

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee

FROM: Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

SUBJECT: Informational Update: Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Administration

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Administration

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an informational update on the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program with no formal action requested.

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

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program is an important federal funding source supporting bicycle, pedestrian, and ADA-accessible projects. The Gallatin Valley MPO will administer \$1,339,577 in TA funding for projects within the Bozeman urbanized area. To align with the State's schedule, the call for projects is open from January 10, 2025, through April 9, 2025. Application materials and program details are available at <https://www.gvmpo.org/>.

To ensure equitable access for all potential applicants, including those not represented on MPO committees, MPO staff developed the application materials internally based on the Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) format. Program details were reviewed by the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) prior to publication.

High-Level Program Details

1. **Timeline:** The schedule aligns with the statewide process to ensure timely consideration by the Transportation Commission.
2. **Funding Pool:** Projects will be awarded from a single funding pool, foregoing categorical set-asides – such as pavement preservation.
3. **Scoring Criteria:** Applications will be evaluated based on three categories: project description, benefits, and risks.
4. **Selection Committee:** A three-member scoring committee will rank this year's projects: MPO Manager, the City of Bozeman Grants Manager, and the City of Belgrade Public Works Director.

This item is informational, given the program's competitive nature. No action is requested. Staff is available to address any questions or receive

input.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

Attachments:

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