

# 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:** July 23, 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 Long Range Transportation Plan is in development, with the consultant team gathering data from each jurisdiction, preparing for engagement, and working to complete the Streamline-funded tasks by September 30.
- **Procurement Process** – Staff continued discussions on the procurement process. The Montana Department of Transportation has indicated a willingness to revise language in the agreement to clarify when confidentiality requirements are expected to conclude.
- **Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP)** – Staff continues to participate in the development of the CHSP through the state-led committee process. Focus areas have been established, and upcoming discussions will explore potential alternative strategies.
- **Continuous Count Stations** – Staff continues to coordinate with MDT on the installation of four continuous count stations—two funded by MDT and two by the MPO. The process is advancing, with installation anticipated in the near future.
- **MPO Staffing** – Michael Stone joined the MPO as Transportation Planner on July 9. He brings strong experience in GIS, planning, and community engagement. Staff is pleased to welcome Mr. Stone to the organization.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

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

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None.

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