

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Resolution 2019- 009 Council support of an application to the Missouri Department of Transportation, Governor's Transportation Cost Share Program, for grant funding for Pennsylvania Avenue Viaduct improvements.

MEETING DATE

September 16, 2019

ORIGINATING DEPT

Public Works

REVIEWED BY

Director of Public Works – David Hertzberg, Director of Finance – Leslie Haase, City Attorney – Peter C. Edwards, Interim City Manager – Dan Pekarek

SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes the Interim City Manager to submit a resolution of support, as part of the grant application packet, to the Missouri Department of Transportation, Governor's Transportation Cost Share Program.

BACKGROUND

The Pennsylvania Avenue viaduct, opened in 1928, underwent a MoDOT inspection in February 2019. In its current condition, MoDOT deemed the viaduct unsafe for use, and it was closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This closure has caused access to local businesses and amenities to become more difficult, therefore impacting the local economic environment of the area.

A funding opportunity is available through the Governor's Transportation Cost Share Program to provide financial assistance for public road and bridge projects. The proposed plan is to remove the unsafe viaduct and replace it with an at-grade road. The estimated cost of this project is \$1.83 million; demolition and construction accounts for about \$1.4 million. This grant has the potential to pay for up to fifty percent of the demolition and construction cost meaning it could provide up to \$700 thousand towards the cost of the project. The City of Joplin would be responsible for the other half as well as right-of-way and engineering costs totaling approximately \$1.13 million.

FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution that will support the city's application to the Missouri Department of Transportation, for grant funding of the Pennsylvania Viaduct Project.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2019-009; Proposed Project Map