



GREATER HELENA MPO | TTAC
 April 20, 2026

Zoom Online Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85336314391>
 (City/County Building Room 226)

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comment on the Agenda / General Public Comment

- A. Comment in person.
- B. Comment online.

1. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> MPO Project Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Helena • Lewis and Clark County • City of East Helena • Montana Department of Transportation District Updates • Montana Department of Transportation Planning Updates 	MPO Staff	3:10 – 3:20
<input type="checkbox"/> MPO Manager Updates	MPO Manager	3:20 – 3:25
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Plans Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Second MPO Public Involvement • Existing and Projected Conditions Report • Alternative Scenarios 	RPA	3:25 – 3:45

2. ACTION ITEMS

<input type="checkbox"/> Plan for Developing Project Recommendations for the LRTP	RPA	3:45 – 4:00
<input type="checkbox"/> FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All Notice of Funding Opportunity	MPO Manager	4:00 – 4:10

Member Communications and Discussion Topics

Adjournment

It is the policy of the Greater Helena MPO to take public comment on any action item. For further information on any of the items mentioned above, please contact the MPO Manager at 447-8406 or tweingartner@helenamt.gov.

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Member	Title	Voting Member
David Knoepke	City of Helena Transportation Systems Director	Yes
Chris Brink	City of Helena Community Development Director	Yes
Kevin Ore	City of East Helena Public Works Director	Yes
Jeremy Fadness	City of East Helena Planning Staff (ask Kevin Ore)	Yes
Jenny Chambers	Lewis and Clark County Public Works Director	Yes
Greg McNally	Lewis and Clark County Community Development and Planning Director	Yes
Trinity Palmerton	City of Helena Transit Manager	Yes
Ellie Ray	City of Helena Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator	Yes
Dick Sloan	Non-Motorized Advocate at Large (TTAC will have to put out applications)	Yes
Katy Callon	Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Statewide & Urban Planning Planner	Yes
James Combs	MDT Great Falls District Preconstruction Engineer	Yes
Rex Weltz	Helena Public Schools District No. 1 Superintendent	Yes
Dan Rispens	East Helena Public Schools District No. 9 Superintendent	Yes
Drenda Niemann	City-County Public Health Officer	No
Jeff Wadekamper	Helena Regional Airport Director	No
Brett Petty	Helena Police Chief	No
Clint Loss	Lewis and Clark Rural Fire Council Chair	No
Katie Potts	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division, Statewide and Urban Planner	No
Emma Belmont	Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 8 Transportation Program Specialist	No
Harry Barnett	MDT Division Maintenance Chief	No

Memorandum

To:	Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Members
From:	MPO Manager
Subject:	Plan for Developing Project Recommendations for the LRTP
Meeting Date:	4/20/2026
Agenda Item Type:	Long Range Transportation
Background	RPA has developed a proposed list of recommended projects for the Long-Range Transportation Plan, drawing on project recommendations from previous plans and current initiatives within each MPO entity.
Objective:	<p>This agenda item requests TTAC guidance on the process for reviewing and editing the draft LRTP Project Recommendations.</p> <p>RPA will begin by outlining how the draft project recommendation list was developed and which project types are included in the LRTP.</p> <p>After the presentation, TTAC members will be asked to provide the next steps for reviewing the project recommendation list.</p>
Project Team Recommendation	The project team recommends that each MPO entity review the draft project recommendation list individually, then reconvene as a TTAC working group to collaborate on project selection.

Memorandum

To:	Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Members
From:	MPO Manager
Subject:	FY26 Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Meeting Date:	4/20/2026
Agenda Item Type:	Administration
Background	<p>The U.S. Department of Transportation has released the FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. This competitive grant program, established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, provides funding to support projects and planning efforts aimed at reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Approximately \$1 billion is available in FY2026.</p> <p>Grant Opportunities</p> <p>Two types of grants are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and Demonstration Grants Support the development, completion, or update of Safety Action Plans and related demonstration activities.• Implementation Grants Fund projects and strategies that implement an adopted Safety Action Plan. Applications may also include supplemental planning or demonstration components. <p>Application Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline: May 26, 2026, at 5:00 PM (ET)• Submission Platform: Valid Eval (USDOT’s online application portal)• Additional guidance, including recorded webinars and application resources, is available through the SS4A program website.
TTAC Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assess MPO readiness for implementation funding• Identify priority safety projects and corridors consistent with SS4A goals
Potential Project Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Henderson/Custer Avenue• Mini Malfuncheon• Centennial Trail East Connector

TTAC Decision: 4/20/2026	
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