

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 27, 2017

Kathy D. Fields
Acting Regional Administrator
FEMA Region VII
9221 Ward Parkway, Ste. 300
Kansas City, MO 64114-3323

Dear Ms. Fields:

The city of Joplin has requested additional extensions for completion of projects identified as Emmie #1579, JP-034 (Sidewalks), Emmie #1979, JP-036 (Streets & Alleys), Emmie #1933, JP-023 (Catch Basins), and Emmie #1896, JP-035 (Curbs & Gutters) until November 8, 2018.

We understand that these extensions would give Joplin flexibility in coordinating several infrastructure projects, which are eligible for reimbursement through FEMA's Public Assistance Program, with a capital improvement plan the city has developed using Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Specifically, it would allow Joplin to better sequence the infrastructure projects in a way that may help reduce wasteful spending.

We respectfully request that you fully and fairly consider the city's request, under DR-1980-MO, as Joplin continues to recover from the devastating EF-5 tornado that struck the city on May 22, 2011. Should you have any questions about this request, or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact Joelle Cannon in Senator Blunt's office at Joelle_Cannon@blunt.senate.gov and Joel Walsh in Senator McCaskill's office at Joel_Walsh@hsgac.senate.gov.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator



Claire McCaskill
United States Senator