

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Gallatin Valley MPO - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Jeff Butts, MPO Manager

SUBJECT: Valley Center Spur Background Report

MEETING DATE: June 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Plan/Report/Study

RECOMMENDATION: Review and participate in Valley Center Spur Background Report discussion.

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

BACKGROUND: The purpose of this item is to present the Valley Center Spur Background Report completed by GVMPO staff. No action is requested.

The Valley Center Spur corridor is located within Gallatin County between the City of Bozeman's jurisdictional boundaries. The corridor connects East Valley Center Road with Frontage Road and passes beneath Interstate 90. The corridor involves multiple jurisdictional and operational interests including Gallatin County, the Montana Department of Transportation, BNSF Railway, the Federal Highway Administration, and the City of Bozeman.

The report was prepared to establish a shared understanding of the corridor including its history, current conditions, jurisdictional context, constraints, and potential next steps. It is intended to support informed discussion among partner agencies and help ensure stakeholders are working from the same factual foundation. The report identifies several key considerations including pedestrian and bicycle connectivity gaps, constraints associated with the Interstate 90 underpass, railroad coordination requirements, Frontage Road intersection operations, and the need for continued interagency coordination.

MPO staff will present a brief overview of the report and facilitate discussion among partner agencies. This discussion is intended to provide a brief overview of the report and allow partner agencies to discuss the corridor, clarify shared understanding, and identify whether future planning work would support continued collaboration. The report also outlines potential next steps for consideration based on corridor constraints and partner feedback received to date, including a pedestrian signal crossing at Frontage Road, a bicycle-pedestrian feasibility study, review of lighting and nighttime visibility, and continued interagency dialogue.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the committee.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

Attachments:

[ValleyCenter_BackgroundReport_Final.pdf](#)

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