

# 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:** June 25, 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 (LRTP)** – The consultant, Nelson/Nygaard, is now under contract after an extended negotiation period and has begun background data collection. Staff expects to launch engagement activities soon, including outreach to TPCC.
- **Transportation Planner Position** - The City of Bozeman has extended an offer to Michael Stone, who has accepted. Mr. Stone brings extensive GIS expertise and some planning experience. His anticipated start date is July 9.
- **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Plans** – MPO staff has continued to engage during Belgrade and Gallatin County SS4A processes, including attending two stakeholder meetings and one public event. The county plan is near completion.
- **Procurement Processes** – The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) convened stakeholders, including legal counsel, to review the non-disclosure requirement executed in the LRTP procurement. Staff will meet internally on June 25 to determine next steps.
- **Title VI Compliance** – MPO staff met with the State Civil Rights Division, which confirmed the MPO is covered under the State’s Title VI plan and does not need a separate policy.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As suggested by the committee.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None.

