

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee

FROM: Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

SUBJECT: Overview of the Gallatin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and Regional Transportation Planning Process

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Administration

RECOMMENDATION: Participate in the overview of the Gallatin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and regional transportation planning process.

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

BACKGROUND: In respect of the new members of the Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC), the purpose of this item is to provide an overview of the Gallatin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and current activities.

The presentation will provide an understanding of the MPO's role, structure, and responsibilities within the regional transportation planning process. The MPO carries out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive, performance-based, multimodal transportation planning process within the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), as established under federal code and the Memorandum of Agreement for the Gallatin Valley Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process (commonly referred to as the 3-Cs Agreement).

This process includes the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Public Participation Plan (PPP), Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as well as discretionary planning efforts supported through partnerships. Additionally, staff will advance discretionary planning work, including the Valley Loop Trail study, which has been co-funded by regional partners.

Staff will also include information on the LRTP, including current progress, upcoming milestones, and opportunities for TPCC involvement.

This item is for information and no action is requested.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the Committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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