

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee

FROM: Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

SUBJECT: Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Selection Process and Transparency Review

MEETING DATE: March 26, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Administration

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update and provide input on the LRTP selection process and transparency review.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 7.1 Values-Driven Culture: Promote a values-driven organizational culture that reinforces ethical behavior, exercises transparency and maintains the community's trust.

BACKGROUND: As part of the LRTP procurement process, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) provided a standard Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and Conflict of Interest Certification for selection committee participants. Selection committee members signed and returned these documents.

At last month's Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC) meeting, members raised questions regarding public transparency and potential alternative approaches to the NDA requirement. In response, Director Ross and the MPO Manager met with the Bozeman City Attorney to review the agreement's provisions and assess possible procedural or language modifications.

Staff has requested a meeting with the State Procurement Services to discuss alternative approaches and is coordinating with the Bozeman City Attorney's Office, Metropolitan Planning Organization staff, and the Montana Department of Transportation to finalize scheduling.

This update is intended to keep TPCC informed of ongoing discussions and provide an opportunity for input. Staff will provide ongoing updates as discussions advance.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

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