City of Joplin's Renewal of Capital Improvement Sales Tax Proposition Progress

Dear Joplin Citizens,

On April 2, 2024, Joplin voters will be asked if they agree to approve the renewal of the current 3/8 cent tax for capital improvements.

This brochure provides information to address some of the questions you may have about this initiative. Also included is a map and the list of proposed projects and improvements in Joplin that would be completed with these revenues.

We encourage you to read this material as you prepare for the April 2 election. We thank you for your time and serious consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,
The City Council

For more details about Proposition Progress, visit www.joplinmo.org/elections

INTRODUCTION

With the support of Joplin citizens approving the Capital Improvement Sales Tax (CIST) in 2004 and renewing it in 2014, the City has completed nearly 30 capital improvement projects in 20 years. This 3/8 cent sales tax is the only revenue source available to fund large capital improvement projects.

THE CITY HAS COMPLETED NEARLY 30 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN 20 YEARS.

Increasing traffic safety and efficiency is a direct outcome of initial projects with these funds, including the construction of the Connecticut Avenue Railroad Overpass near 26th Street and the widening of Zora Avenue from Main Street to Range Line. Prior to these projects, both corridors carried heavy traffic numbers, and travelers were often delayed due to trains and congestion.

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44th Street & Connecticut Avenue





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Most recently, travelers in southwest Joplin have been using a much safer 32nd Street from Central City Road to Schifferdecker Avenue. This widening effort is the most recently completed project and also includes a shared use path for pedestrians and cyclists along the route. These are just a few projects completed with these funds; see photos throughout this brochure for other projects.

With the CIST set to expire on December 31, 2024, the City Council formed a Capital Improvement Sales Tax Citizens Committee. This group reviewed a list of projects from the Capital Improvements Master Plan developed from public input, surveys, and traffic studies. Working together, the Committee and Council members set a prioritized list of projects totaling nearly $95 million, the projected amount to be collected in the next 12 years. On January 16, 2024, the Joplin City Council voted to proceed with the Committee's recommendation and submit a ballot question to the electors of the City of Joplin at a Special Election to be held on April 2, 2024.

N. Schifferdecker Bridge





PROJECTS FUNDED BY EXISTING 3/8 CENT CAPITAL SALES TAX

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX PROJECT LIST
APPROVED BY VOTERS ON AUGUST 3, 2004

ROADWAY	ROADWAY DESCRIPTION	STATUS
Citywide	City Overlay Program	Complete
32nd Street	Widen to 5 lanes from Main to Jackson; new traffic light & Realignment	Complete
32nd Street	Dual right & left turn lanes at Main St. Intersection	Complete
Connecticut Ave.	Widen road from Murphy to 30th to 5 lanes & intersection	Complete
Maiden Lane	Widen to 5 lanes from 20th to 30th Street	Complete
Maiden Lane	Widen to 5 lanes from 9th to 17th	Complete
20th & Main	Add new turn lanes at intersection	
Connecticut	Build Viaduct Bridge at 26th to take KCS RR over road	Complete
Schifferdecker Ave.	Widen to 5 lane from 7th to 32nd St.	Complete
Murphy Blvd	Widen & add shoulders from N Main to 7th St.	Complete
Zora & Main	Build Bridge & Interchange to connect Zora to west side of Main	Complete
26th Street	Widen to 3 lanes from Maiden Lane to Schifferdecker	Complete
Zora Ave.	Widen to 5 lanes from Range Line to Main	Complete
Broadway/Buchanan Rd	Widen to 3 lanes from St. Louis to Florida	Complete
West Joplin	Bypass Corridor Study	
St. Louis	Widen to 3 lanes from Broadway to Zora	Complete
Citywide	Upgrade existing traffic signals	Complete
S. Schifferdecker	Widen CR 190 from 32nd Street to I-44 Bridge	Complete
Tristate Road	Build new road from 1st Street to Perkins Ave. with 6 ft. shoulders	Complete

Projects focus on the following:

- Strengthening Economic Development through out the Community
- Improving Safety for Residents and Visitors
- Increasing Quality of Life through Complete Streets and Improved Traffic Flow
- Presenting a balance between New Improvements and New Investment in Existing Capital Assets
- Providing Improvements throughout the entire Community

City staff and committee members will attend public gatherings, civic club meetings, and other events to talk with citizens about the Capital Improvements initiative, **Proposition Progress,** and the projects that will be completed through this sales tax initiative. This brochure provides an overview of projects completed in the past 20 years and the proposed projects for the next 12 years if the initiative is approved.
For more details about Proposition Progress, visit www.joplinmo.org/elections

We encourage anyone with questions or who would like to visit with the Citizens Committee about this initiative to please contact Lynn Onstot, Public Information Officer, at 417-624-0820, ext. 1204.



