



GREATER HELENA MPO | TTAC
 May 18, 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	3:00 – 3:10
<input type="checkbox"/> MPO Manager Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of Prospective Transportation Plans for the MPO. 	MPO Manager	3:10 – 3:20
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Plans Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Recommendations • Existing and Projected Conditions Report • Alternative Scenarios 	RPA	3:20 – 3:45

2. ACTION ITEMS

<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program.	MPO Manager	3:45 – 4:15
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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:	MPO Planning Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Safe Routes to School Planning
Meeting Date:	5/18/2026
Agenda Item Type:	Transportation Plans Unified Planning Work Program
Background	<p>The Long-Range Transportation Plan is scheduled for completion in October 2026, coinciding with the start of the new fiscal year for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO Manager seeks feedback from the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) regarding which transportation plan should be prioritized next.</p> <p>Public outreach events for the Long-Range Transportation Plan revealed a consistent and strongly expressed need for Safe Routes to School and improved non-motorized connectivity.</p> <p>The MPO Manager proposes the following plans for the TTAC’s consideration to enhance transportation within the MPO boundary.</p> <p><u>Air Quality Conformity Plan</u>: A strategic initiative designed to reduce emissions and achieve compliance with federal clean air standards.</p> <p><u>Active Transportation Plan</u>: Focuses on pedestrian and bicycle safety, connectivity, and outlines trail networks and complete streets policies.</p> <p><u>Accessibility Plan</u>: A strategic document that identifies, removes, and prevents barriers for individuals with disabilities.</p> <p><u>Safe Routes to School</u>: A strategic document outlining measures to make walking, biking, and rolling to school safer, more accessible, and more appealing for students.</p>
Examples of Proposed Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billings MPO Safe Routes to School • Billings “Getting to School” Maps • Billings Bikeway and Trails Master Plan • City of Flagstaff – Active Transportation Plan • 2011 Missoula Active Transportation Plan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Missoula Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan• Air Quality
TTAC Decision: 5/18/2026	

Memorandum

To:	Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Members
From:	MPO Manager
Subject:	Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Work Planning Program Amendment
Meeting Date:	5/18/2026
Agenda Item Type:	Unified Planning Work Program
Background	<p>The Greater Helena Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Manager proposes an amendment to its Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Work Planning Program (UPWP).</p> <p>The proposed amendment allocates an additional \$21,677.24 to address specific operational needs. These include the MPO Manager's Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2026, increased telephone charges, higher information technology expenses, and costs related to new enterprise resource planning (ERP) software. The amendment also ensures adequate funding to address minor incremental funding challenges.</p>
Advantages and Disadvantages	<p><u>Advantage:</u> Allocates sufficient planning funds for MPO operations and maintains a financial reserve for unexpected expenses.</p> <p><u>Disadvantage:</u> The \$4,000 contingency fund may remain locked until Federal Fiscal Year 2028.</p>
MPO Manager Recommendation	Amend the FFY26 UPWP adding \$21,677.24
TTAC Decision: 5/18/2026	

FFY26 PLANNING Funds: \$931,059.80

Work Program Element	MPO Manager Hours	MPO Manager PL Allotment	1Q	2Q	Total	Remaining	Hours Should be	Proposed Amendment
100 Program Administration	772	\$47,663.28	\$14,746.07	\$16,701.34	\$31,447.41	\$16,215.87	\$54,633.21	\$6,969.93
Rent		\$3,590.00	\$908.10	\$908.10	\$1,816.20	\$1,773.80	\$3,632.40	\$42.40
Telephone		\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)	\$300.00	\$300.00
Travel/Training		\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00		\$0.00
IIS Computer		\$1,690.00	\$557.78	\$836.68	\$1,394.46	\$295.54	\$3,295.35	\$1,605.35
Navaliner?		\$0.00	\$52.27	\$864.73	\$917.00	(\$917.00)	\$917.00	\$917.00
Website		\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,733.40	\$33.40
Office Supplies		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00
Other Dues and Certifications		\$1,030.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,030.00		\$0.00
101 UPWP	108	\$6,667.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,667.92	\$7,642.99	\$975.07
102 Public Involvement and Service	108	\$6,667.92	\$0.00	\$566.15	\$566.15	\$6,101.77	\$7,642.99	\$975.07
300 - Long Range Transportation Plan	772	\$47,663.28	\$16,277.01	\$15,569.05	\$31,846.06	\$15,817.22	\$54,633.21	\$6,969.93
LRIP		\$310,496.95	\$36,529.05	\$127,851.68	\$164,380.73	\$146,116.22		\$0.00
301 Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Plans	200	\$12,348.00	\$820.69	\$1,132.29	\$1,952.98	\$10,395.02	\$14,153.68	\$1,805.68
CSAP		\$39,830.52	\$7,468.23	\$27,383.48	\$34,851.71	\$4,978.81		\$0.00
302 Transportation Data	80	\$4,939.20	\$273.56	\$0.00	\$273.56	\$4,665.64	\$5,661.47	\$722.27
600 Transportation Improvement Plan	40	\$2,469.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,469.60	\$2,830.74	\$361.14
700 Air Quality	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals:	2080	\$490,256.67	\$77,707.76	\$191,888.50	\$269,596.26	\$220,660.41	\$147,198.29	\$21,677.24
900 Reserve	0	\$440,803.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$419,125.89
FFY27 Planning Funds Allotment	\$790,604.00							