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UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

The Billings Urban Area planning process is organized and conducted in a cooperative, coordinated, and comprehensive manner. The Yellowstone County Board of Planning, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is charged with the responsibility of administering the planning process. Under federal regulation, an MPO must be established for urban areas with populations greater than 50,000 in order to receive federal funds for construction projects and transportation planning. This document, the Billings Urban Area Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and a companion document, the Prospectus, is the foundation upon which the planning process is based.

The UPWP is developed each year, and once adopted and approved by FHWA and FTA, is in effect from October 1 to September 30. The UPWP contains a task by task discussion of projects, which are to be undertaken during the program year. It also contains appropriate funding information, staffing information, and a schedule for each project. The UPWP undergoes a comprehensive review at the local, state, and federal levels each year.

This year, Federal Fiscal Year 2011, the format for work program activities conforms to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 8100.1B, specifically Chapter IV. The Montana Department of Transportation and the Yellowstone County Board of Planning have mutually agreed upon use of this format.

The Prospectus is a detailed description of projects, which occur on a routine basis. Once adopted, the Prospectus is only amended if there is a change in the planning process. The Prospectus also contains information pertaining to the organization of the planning process, agencies involved, and agreements between agencies involved in the process.

Cost overrun guidelines have been established by the Montana Department of Transportation, and agreed to by the Yellowstone County Board of Planning. Those guidelines will determine the allowable overruns for any work program element. Overruns that surpass those outlined in the guidelines will require a UPWP amendment.

This document includes two chapters, Highway and Transit. Each chapter contains individual work elements. These work elements describe work the planning staff will undertake in the program year as well as work accomplished in the past year. Also included is a breakdown of funding sources which include, Planning (PL) funds and Local (City & County) funds which are used to match the PL funds.

DATES OF LOCAL APPROVAL

TAC -08/19/10

PLANNING BOARD -08/24/10

COUNTY COMMISSION -9/14/10

CITY COUNCIL -9/13/10

PCC -9/15/10

CHAPTER I

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY BOARD OF PLANNING

SECTION I UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

41.11.100 PROGRAM SUPPORT & ADMINISTRATION

100 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (4301)

OBJECTIVE

- To administer the area-wide planning process.
- To support the Board of Planning and other Boards, Commissions, and the City Council and County Commissioners in their decision-making activities in the planning process.
- To engage in administrative and financial actions related to identified planning activities and to prioritize those activities.
- To enhance staff skills and maintain staff exposure to the "state-of-the-art" in planning methodology and computer software.
- To maintain contact with, provide input to, and receive feedback from various local, state and federal agencies, committees and groups during the planning process.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

Ensured conformance with federal, state and local administrative and regulatory requirements, as well as maintenance of the planning operation.

Members of the planning staff attended various professional meetings, workshops, and conferences at which planning, transportation, transit, bicycle/pedestrian and related topics were presented and discussed.

Specifically, the City/County Planning Department (Planning Department) and members of other local, state and federal departments and agencies actively participated in a diverse set of local meetings, including the Billings Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC), Billings & Yellowstone County Zoning Commissions and Boards of Adjustment, Board of Planning, City Annexation Committee, City Development Process Review Committee, Community Development Board, Traffic Control Board, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Historic Preservation Board, City Energy and Conservation Commission, and others. The Planning Department phased out grant writing services through the Community Development Department and moved these responsibilities to the Alternative Modes Coordinator Contract Position. The CTEP program was administered from this work element by Planning Department staff.

