How Do I Sign Up For the Half Fare Program?

Individuals who are age 60+, are disabled, or receive Medicare or are eligible for membership in our Half Fare Program. Members for the Half Fare Program are issued a Transit ID Card that grants them half-priced rides on MAPS vehicles and Sunshine Lamp Trolley because they either drive their own Transit ID Card. Transit ID Cards can be issued to individuals who are age 60+ or receive Medicare that bring a state issued photo ID and their Medicare card, if applicable, to the MAPS Office 2nd & Main, from 8 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday. Persons with disabilities must return a completed Application for Disability Certification to the above address before ID Card can be issued.

Applications are available from the City of Joplin website, www.joplinfo.com, under the keyword Sunshine Lamp Trolley, the MAPS Office, or by calling the dispatch line. Transit ID Cards are issued to an individual for their personal use ONLY. No other person will be allowed to use it for a reduced fare on the transit system. Transit ID Cards do not reduce the $2.00 fare charged for disabled. Please show your Transit ID Card to the driver each time you board the vehicle. Even if you are a frequent rider and feel the drivers know you, the driver may challenge your ticket for a reduced fare. Please be aware that you will not be allowed to ride for the half fare if you fail to show the driver your Transit ID Card when boarding the vehicle. The first card is issued free. If the card is lost and needs to be replaced there will be a $5.00 fee.

Bike Rack Instructions

- Pull release handle and lower bike rack into the open position.
- Place bike in rack’s wheel closest to the trolley.
- Push bike back into the bike support arm up and over the tire.
- A spring will pull the support arm into place.
- Board the trolley and pay your fare. Your bike rides FREE!
- When you arrive at your stop, exit the front door and tell the driver that you’ll be taking your bike.
- After removing your bikes, pull release handle and return bike rack to the closed position.

*Additional instructions are available on the City of Joplin website, keyword: Sunshine Lamp Trolley.*

Sunshine Lamp Trolley Users Guide

The City of Joplin has one of the most unique transit systems in the United States. The Sunshine Lamp Trolley is a safe, convenient and economical transportation alternative that serves the majority of the City of Joplin. This system consists of a series of fixed stops or rides that are designed to be as close as possible to the designated stops along its route or riders have the option to schedule a "deviated" pick-up or drop-off at a location within 1/2 mile from the route. A rider can be scheduled with at least 1-hour advanced notice.

When Can I Ride the Trolley?
The Sunshine Lamp Trolley service hours are:
- Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (excluding holidays)
- Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (excluding holidays)

How Do I Ride?
The first thing to do is to look at the Trolley route map and find your starting location and your destination.

To tell when the Trolley will arrive at your stop, please check the schedule on the map. Find the trolley stop listed just before the stop you wish to use. The Trolley will arrive within a few minutes of this listed time. Our Trolleys operate on a scheduled fixed route system so our arrival times won’t always be the exact time printed on our schedules. Please try to be waiting at the stop at least 5 minutes before the Trolley is scheduled to arrive so that you don’t miss your ride.

Route Deviation

There will be a fare charged. Monthly passes are available and can help reduce the cost if you take a deviation from your designated location and back. The Trolley bus should arrive no later than 10 minutes after your scheduled pickup time. If you have back to your designated location and back. The Trolley bus should arrive no later than 10 minutes after your scheduled pickup time. If you have back to your designated location and back. The Trolley bus should arrive no later than 10 minutes after your scheduled pickup time. If you have back to your designated location and back. The Trolley bus should arrive no later than 10 minutes after your scheduled pickup time. If you have back to your designated location and back. The Trolley bus should arrive no later than 10 minutes after your scheduled pickup time. If you have back to your designated location and back. The Trolley bus should arrive no later than 10 minutes after your scheduled pickup time. If you have back to your designated location and back. The Trolley bus should arrive no later than 10 minutes after your scheduled pickup time.

For some reason you are unable to go to the Trolley Stop, the Sunshine Lamp Trolley will return you to your location. Deviation service is available to anyone living within 3/4 mile of a Trolley route. This service allows you to schedule a ride on the closest color-coded Trolley route from any address located within the yellow lighted area of the route map.