

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee

**FROM:** Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Long Range Transportation Plan Vision, Goals, and Objectives

**MEETING DATE:** March 25, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Plan/Report/Study

**RECOMMENDATION:** **Consider the Motion:** *I move to adopt the Vision, Goals, and Objectives for the Gallatin Valley Long Range Transportation Plan.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 1.3 Public Agencies Collaboration: Foster successful collaboration with other public agencies and build on these successes.

**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this action item is to request adoption of the Vision, Goals, and Objectives for the Gallatin Valley Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) by the Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC).

The Gallatin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is developing its first LRTP. A key step in the LRTP process is adoption of the Vision, Goals, and Objectives, which will establish the long-term policy direction for the regional transportation system. Once adopted, they will serve as the primary framework for future plan recommendations and for evaluating how proposed transportation investments support community priorities.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) reviewed and workshopped the draft Vision, Goals, and Objectives at its January meeting. The draft was subsequently workshopped by TPCC, which discussed and identified areas for refinement related to clarity, structure, and alignment.

During that discussion, TPCC directed revisions to the Goals and Objectives, including separating system preservation and resilience goals, strengthening Vision Zero framing, refining the location of objectives across goals, shortening language, using simplified terms such as multimodal where appropriate, and adding context-sensitive design related to speeds and neighborhood context.

TTAC has reviewed and recommended the Goals and Objectives below for TPCC adoption.

## **Overview of Revised Goals**

1. Support Safe Travel Across All Modes

2. Ensure a Well-Maintained Transportation System
3. Expand Mobility Choices Throughout the Region
4. Enhance Health, Quality of Life, and Preserve Regional Character
5. Enhance Transportation and Land Use Coordination
6. Improve Transportation System Resilience

The following section provides the detailed objectives associated with each goal.

### **Goals and Objectives**

#### **Goal 1: Support Safe Travel Across All Modes**

1. Eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries across all transportation modes.
2. Improve safety outcomes and reduce barriers for non-motorized travel.
3. Improve safety performance on high-injury corridors and intersections.
4. Improve accessibility and safety by reducing existing facility gaps and ADA deficiencies.
5. Reduce conflicts and barriers that undermine safety, comfort, and personal security.
6. Maintain safe and secure connections for transit riders and operators.
7. Strengthen partnerships to support consistent speed limits and Vision Zero goals.

#### **Goal 2: Ensure a Well-Maintained Transportation System**

1. Maintain a state of good repair for roadway, bridge, and transit assets.
2. Maintain reliable travel times across the transportation system.
3. Improve pedestrian conditions to and within pre-1980s neighborhoods, activity centers, and transit stops.
4. Improve long-term system performance through preservation-focused investments.

#### **Goal 3: Expand Mobility Choices Throughout the Region**

1. Improve access between schools, jobs, services, and key destinations.
2. Improve street and pathway connectivity to support more direct multimodal travel.
3. Improve continuity and comfort by filling missing gaps in the non-motorized network.
4. Improve access, comfort, and safety to and at transit stops and transfer locations.
5. Expand transportation investments to support trips made by not driving alone.
6. Expand access to everyday non-driving travel options that lower household costs.

#### **Goal 4: Enhance Health, Quality of Life, and Preserve Regional Character**

1. Improve access to non-motorized facilities that support active travel options.
2. Improve transportation access to parks, trails, and recreation areas.
3. Reduce wildlife-vehicle conflicts and improve safe wildlife movement

across corridors.

4. Reduce transportation-related impacts on environmentally sensitive areas.
5. Reduce per capita air emissions from the transportation system.

**Goal 5: Enhance Transportation and Land Use Planning Coordination**

1. Align transportation system and network decisions with adopted growth plans.
2. Align system design to support walkable, human-centered, and well-connected places.
3. Support placemaking, economic vitality, and access in centers.
4. Encourage land use decisions consistent with transportation investments and policies.
5. Prioritize year-round needs to avoid overbuilding driven by seasonal travel demand.
6. Reduce speed-related conflicts through context-sensitive design.

**Goal 6: Improve Transportation System Resilience**

1. Improve the adaptability and flexibility of the transportation network design.
2. Maintain and enhance system design for reliable movement of people and goods.
3. Maintain a transportation system that can accommodate emerging technologies.
4. Strengthen coordination, cooperation, and preparedness among transportation partners to support mobility, access, and logistics during emergency response and recovery.

Staff will present a brief overview of the revisions to the Vision, Goals, and Objectives and request TPCC consideration of adoption.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As suggested by the Committee.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None.

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