Members of the planning staff received updates in computer software programs for the geographic information system and its application to mapping data layers such as streets, land use, address,

ownerships and environmental data. Staff regularly utilizes an application tracking and project management software system that integrates the existing City building permit, finance and land management software, as well as coordinated subdivision and development project reviews across City and County departments. Staff also administered updating the City Annexation Policy and Limits of Annexation Map, and assisted in updates to the City's Capital Improvement Program.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

All administrative functions of the Planning Department will be performed under this work element. Program management activities will include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Correspondence
2. Public Relations
3. Employee Guidance & Supervision
4. Program Organization
5. Consultant Liaison Activities
6. Staff Meetings
7. Negotiations
8. Preparation of Contracts
9. Staff Training
10. Performance Monitoring
11. Office equipment acquisition
12. Budget Management and Administration

The planning staff will also review, update and produce numerous documents, guidelines, regulations, assist the governing bodies in researching and drafting legislation, and draft codes as well as keep abreast of federal and state requirements as they relate to the overall planning processes. Staff will update the PL & Memorandum of Agreement as necessary. Quarterly progress and expenditure reports will be prepared and transmitted to the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) in order to maintain federal funding support. The FY 2011 UPWP will be continually appraised and monitored in terms of content and budget allocations and will be revised when deemed necessary. The Fiscal Year 2012 UPWP will be developed under this work element.

General administrative activities will include maintenance of files, library documents, daily correspondence and preparation of necessary periodic reports. Interagency committee participation is included in this work element. The Board of Planning, Board of County Commissioners and City Council will be kept informed of the activities of the staff and its progress in completing the approved UPWP.

All planning staff will participate in recognized and approved training programs in order to improve staff skills and capabilities. Planning expertise will be maintained through enrollment in appropriate planning and transportation-related courses at area colleges, workshops, seminars, webinars and conferences. Staff will adapt software programs to effectively utilize traffic data and continue computer-training programs. The use of PL funds for out-of-state travel and/or registration fees for the above or other purposes will continue to be subject to prior approval of MDT.

All staff members will continue to participate in and encourage increased cooperation between state and local agencies, departments and governing bodies. The Planning Department will serve both as a

coordinator of and a participant in meetings and on committees. Planning Department involvement will include participation with such agencies as the Housing Authority, Big Sky Economic Development Authority (BSEDA), Air Pollution Control Board, Riverstone Health (formerly the City-County Health Department), legislative study committees, and other agencies. Staff will also continue a summer intern program as interest and needs arise; oversight of these individual(s) will take place in this work element. The Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) administration will be funded through this work element. The Alternate Modes Coordinator position will continue to be funded through a consultant contract, totaling \$68,000. The contract will be funded out of several work elements (100, 200 and 300). Grant writing services have been incorporated within the Alternative Modes Coordinator Contract.

STAFFING

22.0 Staff Months – City/County Planning

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

The Planning Department will be responsible for administering the area-wide planning process for the City and County.

PRODUCT

An ongoing administrative program focused primarily at effective and expeditious implementation of this UPWP.

The continual enhancement of the Planning Department staff skills and knowledge.

Maintenance of a coordinated, comprehensive, and cooperative planning process that is endorsed and supported by the local community.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - ADMINISTRATION

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$145,200	\$118,800	\$264,000
TOTAL	\$145,200	\$118,800	\$264,000

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	55	45	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$145,200	\$118,800	\$264,000
TOTAL	\$145,200	\$118,800	\$264,000**

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

**This work element will fund approximately 58% of the Alternative Modes Coordinator contract (\$39,440). A overhead projector and audio system for the Department's main conference room will be purchased through this element (\$5,000).

101 SERVICE (4302)

OBJECTIVE

- To coordinate the dissemination of information and exchange of ideas between planning agencies and the interested public, decision-makers, and other departments, agencies, and organizations.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

Members of the planning staff were involved in a wide range of service tasks. Planning services included presentations related to roadways and alternative transportation, responding to citizen inquiry and complaints regarding streets, subdivision layout, site distance, zoning request, conformance with the 2005 Transportation Plan and the Heritage Trail Plan, Yellowstone County and City of Billings 2008 Growth Policy, West Billings Plan, Northwest Shiloh Area Plan, and various neighborhood and community plans. Staff presented transportation planning information at all of the Neighborhood Task Forces in Billings and also provided community outreach on the East Billings Urban Renewal Master Plan at a neighborhood event. Planning staff also shared information with the community and stakeholders through management of a Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program that includes funding for the Swords Park Trail Phase II and a hybrid diesel-electric bus for the Library. Staff also presented information to the public and Library Board on an ongoing Library Facility Study, including location analysis for future branch libraries based on the transportation network and service requirements.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

