

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

**SUBJECT:** Functional Classification Overview and Anticipated 2025 Statewide Review

**MEETING DATE:** May 14, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Administration

**RECOMMENDATION:** Provide input on the functional classification overview and anticipated 2025 statewide review.

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

**BACKGROUND:** The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) maintains the statewide functional classification map and periodically submits coordinated updates to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). MDT is preparing to review functional classifications in 2025. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and local jurisdictions typically advise on the classification of existing and proposed roadways within their planning area, often through established planning and coordination processes.

Functional classification plays a key role in regional transportation planning by establishing a hierarchy of roadways intended to balance regional mobility and local access. The attached summary is provided to support an initial discussion – no decisions are anticipated. Staff will lead a conversation to introduce the topic and receive input to help inform future analysis and any potential recommendations.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

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

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None.

Attachments:

[FunctionalClassification\\_Background\\_May2025.pdf](#)

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