

# Memorandum

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

**FROM:** Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

**SUBJECT:** Gallatin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Staff Update

**MEETING DATE:** August 27, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Administration

**RECOMMENDATION:** Discussion on the MPO staff update.

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

**BACKGROUND:** Since the last meeting, MPO staff have engaged in the following key activities:

- **Long Range Transportation Plan** – The plan is in development, with the first round of community outreach underway. On August 19–21, the Nelson\Nygaard consultant team visited, joined staff at the Bozeman Farmer’s Market for input, and met with individual TTAC members.
- **Valley Center Spur** – Staff continues to review previous studies, documents, and conduct interviews regarding the Valley Center Spur. Progress is ongoing but slower than desired due to workload, with a report anticipated in the next couple of months.
- **Traffic Counts** – Staff trained with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) on short-term traffic count methods. The State and MPO will partner on counts this year, with the MPO assuming greater responsibility next year.
- **Continuous Count Stations** – MDT has installed two continuous count stations at Baxter Ln/Love Ln and Jackrabbit Ln/Gallatin Heights Dr. The MPO will install two additional stations near the airport and on S. 19th St. to improve calibration factors used in transportation modeling.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

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

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None.

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