

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM**

Council Bill 2020-157 – Purchase agreement between the City of Joplin and Midwest Transit Equipment Inc., for the purchase of (2) light duty cutaway transit vehicles with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant lifts; and containing an emergency clause.

**MEETING DATE**

September 8, 2020

**ORIGINATING DEPT**

Public Works – Metro Area Paratransit System (MAPS) Division

**ATTACHMENTS**

CB2020-157 Ordinance; Bid Tabulation Sheet; Schedule “A” Budget Amendment

**REVIEWED BY**

Director of Public Works: David Hertzberg; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards

**SUMMARY**

This Council Bill is a purchase agreement by and between the City of Joplin and Midwest Transit Equipment Inc., for the purchase of (2) light duty cutaway transit vehicles with ADA lifts to be used to provide (MAPS) service. The total purchase price is One Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Eighty-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$147,986.00). One vehicle purchase was approved in the FY2020 budget and the other vehicle to be purchased is a replacement for a MAPS van that was totaled in a NON-fault accident. The FTA will reimburse the City 80% of the budgeted vehicle purchase and the accident replacement vehicle will be purchased from the City’s insurance account.

**BACKGROUND**

Staff conducted a formal bid opening on July 7, 2020 for the purchase of (2) two light duty cutaway transit vehicles with ADA lifts to be used to provide MAPS service. Three bids were received. The lowest priced bid was submitted by Midwest Transit Inc. in the amount of \$73,993 per MAPS vehicle. Total contract price is \$147,986. The Federal Transit Administration will reimburse the City \$59,194.00 or 80% of the cost of one of the vehicles. City budgeted \$65,000 for the purchase of one MAPS vehicle.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The budget is being amended for the insurance replacement and partially amended for the regular replacement vehicle.

**RECOMMENDATION**

City staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an emergency basis, being an ordinance dealing with a public improvement, within the meaning of Section 2.12(6) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and, as such, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage. Specifically, this Council Bill needs to be approved as an emergency ordinance in order to complete the purchase within funding time limitations.