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**Requested Council Meeting Date: August 17, 2015**

**Council Bills No. 2015 - 143**

**Item: Purchase of (2) MAPS Vans**

**Originating Department: PUBLIC WORKS –MAPS**

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Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2015-143  
2) Bid Tabulation  
3) Vehicle Drawings

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**Recommended Action:** Approval of the City of Joplin’s purchase of (2) Light duty transit vehicles from Midwest Transit Equipment Co.

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**Background:**

The City of Joplin has operated the Metro Area Public Transit System (MAPS) since 1998 and the Sunshine Lamp Trolley since 2007. MAPS provides curb-to-curb public transit to residents of the MPO area and the Sunshine Lamp Trolley provides deviated fixed route service within the City of Joplin. MAPS and the Sunshine Lamp Trolley are funded by a combination of rider fares, donations, and the financial participation of other major communities in the MPO. Additionally, the Federal Transit Administration reimburses the City for capital and operational expenses at 80% and 50% respectively.

**Discussion:**

Staff conducted a formal bid opening on July 22, 2015 for the purchase of (2) two light duty cutaway transit vehicles with ADA lift to be used to provide MAPS service. Five bids were received. The lowest priced bid was submitted by Midwest Transit Equipment Co. in the amount of \$120,346. The funds for this purchase were allocated in the 2015 budget using Transportation Sales Tax funds.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that Council Bill No 2015-143 authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an agreement with Midwest Transit Equipment Co. for the purchase of (2) two medium duty vehicles per the specifications of Bid #2015-16 be approved on an emergency basis.