# CITY OF JOPLIN
# COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM**
Council Bill 2025-156 Amendment 1 to Work Authorization OLS-WIL-02 with Olsson for professional engineering services for the Willow Branch Improvements project.

**MEETING DATE**
December 15, 2025

**ORIGINATING DEPT**
Public Works-Engineering

**ATTACHMENTS**
Council Bill 2025-156; Amendment 1 to Work Authorization OLS-WIL-02; Location Map

**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 to approve an Amendment to Work Authorization OLS-WIL-02 with Olsson in the not to exceed amount of Six Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($647,000.00) for professional engineering services for the Willow Branch Improvements project.

**BACKGROUND**
In April 2024, the voters passed the Renewal of the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Program for an additional 12 years. Two of the projects included in the program were the removal of the Pennsylvania Avenue Viaduct, and the improvement of the Old Willow Branch Storm Sewer System.

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has plans to reconstruct Route 66 / 7th Street in Joplin from Schifferdecker Avenue to Range Line Road. This project was bid by MoDOT in November 2025, and a recommendation to award for construction has been made.

In November 2024, City Council approved 3 separate work authorizations with Olsson, including the Willow Branch 7th Street Improvements project (OLS-WIL-03), the Willow Branch Stormwater Study project (OLS-WIL-02), and the Pennsylvania Avenue Viaduct Removal project (OLS-WIL-01).

A large portion of the Old Willow Branch Storm Sewer improvement project was originally envisioned to go under 7th Street, from Moffet Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue, and then turn north running under Pennsylvania Avenue to tie into the existing drainage channel. Based on data obtained during the Willow Branch Stormwater Study project, the route of the proposed Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert (RCB) is now planned to run under 7th Street to Wall Avenue, then turn north, running under Wall Avenue to 5th Street before turning back east. The installation of the new RCB Storm Sewer System within 7th Street has been incorporated into MoDOT's 7th Street Reconstruction project, and the design of the RCB storm sewer system running under Wall

Ave. to 6th Street was added to Olsson's WA OLS-WIL-03 by amendment 1, approved by City Council in the summer of 2025.

This amendment is for additional costs for engineering services related to the design of the RCB section from 6th and Wall Ave. to 6th and Virginia Ave. This portion of the RCB will be bid separately from both the City bid portion from 7th and Wall Ave. to 6th and Wall Ave, and the portion of the RCB in 7th Street which has been incorporated into the MoDOT project. The fees submitted by Olsson have been reviewed by City staff and found to be within industry standards.

The breakdown of fees and estimated costs to date for the CIST funded Willow Branch project is summarized below:

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| ***CIST Project TCO713 initial total estimated cost =*** | ***$12,260,000.00*** |
| WA OLS-WIL-03 (Willow Branch 7th St. Improvements) | $227,664.00 |
| -Amendment #1 to WA OLS-WIL-03 (Summer 2025) | $98,000.00 |
| WA OLS-WIL-02 (Willow Branch Study) | $602,500.00 |
| -Amendment #1 to WA OLS-WIL-02 (CB2025-156) | $647,000.00 |
| Payment to MoDOT for 7th St. Willow Branch Construction | $3,349,647.46 |
| Total | $4,924,811.46 |

**FUNDING SOURCE**

This item includes a fiscal year 2026 budget amendment to the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund in the amount of $647,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of this Council Bill on first reading.