

Date: November 14, 2022
Amount: \$127,243.00
Account Number: 1710-5693

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Works & Transportation

PURPOSE: To authorize the execution and submittal of a State Operating Assistance Grant Agreement with the MHTC for St. Joseph Transit in the amount of \$127,243.00 and an amendment to the Mass Transit Fund budget in the amount of \$216,486.00.

REMARKS: This Agreement is to provide financial assistance to the City of St. Joseph Mass Transit Division, as appropriated from the State of Missouri General Fund. The allocation approved by the Missouri State Legislation provides operating assistance to local transit agencies statewide. This Agreement will be for the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

This grant is a 50/50 match with the MHTC contributing \$127,243.00 and the city contributing \$127,243.00 for a total of \$254,486.00. Funds for this grant were budgeted in the FY 22-23 Mass Transit Fund budget, Account Number 1710-5693 (State Operating Grant) in the amount of \$19,000.00, so with the increase in grant funds available, an additional increase of \$108,243.00 is needed.

The transit industry in Missouri has been working hard to obtain additional assistance from the state each year. Missouri provides the lowest levels of funding of all states in the Midwest in supporting transit services. Currently, there is not enough funding provided to have a significant influence on operating costs, but this funding is appreciated and is used to fund a small portion of the annual operating costs of the system.

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.