

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Transportation Board

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SUBJECT: Transportation Alternatives Program - Overview for 2025 and Preliminary Project Discussion

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Provide feedback to staff on potential projects for the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program

STRATEGIC PLAN: 4.5 Housing and Transportation Choices: Vigorously encourage, through a wide variety of actions, the development of sustainable and lasting housing options for underserved individuals and families and improve mobility options that accommodate all travel modes.

BACKGROUND: The [Transportation Alternatives \(TA\) Program](#) is a federal program that is administered by the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). MDT allocates the TA funding across the state based on population. MDT allocates funding for each of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). That funding is administered by the MPO. With the designation of the Gallatin Valley MPO (GVMPO) in 2023, how the TA program is administered in Bozeman has changed. The GVMPO will now administer the TA Program for projects within the Bozeman Urban Area. MDT has allocated \$1,399,044 to the GVMPO for TA projects. The [GVMPO](#) has issued a call for projects and established a map showing the area in which projects will apply for TA funding through the GVMPO. Those documents and the application form are attached.

Jeff Butts, GVMPO Manager will present an overview of the TA Program to the Board. This will include the changes in how funding will be administered and information on how the GVMPO will select projects.

Taylor Lonsdale, Transportation Engineer will present an initial list of projects that City staff has identified as potential projects for the 2025 TA Call for Applications. The list is based on previous TA application discussions as well as the initial results for the Gap Analysis Project.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: None identified.

FISCAL EFFECTS:

No direct fiscal effects. Transportation Alternatives projects require a local match. Depending on the project selected, the match will vary. The approved City budget includes funds that can be used to provide the local match.

Attachments:

[2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects.pdf](#)

[Transportation Alternatives Program Application Form.pdf](#)

[2025_GVMPO_TA_Eligibility_Map.jpg](#)

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