

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

SUBJECT: Long Range Transportation Plan Project List Update

MEETING DATE: June 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: Participate in the Long Range Transportation Plan list update discussion.

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

BACKGROUND: The purpose of this item is to provide an update on development of the fiscally constrained project list for the Gallatin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's first Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This item is for discussion, with no action requested.

The Gallatin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is currently advancing development of the LRTP. The plan must be adopted by December 26, 2026, to maintain uninterrupted eligibility for federal surface transportation funding.

Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates is assisting the MPO with preparation of the LRTP. Work completed to date includes the Transit Strategic Plan, which was funded by the Gallatin Valley Urban Transportation District (UTD), as well as drafting the Existing and Projected Conditions Report. The Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC) also adopted the LRTP goals and objectives earlier this year.

The MPO and consultant team have collated potential transportation projects for consideration in the plan. In addition to incorporating projects from previous plans, this included a Call for Project Concepts issued in April, three community workshops held that same month, with one workshop conducted in each community, and an online interactive mapping tool.

The consultant team is currently reviewing transportation modeling results, evaluating project concepts, and developing a draft project list for further review. While that technical review is ongoing, the consultant team has prepared an initial unconstrained project list and preliminary ranking approach. The list includes projects located within the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), is not fiscally nor jurisdictionally constrained, and should be

understood as a preliminary and directional project list for the LRTP.

This update will present the initial project list, summarize the general approach used to organize and review projects, and describe the next steps for incorporating feedback and refining the it into a fiscally constrained project list. The discussion is intended to help determine whether the preliminary list generally reflects the projects that best advance the region's transportation priorities before fiscal constraint is applied.

The fiscally constrained project list will guide future programming through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for projects seeking federal funding.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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