Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization
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February 17, 2026

Amanda Barch
Missouri Department of Transportation
Transportation Planning Division
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Dear Ms. Barch

Please find attached the second amendment to the Joplin Area Transportation study Organization's 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This TIP amendment contains two (2) new projects. The proposed amendment to add project (14HS-26) was requested by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) the proposed amendment to add project (01-PED-26) was requested by the City of Joplin. These new projects to be added are related to the I-44 bike/pedestrian underpass project.

The public comment period for this amendment began at 9 a.m., Friday, December 5, 2025, and concluded at 12 noon, Friday, December 12, 2025. No Comments were received.

TIP Amendment #2 was approved by the JATSO Policy Board on January 15, 2026. Eight (8) members voted in favor and zero (0) against.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email at rlolley@joplinmo.org or phone (417)624-0820 X 1514

Sincerely,

Robert Lolley
Transportation Planner
City of Joplin

Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization
2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, Approved Amendment 2

Summary: The proposed amendment contains two (2) new projects. One (1) project from the Missouri Department of Transportation's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and one (1) project from the City of Joplin.

Reflects Changes
Reflects Additions

NEW

TIP No.	14HS-26	**Sponsor**	MoDOT	**Description**	I-44 Review of scoping and design for drainage and bicycle/pedestrian improvements
MoDOT No.	SR0380	**Federal No.**	N/A	**Location**	at Silver Creek in Joplin.

Phase	Year	Type	Source	Cost	
Engineering	2026	Non-Federal	MoDOT	$ 30,000	**Notes:**
Engineering	2027	Non-Federal	MoDOT	$ 10,000	Non-Federal Funding Source: State Transportation Revenue. Future funds: $4,480,000.

Federal Total: $ - **Non-Federal Total:** $40,000 **Project Total:** $40,000 **Previously Programmed:** $ -

NEW

TIP No.	01-PED-26	**Sponsor**	MoDOT	**Description**	Construction of a multi-use trail under I-44
MoDOT No.		**Federal No.**	N/A	**Location**	Near Silver Creek Development in Joplin

Phase	Year	Type	Source	Cost	
Engineering	2026	Non-Federal	City of Joplin	$ 100,000	**Notes:**
Construction	2027	Non-Federal	City of Joplin	$ 428,701	Non-Federal Funding Source: City of Joplin Capital Improvement Sales Tax.

Federal Total: $ - **Non-Federal Total:** $528,701 **Project Total:** $528,701 **Previously Programmed:** $ -

WAS:

FY 2026 Roadway Financial Summary								
TIP Number	**PROTECT**	**Safety**	**NHPP**	**Earmark**	**MoDOT**	**MoDOT-AC**	**Local**	**Total**
Totals	$8,000	$6,998,400	$117,074,400	$0	$430,455,200	$35,032,000	$5,992,000	$595,560,000

CHANGED TO:

FY 2026 Roadway Financial Summary								
TIP Number	**PROTECT**	**Safety**	**NHPP**	**Earmark**	**MoDOT**	**MoDOT-AC**	**Local**	**Total**
Totals	$8,000	$6,998,400	$117,074,400	$0	**$430,485,200**	$35,032,000	$5,992,000	**$595,590,000**

WAS:

FY 2027 Roadway Financial Summary								
TIP Number	**PROTECT**	**Safety**	**NHPP**	**Earmark**	**MoDOT**	**MoDOT-AC**	**Local**	**Total**
Totals	$8,000	$157,500	$16,228,800	$0	$12,069,900	$820,800	$0	$29,285,000

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FY 2027 Roadway Financial Summary								
TIP Number	**PROTECT**	**Safety**	**NHPP**	**Earmark**	**MoDOT**	**MoDOT-AC**	**Local**	**Total**
Totals	$8,000	$157,500	$16,228,800	$0	**$12,079,900**	$820,800	$0	**$29,295,000**

WAS:

