to Southern Bus & Mobility, Inc., in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Thirty Four and 00/100 Dollars ($224,034.00) for the purchase of a two (2) light duty 12 passenger cutaway transit vehicles, 2026 Ford E450 Diamond Coach with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant lifts.

BACKGROUND
Staff followed the purchasing policy for utilizing MODOT's state bid contract for the purchase of these 2 vehicles. The bid process was conducted by MODOT. Southern Bus & Mobility is the vendor to provide the 2026 Ford E450 Diamond Coach Cutaways. Each individual cutaway cost is One Hundred Twelve Thousand and Seventeen and 00/100 Dollars. ($112,017.00). Following the useful life guidelines from The Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) the vehicles being replaced vehicles will have met or exceeded the useful life guidelines of 5 years or 150,000 miles. During the yearly budget process two vehicles were approved for the FY 2026 budget year. The city budgeted $150,000 for the purchase of each vehicle. The Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) will reimburse the City $190,428 of the $224,034 or 85% of the cost of each vehicle.

FUNDING SOURCE
This is included in the FY 2026 Budget in the Transportation Sales Tax.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of Council Bill 2025-153 on 1st reading.