Jackson Avenue Bridge



Connecticut Avenue Railroad Overpass



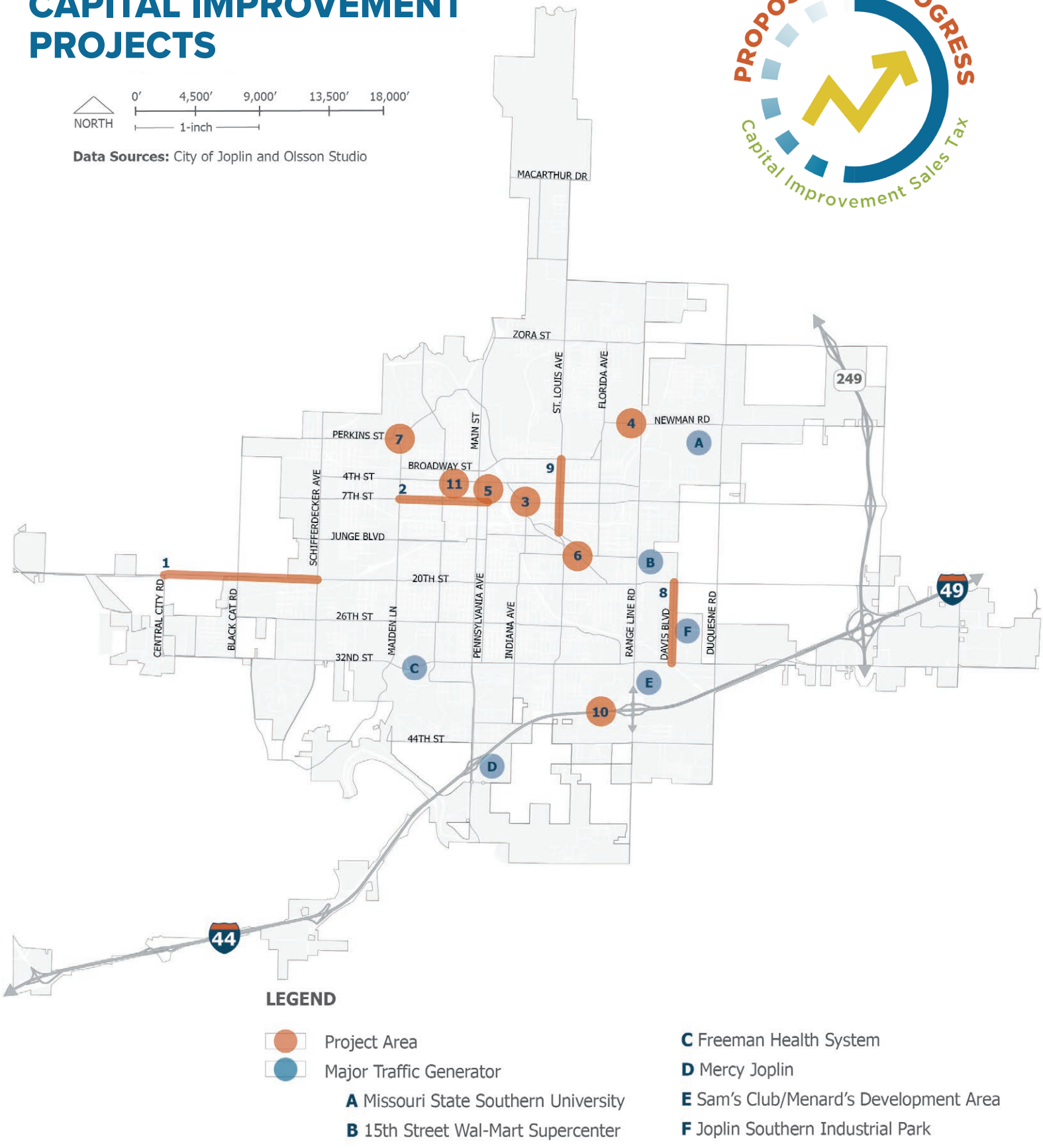
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX PROJECT LIST
APPROVED BY VOTERS ON AUGUST 5, 2014

ROADWAY	ROADWAY DESCRIPTION	STATUS
32nd Street	Schifferdecker to Country Club - Improve from 2-lane to 3-lane	Complete
32nd Street	Country Club to Central City Road - Improve from 2-lane to 3-lane	Complete
City Wide	Neighborhood Transportation Improvements	Complete
City Wide	Street Surface Repair	Complete
City Wide	Intersection Improvements	Complete
Connecticut	32nd to 44th - Improve from 2-lane to 5-lane	Est. Completion Fall ‘24
44th Street	Range Line to Connecticut - Improve from 2-lane to 5-lane	Complete
Zora	Range Line to MO 249 - Improve from 2-lane to 3-lane	Est. Completion Summer ‘26
Connecticut	Overpass at I-44 - Improve overpass to 4 lane	Complete
6th Street	6th Street & Virginia Parking Garage modifications	Est. Completion Spring ‘25
20th Street	20th - Schifferdecker to Country Club Road (Right of Way)	Est. Completion Fall ‘26
20th Street	20th - Schifferdecker to Country Club Road (3 Lane)	Est. Completion Fall ‘26
Jackson Ave.*	Bridge Replacement at Shoal Creek	Complete
Schifferdecker Ave.*	New bridge at Turkey Creek and connection with Zora	Complete

