

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

SUBJECT: Project Updates and Discussion Items

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Administration

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and provide input on the project updates and discussion items.

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

BACKGROUND: The MPO has several ongoing efforts underway. Staff will provide brief updates to keep TTAC members informed and identify items where early input would be helpful on the following:

- 1. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**
Contract negotiations with Nelson\Nygaard concluded in late April. Bozeman City Commission authorized the City Manager to sign on May 6. With the consultants now under contract, staff expects to share more information in the coming month, including project kickoff and the start of the formal process.
- 2. Community Advisory Panel**
The LRTP scope includes a community advisory panel. Following internal and partner discussions, staff is considering inviting members from existing advisory committees, supplemented by residents not currently on a committee. Staff encourages members to begin thinking of potential candidates from your jurisdiction. Further discussion on structure and makeup will take place in upcoming meetings.
- 3. Continuous Count Stations**
Staff is working with MDT on an agreement related to installation and maintenance of continuous count stations. We are awaiting MDT's next steps and anticipate installation in the coming months.
- 4. Short-Term Count Equipment**
The MPO has procured new short-term motor vehicle counters/classifiers and pneumatic bicycle counters. The vehicle equipment is interoperable with MDT's data systems, and the bike counters can differentiate between bicycles and scooters with some programming. Counts will be taken

concurrently when feasible. A Miovision camera will supplement project-specific needs and may soon support pedestrian counts. It is shipping soon.

5. Public Participation Plan (PPP)

The 45-day public review ended May 11. Staff will summarize any significant comments at the meeting, make necessary adjustments, and anticipates bringing the final draft to TPCC in May or June.

6. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Due to reduced capacity at FHWA, staff plans to advance the UPWP development timeline by one month, with initial review in June. One potential new item is a travel survey primarily focused on understanding remote work patterns in the Bozeman area. Staff welcomes input on any other activities TTAC may want to consider for the FY 2025-2026 work plan.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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