

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: February 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, staff from the Gallatin Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have been actively engaged in the following key efforts:

- **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):** The Federal Highways Administration approved Amendment No 1, ensuring continued alignment with federal funding requirements and operational needs.
- **Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP):** MPO staff has joined the advisory committee for this statewide safety initiative and attended the first meeting in Helena. This year-long process will focus on enhancing roadway safety strategies. Staff will remain engaged throughout the process.
- **Pass-Through Funding Agreements:** As the host agency, the City of Bozeman is required to facilitate 5303 Transit Planning funds as a Pass-Through Entity (PTE). Staff have been working to advance these agreements, including securing placement on the Bozeman City Commission's agenda for necessary approvals.
- **Spanish Language Access:** As part of its federal obligations, the MPO is required to provide language access services. To support this requirement, the MPO Manager has offered to assist with Spanish language needs and has met the necessary proficiency standards as evaluated by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) assessment.
- **Bozeman Transportation Advisory Board:** MPO staff provided an overview of the Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant program, outlining the program's parameters and answering questions.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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