

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: January 22, 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, staff from the Gallatin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have undertaken the following key activities:

- **Long Range Transportation Plan:** The request for proposals is open with submissions due on January 31. Approximately six firms have expressed interest. All review and selection procedures will comply with federal requirements.
 - **Selection Committee:**
 - City of Bozeman: Director of Transportation and Engineering
 - Montana State University: Associate Vice President, Facilities Management
 - Montana Department of Transportation (MDT): Statewide and Urban Planning Supervisor designee
 - Gallatin Valley Urban Transportation District: Operations Coordinator
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization: Manager
- **Continuous Count Stations (CCS):** MDT reviewed Bozeman locations in mid-December and is coordinating installation, which is expected to be delayed until spring due to weather. A forthcoming agreement will outline data sharing and related arrangements.
- **Gallatin County, Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A):** MPO staff participated in two SS4A Task Force meetings, which focused on crash data and public input. Staff will remain engaged as the plan develops.
- **MPO Quarterly Meeting:** Staff attended the quarterly meeting between MPOs, transit agencies, and MDT. Discussions covered regional updates, federal and state legislative developments, and technical coordination.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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