* Shared project with County partner; Projected Cost reflects City cost of total project

PROPOSITION PROGRESS: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LIST

PROJECT NUMBER	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT COST ESTIMATE
1	20th Street: Schifferdecker Avenue to Central City Road	Street Improvements	$ 3,000,000
2	7th Street: City-owned Sidewalks	Multi-Use/Sidewalk Improvements	$ 2,000,000
3	7th Street and Illinois Avenue Intersection	Intersection Improvements	$ 500,000
4	Newman Road: Turkey Creek Bridge Rehab	Bridge Improvements	$ 4,950,000
5	Pennsylvania Avenue Viaduct Removal	Bridge/Street Improvements	$ 4,800,000
6	15th Street and Murphy Avenue/ Delaware Avenue Intersection	Intersection Improvements	$ 2,800,000
7	Maiden Lane at Perkins Avenue to Murphy Avenue	Street Improvements	$ 1,520,000
8	Davis Boulevard: 32nd Street to 20th Street	Street Improvements	$ 10,330,000
9	St. Louis Avenue: Campbell Parkway to Broadway Street	Street Improvements	$ 9,720,000
10	I-44 Culvert	Stormwater Improvements	$ 10,000,000
11	Willow Branch	Stormwater Improvements	$ 12,260,000
CW*	Street Surface Repair	Street Improvements	$ 10,000,000
CW*	Intersection Improvements	Intersection Improvements	$ 2,500,000
CW*	ADA Citywide Sidewalks	Multi-Use/Sidewalk Improvements	$ 7,500,000
CW*	Neighborhood Transportation Improvements	Multi-Use/Sidewalk Improvements	$ 1,000,000
CW*	New Citywide Sidewalks	Multi-Use/Sidewalk Improvements	$ 1,500,000
CW*	Bridge Maintenance	Bridge Improvements	$ 1,500,000
CW*	City Building Maintenance	Facility Improvements	$ 4,000,000
CW*	Traffic Signal Updates	Traffic Signal Improvements	$ 2,500,000
	TOTAL		**$94,880,000**

*For more information on citywide projects, please see page 7

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If this sales tax passes, what will be the sales tax rate?

This is **a renewal** of an existing sales tax, so **there is no change to the sales tax rate.**

Who will pay this sales tax?

This tax will be paid by anybody who makes a taxable purchase inside the city. This means that users of the capital projects are paying for the improvements, rather than just the residents of Joplin.

When will this sales tax go into effect?

The current sales tax expires on December 31, 2024, and if the voters pass this, it will start January 1, 2025.

How long will this sales tax be in effect?

To complete the top-priority projects, the sunset period for Proposition Progress will be 12 years, which will allow the completion of nearly $95 million in projects.

Why does the City need to do these projects?

Investing in capital improvements is crucial for our city's progress. Better roads and intersections enhance safety, reduce congestion, and boost economic development. Addressing other improvements, such as sidewalks, street surfaces, and critical stormwater issues, creates a welcoming environment as we travel to work, school, home, and other destinations in our community.

How much money will be raised if this issue passes?

With the proposed sales tax revenues, an estimated $94.8 million will be available for capital improvements in Joplin.

Can't the City complete these projects without renewing this sales tax?

This sales tax is the only revenue source available to fund large capital improvement projects.

How were the projects selected to be part of this initiative?

The Joplin City Council and the Citizens Task Force both completed a comparison study to prioritize the needs of an original list of 45 projects that had a total cost of $263 million. The estimated revenues of this sales tax for 12 years is $95 million, which will allow 21 of the top-ranked projects to be completed. See pages 4-5 for project list and map.

How do we know the City will use these funds for the specific projects?

All special taxes are overseen by the Capital Improvements Oversight Citizens Committee, which reviews the City's expenditures and project costs to ensure that funding is being used as the City promised. The Committee meets quarterly and reports to the City Council twice a year on their findings. The Committee has reported that the City has completed the projects as promised.

Why are some projects from the last renewal in 2014 still not finished?

The ten year period is the time set to collect the sales tax. It is not intended to set a deadline for projects to be completed. Joplin is a "pay as you go" city which means projects are not started until the funds are available. Upon collection of sufficient funding, the projects progress as prioritized. All projects from the 2014 program are either complete or underway. The status of the 2014 program projects is shown in the table on page 3.

