

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

SUBJECT: MPO-Funded Continuous Count Station (CCS) Location Selection

MEETING DATE: January 8, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Administration

RECOMMENDATION: Make a recommendation on the MPO-funded CCS locations.

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

BACKGROUND: The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is installing Continuous Count Stations (CCS) statewide to improve traffic data collection and modeling. MDT has funded two stations in the GVMPO Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) which are currently being installed. The MPO has planned to add two more stations in the 2024–2025 UPWP. These MPO-funded CCS locations were discussed and identified by TTAC over two meetings in the fall of 2024, but final selections have not yet been made.

Staff has confirmed that the current allocation of \$25,000 will support only one additional station. Funding both stations would require increasing the budget to \$50,000. If the additional station cannot be funded through the UPWP, there are no other funding sources currently identified. This would result in one MPO-funded station and two MDT-funded stations in the MPA.

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) is requested to provide input on the preferred funding approach and to identify installation sites from the "Potential Locations" list of predetermined sites that TTAC members determined over two meetings in the fall of 2024.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

Attachments:
[CCS_Locations_Jan_2025.pdf](#)

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