

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

SUBJECT: Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Administration

MEETING DATE: January 8, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Administration

RECOMMENDATION: Provide input on proposed process for Transportation Alternatives (TA) Administration.

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

BACKGROUND: The MPO will administer \$1,339,577 in Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding for projects within the Bozeman urbanized area. To align with the State's schedule, staff proposes a call for projects running from January 10, 2025 through April 9, 2025. To ensure fairness for potential applicants not represented on MPO committees, application materials are being developed internally by MPO staff. Staff seeks TTAC input on the following:

- 1. Timeline**
The proposed schedule aligns with the statewide process, ensuring timely consideration by the Transportation Commission.
- 2. Funding Pool**
Staff recommends considering all applications from a single funding pool, foregoing categorical set-asides – such as pavement preservation.
- 3. Scoring Criteria**
Staff proposes three scoring categories: project description, benefits, and risks. Feedback is requested on whether to define subcategories for benefits (e.g., safety, efficiency) and risks (e.g., right-of-way, utilities, environmental, financial) or leave it to the reviewers' discretion.
- 4. Selection Committee**
A three-member scoring committee is proposed: MPO Manager, the City of Bozeman Grants Manager, and one non-Bozeman TTAC member.

TTAC is asked to review and provide feedback on the proposed timeline, scoring criteria, and selection committee.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

Attachments:

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