There are projects on the list that do not include specific locations. Where will these be done?

The list does have projects designated as "city-wide projects" and others that do not designate locations. Each will address needs throughout the City to enhance the transportation system with improved intersection design, as well as focus on

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, continued

improving sidewalks and repairing street surfaces throughout Joplin as needs are identified. Examples of the types of projects each category could include are listed below.

Street Surface Repair includes street overlay and microsurfacing throughout the City as well as other improvements that address the rideability of City streets, such as adjustments to manhole lids, utility valve covers, and/or utility cut grade differences, or, in summary, anything that improves the smoothness of the ride on our streets.

ADA Citywide Sidewalks will improve the public sidewalks by repairing and/or replacing sidewalks to meet the current ADA standards and provide a safer path for all.

New Citywide Sidewalks will allow the City to construct new sidewalks where gaps have been identified to increase safety and provide adequate transportation for all.

Intersection Improvements are one of the best ways to improve traffic flow with a focus on addressing turning movements at intersections. These projects could include work to add left turn lanes, improve site distance at intersections, add signals if warranted, and improve traffic flow by eliminating localized street flooding, improve our current signals, and address bike/pedestrian movements at intersections.

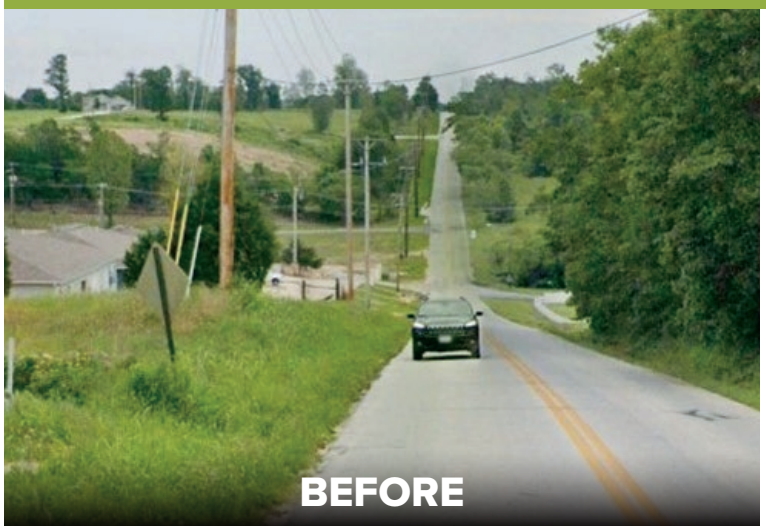
Neighborhood Transportation Improvements include neighborhood street overlay or safety improvements related to localized street flooding, sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements and additions, improved signage,possible addition of bike/pedestrian corridors, trail additions, or improvements.

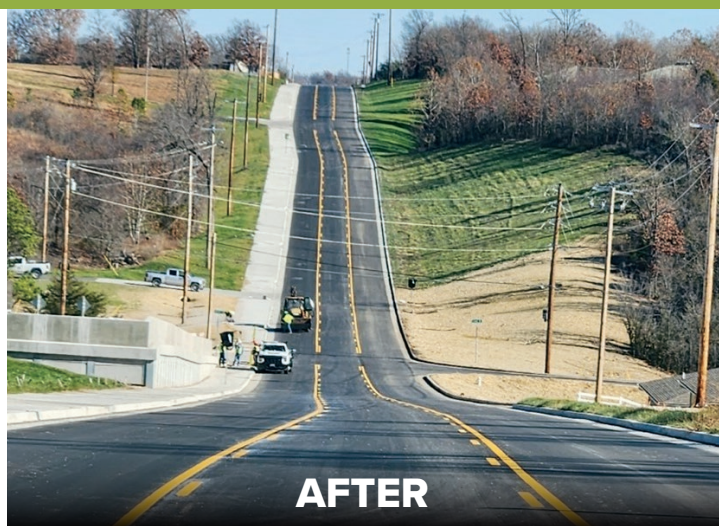
Bridge Maintenance would address treatments to extend the functional lifespan of the 33 bridges in Joplin that the City owns and maintains. Currently, there is no funding source for this work.

Traffic Signal Updates include needed improvements to current signals and could include new pedestrian pushbuttons, signal heads, and/or mast arms. New Smart City technology could also be added to signals.

INVESTING IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IS CRUCIAL FOR OUR CITY'S PROGRESS. BETTER ROADS ENHANCE SAFETY & BOOST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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WHAT IS THE BALLOT LANGUAGE?

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ELECTION - TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

PROPOSITION "PROGRESS"

"SHALL THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, EXTEND A SALES TAX OF THREE-EIGHTHS (3/8ths) OF ONE PERCENT (1%) FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS?"

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