

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: March 26, 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:

- **Belgrade-MDT Coordination** – The MPO Manager has begun participating in regular coordination meetings between the City of Belgrade and Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). This ensures the MPO remains informed of transportation needs across the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).
- **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Plans** – MPO staff attended two meetings for Gallatin County and two for the City of Belgrade as part of ongoing SS4A community safety planning efforts.
- **Recurring Transit Coordination** – Staff worked with Streamline management to establish monthly meetings, creating a consistent forum for updates and discussions on relevant transit initiatives.
- **Title VI Compliance** – The MPO will be required to adopt a Title VI plan to ensure equal access to MPO activities and resources. The MPO Manager met with the State Civil Rights Division to review requirements. The State will provide a template to guide plan development.
- **MPO Staffing** – The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes funding for a second MPO staff member focused primarily on transportation data and community engagement. All necessary paperwork has been submitted to the City of Bozeman’s Human Resources Department. The Transportation Planner position is expected to be posted between March 20-25 and will remain open for approximately three weeks, with the goal of filling the position by the end of May.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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