Transportation Prioritization Process for the Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization (JATSO)

A public comment period for the review and submittal of transportation projects will begin on **Monday, March 3, 2014** and will run up to a special JATSO meeting to be held on **Monday, March 24, 2014** at **1:30 PM** in the Basement Conference Room at Joplin City Hall, 602 S. Main Street, Joplin, Missouri.

The public is encouraged to review and submit potential future projects that need to be completed within the JATSO boundaries (see *JATSO 2014 Project List* and *JATSO Project Maps*). Projects from all modes of transportation will be accepted, including air, bike/pedestrian, freight, highway/road/bridge and transit.

To comment on any project included on the list or to submit a new project, please contact Matt Wright at 417-624-0820 ext. 511 or mwright@joplinmo.org.

Prioritization Process – Key Dates:

3/3/14: Open Public Comment Period for transportation system needs.

3/14/14: JATSO Press Release and Agenda posted.

3/24/14: Special JATSO Meeting for review of transportation system needs, categorization, and prioritization (2 hour meeting – 1:30 PM, Joplin City Hall Basement).

4/30/14: Final prioritization list sent to MoDOT for review – projects will be reviewed and prioritized among other projects within the SW District.

6/30/14: Final prioritization list for MoDOT SW District.

Detailed Prioritization Process:

3/3/14: Public Comment Period – this comment period will allow the public an opportunity to submit transportation system needs. Needs will be categorized into the following categories prior to prioritization:

- Air
- Highway/Roads/Bridges
- Bike/Pedestrian
- Transit
- Freight (Rail, Trucking, Air)
- Taking Care of the System (maintaining existing infrastructure – i.e., potholes, resurfacing, etc.)

Needs should be specific and identify location and specific needs (i.e. 4th Street from St. Louis to Range Line, need sidewalks on both sides).

3/24/14: Special JATSO Meeting (approximately 2 hours) – board members and attendees will review transportation system needs submitted by the public. Facilitators and staff will explain the importance of the prioritization process and long-range transportation planning. A list of projects will be sorted into categories based on modes listed above. Each need will be presented to the public. Quantitative and qualitative data, as well as maps, will be presented to support the need. The person or organization that submitted the need may also make a brief statement about the need. Additional needs may be added at this time from attendees. Facilitators and staff will prepare lists of needs in each category on charts around the room. Board members will be given a vote that they may use to select projects that they think should be of the highest priority. At the end of the meeting, a prioritized list of needs in each mode will be complete based on majority vote. High priority needs will easily be identified in each category, as well as priority needs across all modes of transportation.

4/30/14: List of prioritized project from each mode sent to MoDOT for Districtwide prioritization.

6/30/14: Final prioritized list complete for MoDOT Southwest District.