

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

SUBJECT: Initial Review of the Long Range Transportation Plan Fiscally Constrained Project List

MEETING DATE: August 12, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: Participation in the initial review of the Long Range Transportation Plan fiscally constrained project list.

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

BACKGROUND: The purpose of this discussion item is to present the initial draft of the fiscally constrained project list for the Gallatin Valley Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and receive Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) feedback prior to further refinement. The fiscally constrained project list informs the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which programs federally funded projects for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Proposed projects were evaluated based on how well they advanced the adopted Goals and Objectives. Projects received points for meeting individual objectives, resulting in an initial ranked project list. TTAC members were provided the opportunity to refine project descriptions, including identifying project elements that could affect the evaluation. Since the previous committee discussion, Nelson\Nygaard and MPO staff have incorporated comments from TTAC members into the project descriptions. In some cases, these more complete project descriptions resulted in scoring changes when additional project elements were relevant to the adopted objectives. While the project rankings were being completed, the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) developed revenue projections. Nelson\Nygaard prepared planning-level cost estimates in coordination with partner agencies. These elements have now been combined to produce the initial draft of the fiscally constrained project list. Nelson\Nygaard will review the incorporated feedback, revenue projections, planning-level project costs, and present the initial draft of the fiscally constrained project list. Staff is seeking TTAC technical feedback on project details, planning-level costs and year-of-expenditure assumptions, reasonably expected revenues,

project readiness, implementation sequencing, and other technical considerations before refining the draft for public review and future committee consideration.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: No direct fiscal impacts are associated with this discussion item.

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