



GREATER HELENA MPO | TTAC  
December 15, 2025

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**

	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Time allotted</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MPO Agencies Project Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Helena</li> <li>• Lewis and Clark County</li> <li>• City of East Helena</li> <li>• Montana Department of Transportation</li> </ul>	MPO Staff	3:00 – 3:15
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MPO Manager Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation Alternative Funds Update</li> <li>• Transit Plans RFQ</li> <li>• MPO Bylaws and MPO Redesignation</li> <li>• Upcoming Events</li> </ul>	Ty Weingartner (MPO Manager)	3:15 – 3:30
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Long Range Transportation Plan Project Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals and Objectives</li> <li>• Land Use Planning Update</li> </ul>	Scott Randall (RPA)	3:30 – 4:00

**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](mailto:tweingartner@helenamt.gov).

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<b>Resource Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
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
Chris Couey	City of Helena Transit Manager (Proxy)	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
Geoff Streeter	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

<b>To:</b>	Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
<b>From:</b>	MPO Manager
<b>Subject:</b>	MPO Manager Updates
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	12/15/2025
<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	Administration
<b>Transportation Alternatives</b>	The Greater Helena MPO's TA Funding Awards will be on the February agenda for the Montana Transportation Commission.
<b>Transit Plans RFQ</b>	As discussed at the November TTAC meeting, the MPO received one Statement of Qualifications for the Transit Plans RFQ, which received a high score. The Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee will consider awarding the RFQ to Robert Peccia and Associates on December 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
<b>MPO Bylaws and MPO Redesignation</b>	At the September 15, 2026 TTAC meeting, the Committee approved revisions to the TTAC Bylaws to address the addition of new committee members. The MPO manager is asking whether the TTAC would also like to consider redesignating the MPO from the Helena and County Consolidated Planning Board to the Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee. If there is interest, this topic will be added as an action item for the next TTAC meeting.
<b>MPO Upcoming Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee, December 19</li> <li>• MDT/MPO Relationship Meeting, January 7</li> <li>• TTAC, January 19 (MLK Day)</li> <li>• TPCC, February 9, 2026</li> <li>• TTAC, February 16, 2026 (Presidents' Day)</li> </ul>

# Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	Greater Helena Area MPO Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee
<b>From:</b>	Ty Weingartner, MPO Manager
<b>Subject:</b>	Transit Plans Request for Qualifications
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	December 19, 2025
<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	Transportation Plans
<b>Background:</b>	<p>The Greater Helena Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible for developing three public transit plans as part of the transportation planning process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Transit Asset Management Plan (TAM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop asset inventory, condition assessments, and performance measures.</li> <li>• Establish investment priorities to maintain a state of good repair.</li> <li>• Ensure compliance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) TAM requirements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Transit Development Plan (TDP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify short, mid, and long-term transit service needs.</li> <li>• Evaluate existing routes, ridership trends, and system performance.</li> <li>• Provide recommendations for service expansion, operational efficiency, and coordination with other regional modes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <b>Transit Improvement Plan (TIP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translate TAM and TDP recommendations into specific improvement strategies.</li> <li>• Provide cost estimates, phasing schedules, and funding strategies.</li> <li>• Identify projects and programs for near-term inclusion.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>On October 28, 2025, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) issued a Request for Proposal and received a single response from a vendor by the submission deadline of November 14, 2025. Members of the MPO conducted a thorough review of the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) provided by the vendor, Robert Peccia and Associates (RPA). Following the assessment of the scoring committee, the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has advised that the MPO move forward with the awarding of the contract to RPA.</p>



# GREATER HELENA MPO TRANSIT PLANS RFQ

## SCORING SUMMARY

Scoring Criteria		
Qualifications (based on experience and references)	10 Points	
Proposed Unit Cost	10 Points	
Overall quality of the proposal	5 Points	
Robert Peccia and Associates State of Qualifications		
<b>Statement of Qualifications Scoring Summary</b>	<p>RPA is a civil engineering and planning firm that has been delivering comprehensive transportation, municipal, and site development services for 45 years. The firm has demonstrated its expertise through the successful completion of numerous projects, including the Greater Helena Metropolitan Planning Organization Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Great Falls Area LRTP, and the Greater Triangle Area Transportation Plan. In each of these initiatives, RPA has illustrated its understanding of federal requirements.</p> <p>The project teams proposed by RPA possess credible experience in managing Transportation Plans and exhibit a thorough comprehension of the Greater Helena Area. Furthermore, RPA has displayed a comprehensive knowledge of the Transit Plans required by the Greater Helena MPO and has established a timeline for their completion.</p> <p>RPA has conducted a detailed analysis of the costs associated with each Transit Plan, in addition to providing a breakdown of the allocated work hours necessary for successful completion.</p> <p>The proposal effectively addresses all required elements outlined in Section 5. The firm has clearly articulated its methodology and approach for executing this project. Moreover, the Statement of Qualifications has been prepared with a high degree of professionalism.</p>	
<b>Proposed Estimated Cost</b>		
	Transit Development Plan	\$32,552.87
	Transit Asset Management Plan	\$16,054.58
	Transit Improvement Plan	\$10,152.58
	Direct Expenses	\$3,490.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,250.00</b>
<b>Evaluated Score for RPA</b>		
	Qualifications	9
	Proposed Unit Cost	9
	Overall Quality of Proposal	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>