Proposed Transportation Prioritization Process for JATSO area

The proposed process will be the framework by which the JATSO area will prioritize future transportation projects for all modes of transportation. The public is encouraged to review this process and provide any feedback.

The public comment period for the process will be open between February 12th through February 19th. To comment on this process, please contact Matt Wright at 417-624-0820 ext. 511 or mwright@joplinmo.org. The process will be reviewed, edited as needed, and approved by JATSO at their February 20th meeting at 1:30 PM (Joplin City Hall, Basement Conference Room).

Prioritization Process – Key Dates:

2/12/14: Open Public Comment Period for public comments on process.

2/12/14: JATSO Press Release and Agenda posted.

2/14/14: Draft process sent to MoDOT for review.

2/20/14: Special JATSO Meeting for process review and approval based on public comment (to be held at 1:30 PM, Joplin City Hall Basement).

2/21/14: Approved process sent to MoDOT for review.

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:

2/12/14: Public Comment Period beings (closes 2/19/14) – this comment period will be based around the proposed process included in this document. Everyone is encouraged to review and provide feedback to ensure that they believe the process is fair and inclusive. Based on comments, the process may be adjusted. Comments should be sent directly to JATSO staff – email, phone, walk-in comments all acceptable. Comments will be compiled and sent to board members for final review and approval at the 2/20/14 meeting.

2/14/14: Process sent to MoDOT for review.

2/20/14: Special JATSO Meeting – board members will review the process and public comments to determine what changes should be made to the process. The board will come to a consensus on what the process should be and approve a process to proceed.

2/21/14: Approved process sent to MoDOT for review.

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. Each attendee will be given a set number of votes 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.