FY 2026 Non-Motorized Summary				
TIP Number	**FHWA RTP**	**FHWA TAP**	**Local**	**Total**
02-PED-25	$0	$600,000	$795,349	$1,395,349
Total	$0	$600,000	$795,349	$1,395,349

CHANGED TO:

FY 2026 Non-Motorized Summary				
TIP Number	**FHWA RTP**	**FHWA TAP**	**Local**	**Total**
02-PED-25	$ -	$600,000	$795,349	$1,395,349
01-PED-26			$ 100,000	$ 100,000
Total	$ -	$ 600,000	$ 895,349	$ 1,495,349

NEW:

FY 2026 Non-Motorized Summary				
TIP Number	**FHWA RTP**	**FHWA TAP**	**Local**	**Total**
02-PED-25	$0	$0	$428,701	$428,701
Total	$0	$0	$428,701	$428,701

MoDOT

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Missouri Department of Transportation
Ed. Hassinger, P.E., Director

1.888.ASK MODOT (275.6636)

January 15, 2025

The Honorable Mike L. Kehoe
Governor, State of Missouri
State Capitol
Room 216
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Kehoe,

Federal regulations under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and continued in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), require state governors to approve certain transportation-related documents. This requirement is expected to continue with subsequent federal reauthorization.

In the past, the Missouri Department of Transportation has acted on behalf of the Governor of the State of Missouri to conduct all staff work related to transportation, to act as a liaison between the State of Missouri and other entities on transportation issues, and to approve transportation-related planning matters. In the past, this mechanism has been advantageous to the State and other stakeholders for a number of reasons, including not limited to:

- Streamlining of approval processes;
- Expertise and involvement in the processes;
- Cost Savings; and,
- Federal regulation and member designated projects (earmarks) familiarity,

Based on our past successes in administering the program in this manner, I hereby request your concurrence with continuing this practice for the duration of your term as Governor of the State of Missouri.

Sincerely,

Ed Hassinger, P.E.
Director

Approved: _____
Governor of Missouri

Date: 2-26-2025

MoDOT

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February 18, 2026

Mr. Kevin Ward
Regional Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
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Jefferson City, MO 65109

SUBJECT: Joplin Metropolitan Area
Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization (JATSO)
FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Approval Request to Incorporate FY 2026 Amendment two into the FY 2026-2030
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Dear Mr. Ward:

In fulfillment of the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Governor Kehoe delegated authority for approval of MPO TIPs and TIP Amendments to MoDOT for the remainder of his term. This "highway only" amendment includes the addition of one new MoDOT project and one new local project.

Enclosed is a copy of the Governor's delegation letter and supporting documentation. The JATSO Board of Directors approved the TIP amendment on January 15, 2026. All public involvement considerations have been met and fiscal constraint has been ensured. No public comments were received.

We request approval of incorporating this TIP amendment into the FY 2026-2030 STIP at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Ed Hassinger, P.E.
Director

Enclosure

cc: Cecelie Cochran-FHWA Gerri Doyle-FTA
Frank Miller-SW Robert Lolley-JATSO

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February 19, 2026

Mr. Ed Hassinger, P.E.
Director
Missouri Department of Transportation
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Subject: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Dear Director Hassinger:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has reviewed and approved the requested amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Missouri State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to incorporate the Highway Only Amendment 2 of the Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization (JATSO) FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as further described in your letter of February 18, 2026. This amendment contains the addition of two projects related to the scoping and construction of multi-use trails along I-44. No transit projects were included in this request.

The JATSO Board of Directors approved the Highway Only TIP Amendment 2 on January 15, 2026. On February 26, 2025, the Missouri Governor delegated concurrence authority for the transportation planning process to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). MoDOT has approved the JATSO Highway Only TIP Amendment 2.

Therefore, in accordance with 23 CFR § 450.218(b), FHWA has determined that this TIP amendment and subsequent STIP amendment is based on a transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. § 5303 and 5304, and 23 CFR § 450. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Cecelie Cochran of FHWA MO (573) 638-2609.

Sincerely,

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For: Kevin W. Ward, P.E.
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration

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