

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: December 10, 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 Existing Conditions Report is being finalized. The next phase will focus on projected conditions and modeling. Work is underway on the LRTP vision, goals, and objectives that will guide future project scoring. The project team met with the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) on November 5 and has met twice with TTAC to discuss desired outcomes and how the LRTP can support the valley’s long-term growth and mobility needs. A virtual public engagement opportunity is planned for December, with a more detailed LRTP update anticipated for TPCC in the first quarter of next year.
- **Valley Center Spur** – Staff has completed a draft of the report, which has undergone internal review. A few outstanding details are awaiting confirmation from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). Staff anticipates completing the report in early 2026.
- **Financial Administration** – The MPO completed its first federal work program year and worked through reimbursement and pass-through processes with minimal issues.
- **Conference Participation** – MPO staff attended the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) conference in early October and the Montana Association of Planners (MAP) conference in mid-October. These events provided valuable training and networking opportunities relevant to the MPO’s work.
- **Statewide MPO Collaboration** – The MPO participated in a quarterly meeting with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) and other MPOs across the state to share updates, exchange best practices, and learn from one another’s work.
- **Statewide Safety Planning** – MPO staff participated in the final

advisory committee meeting for the Community Highway Safety Plan, reviewing upcoming statewide safety targets and action areas with partner agencies. The resulting plan will establish the basis for statewide safety performance measures that the MPO will help support.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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