

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM**

Council Bill 2021-401 - Agreement between the City of Joplin and Olsson Associates

**ORIGINATING DEPT**

Planning, Development & Neighborhood Services

**MEETING DATE**

January 19, 2021

**REVIEWED BY**

Director of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services- Troy Bolander, Director of Finance-Leslie Haase, City Attorney- Peter Edwards, City Manager-Nicholas Edwards.

**SUMMARY**

This Council Bill authorizes the execution of a contract for services between the City of Joplin and Olsson Associates to complete an Active Transportation Assessment for the City of Joplin. This work task was approved in the Joplin Area Transportation Study Organization's (JATSO) Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

**BACKGROUND**

This Council Bill authorizes the City of Joplin to enter into an Agreement with Olsson Engineering for Transportation Planning Services to conduct an Active Transportation Assessment for the City of Joplin. City staff has seen a marked increase in bicycle and pedestrian projects and system connectivity in the last decade. As part of JATSO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan update, staff identified a need for a targeted plan that addressed the City of Joplin's needs specifically.

The Active Transportation Assessment will:

- Educate and train staff and community stakeholders in contemporary best practices for active transportation
- Assess the current on- and off-road active transportation network
- Provide an implementation plan for connectivity and new active transportation projects
- Recommend programmatic and policy changes to improve the transportation planning and project implementation process

**FUNDING SOURCE**

80% of funding comes from the federal Consolidated Planning Grant. The remaining 20% comes from the City of Joplin Transportation Sales Tax.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of this Council Bill.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Bid Tabulation, Work Authorization, Scope of Services.