JOPLIN AREA
Transportation Study Organization

Complete Streets Committee

Thursday, November 21, 2024

5th Floor Study- 602 S Main St. Joplin, MO 64801

The meeting of the Complete Streets Committee was called to order at 1:30 pm in the 5th floor study at 602 S Main Street, Joplin, Missouri, 64801.

The following were present for the meeting:

Robert Lolley- City of Joplin

Jared Delzell- Joplin Police Department

Tyler Bellairs- City of Joplin

Johan Bullington- City of Joplin

Travis Wait- Joplin School District

Troy Bolander- City of Joplin

Suzan Morang- Health Department

Paul Teverow- Joplin Resident

Dakota Rusk- City of Joplin

Ginia Thompson- City of Joplin

Andy Nimmo- Joplin Fire Department

Dan Johnson- City of Joplin

Jeremy Hagerman- City of Joplin

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

DAKOTA RUSK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2024. TYLER BELLAIRS SECONDED THIS MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. (13 IN FAVOR, 0 AGAINST)

2. BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION MAP GIS INTERGRATION:

Eric Weber and Robert Lolley, with the City of Joplin, presented the bicycle and pedestrian transportation map updates in GIS to the committee. Mr. Weber explained that the update of the bicycle and pedestrian transportation map would make it easier for citizens to see which paths where bike lanes, shared roadways, and where busier intersections are located. Committee members requested the colors of the routes be changed so they were easier to see for users who experience color blindness.

3. Review of the Joplin Complete Streets Ordinance:

Robert Lolley of the City of Joplin lead a review and discussion of the Complete Street Ordinance document. Mr. Lolley explained that this ordinance was to be integrated into the City's policies and plans within 5 years of the passing of the ordinance. Mr. Lolley stated the zoning codes had been updated to reflect the Complete Streets Ordinance. Dan Johnson said Complete Street requirements had been added to the Standard Scope of Services document. Mr. Delzell stated that City ordinances needed to be updated to clearly address bicycle use on sidewalks, and micro-mobility device use needs to be included in the ordinance. It was also noted that the ordinance should reflect the approval of street maintenance on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Lolley also explained that the ordinance requires complete streets focused education for staff members and community engagement activities.

4. Performance Measures and Implementation Steps Discussion:

The committee discussed the best way to measure performance and implementation of the Complete Streets Ordinance. Jared Delzell said the LETS system should be able to provide the safety crash data required by the ordinance, and he should be able to provide a map showing the crash locations. Dakota Rusk should be able to provide a list of annual infrastructure improvements for the last two years, and Dan Johnson said trail cameras had been used to record trail use in the past.

5. **Project Selection Criteria Discussion:**

The committee discussed the project selection and exception criteria for the Complete Streets Committee. Robert Lolley said the group needed to develop a list of specific complete streets elements that would be required for specific “size” projects. Dan Johnson wanted to make sure the list addresses surface overlays. Dan feels that Public Works should repaint bike lanes after overlay maintenance, but he didn’t feel they should create new bike lanes. Formal procedures for project selection and requesting project exceptions need to be developed.

6. **Member Updates:**

Members of the committee discussed various updates within the community. Mr. Teverow asked what actions JPD had implemented because of the large number of recent pedestrian fatalities. Mr. Delzell explained that the police department had received a grant for enforcement of pedestrian compliance and safety. JPD is also completing a Don’t Text and Drive PSA that will be airing soon.

7. **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting of the Complete Streets Commission was adjourned on November 21st, 2024 at approximately 2:30 PM.