City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: December 19, 2016
Council Bills No. 2016-159
Item: Operating Assistance Grant Agreement

Originating Department: PUBLIC WORKS –MAPS

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2016-159
2) Grant Agreement
3) Grant Application
4) Project # MO-34-0009

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Recommended Action: Approval for the City of Joplin to execute a Bus & Bus Facilities, Section 5339, and Capital Assistance Grant Agreement.

Background:
The City of Joplin has operated the Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS) since 1998 and the Sunshine Lamp Trolley since 2007. MAPS provides curb-to-curb public transit to residents of the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPO) and the Sunshine Lamp Trolley provides deviated fixed route service within the City of Joplin. FY2016 total ridership was 136,772, which was a 3.2% increase from FY2015.

Discussion:
The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus and Bus Facilities, Section 5339, Capital Assistance Grant funds are federal funds passed through and administered by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT). These grant funds are to be used to purchase three MAPS vehicles and replace three for use in our transit system. Section 5339 Capital Assistance Grants fund 80% of a project and the City of Joplin would fund 20%.The total estimated cost of this vehicle purchase is $183,190, Federal portion is $146,552 and local portion is $36,638. Transportation Sales Tax funds were approved for this purchase in the FY2015-2016 annual budget and a P.O. was rolled forward to the current year.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council bill 2016-159 be passed on an emergency basis in accordance with the Joplin City Charter 2.12 (6).