

Date: November 14, 2022
Amount: \$390,614.00
Account Number: 2180-5680

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Works & Transportation

PURPOSE: To authorize execution of a Transportation Planning Consolidated Grant Agreement with the Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission (MHTC) in the amount of \$390,614.00 with the City contributing matching funds in the amount of \$97,653.00 to assist in MPO transportation planning activities within the St. Joseph urbanized area.

REMARKS: The Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission (MHTC) awards the grant from available Federal Transit and Federal Highway Administrations (Section 5303 and Planning) transportation planning funds. This grant agreement will fund the MPO's transportation planning expenses.

The St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization (SJATSO) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region. An MPO is an agency that administers the federally required transportation planning process in urbanized areas with a population greater than 50,000. The plans and programs developed by MPOs provide for the development of an integrated, intermodal transportation system. An MPO is essentially comprised of representatives from the surrounding local governments that collectively discuss transportation issues and opportunities for the entire metro area. Any project receiving federal funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation and within the boundaries of the MPO, must be consistent with MPO plans and policies. Overall, the MPO acts as a steward of federal transportation funds, while ensuring regional transportation planning is continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive. An MPO is required to be in place for local and state governments to receive federal funds. Grant funds will assist in funding MPO administrative costs, long range transportation planning, short range planning, inter and multi-modal transportation planning, and special projects involving the metropolitan planning organization for the St. Joseph urbanized area.

This grant agreement is effective from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. The work described will be comprised of \$390,614.00 Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds (80% of total) from MHTC, with the City contributing a match of \$97,653.00 (20% of total), for a combined total of \$488,267.00 (100%). The grant agreement falls in the MPO's FY 23-24, which is from January to December, but the funds will fall over two separate City Fiscal Years, as the City's is from July-June. The contributing match amount of \$97,653.00 has been appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund, MPO Program, Account Number 2180-5680 (FTA/ CPG Grant) and remaining funds will be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN CERTIFIED THAT THE FOREGOING CONTRACT OR ORDER IS WITHIN THE PURPOSE OF THE APPROPRIATION TO WHICH IT IS TO BE CHARGED, AND THAT THERE IS AN UNENCUMBERED BALANCE TO THE CREDIT OF SUCH APPROPRIATION SUFFICIENT TO PAY THEREFORE.