Continue increasing community awareness of the interrelationships between land use development and transportation needs through dissemination of information and drafting of planning documents that incorporate both elements together. Staff will continue to develop and use website tools to enable citizens to access information on upcoming planning activities, board and commission meetings, and recent land use applications, as well as interact with various planning processes through email notification and online comment programs. Staff also will continue to organize a very successful series of webinars and "brown

bag lunch” seminars on a wide range of planning topics, including multi-modal transportation planning and funding, collaborative community planning techniques and planning for sustainability.

STAFFING

4.5 Staff Months – City/County Planning

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

As Assigned.

PRODUCT

A responsive and flexible planning process utilizing staff capable of providing short-term findings and recommendations, as well as ongoing customer service to the public on all levels of planning projects and regulations.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - SERVICE

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$28,000
TOTAL	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$28,000

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	50	50	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$28,000
TOTAL	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$28,000

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

102 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT (4303)

OBJECTIVE

- To solicit information concerning community values and goals and to receive community input into the development of plans.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

Numerous meetings with service clubs, civic groups, and professional organizations were attended by staff members to discuss all facets of local planning. The Planning Board used extensive public input to review and receive comments on a wide range of planning issues throughout the City and County. Meetings of neighborhood task force organizations and neighborhood groups were also attended as requested to answer questions and review long-range planning issues, particularly related to transportation planning and projects, as well as code enforcement complaints. Staff in coordination with a consultant developed an updated Public Outreach Plan that specifies standards to be applied to all public involvement processes in conformance with SAFETEA-LU requirements. Staff managed the update of the 2009 Billings Urban Area Transportation Plan, and supported public meetings, task force meetings, and attended other community meetings to provide information and gather input on the update process. Staff also completed a Housing Needs Assessment for the Community Development Division that is a 5-year planning document used by the City and service groups to make housing decisions. Input was collected from many groups and stakeholders for the Assessment, with some of the discussion centering on the issues of transportation between home and work and the proximity of housing to work centers. Staff also attended meetings in the East Billings Urban Renewal District and South Billings Boulevard Urban Renewal District to discuss public infrastructure projects in these districts.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

Meetings with various citizen groups will be coordinated and attended for the purpose of soliciting information and ideas on a broad range of planning issues within the Billings Urban Area and throughout Yellowstone County. Projects include the Billings Bikeway and Trail Master Plan (formerly Heritage Trail Plan) completion of the library facilities and location study the staff is assisting the Library Board and staff in completing. Title VI issues and any updates to the program also will be addressed as necessary. The staff will continue to support the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Committee is responsible for forwarding recommendations to the Planning Board and governing bodies on bicycle safety, trails, bike lanes, pedestrian safety and access and other matters. The group will be involved in CTEP review, bicycle and pedestrian signing and safety projects, grant applications for non-motorized transportation projects, and community education and outreach on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

STAFFING

4.5 Staff Months – City/County Planning

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City/County Planning

PRODUCT

A comprehensive and coordinated solicitation and collection of public opinions in order to accurately reflect the preferences and priorities of the Billings Urban Area citizens.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$39,000
TOTAL	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$39,000

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	50	50	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$39,000
TOTAL	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$39,000**

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

41.12.200 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT & COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

200 Community Planning (4304)

OBJECTIVE

- To maintain records and make projections of population and dwelling unit data, land use information, employment data, and to maintain adequate financial records, files and reports.
- To provide current, accurate information pertaining to the quantity of residential, commercial, industrial, and public land in the County.
- To summarize and analyze development trends and to provide visual information to the City Council, County Commission, Planning Board and the public during the public input process for transportation and land-use decision making.
- To recommend implementation of the goals, policies, and strategies of the adopted 2008 Yellowstone County/City of Billings Growth Policy.
- Implementation of the 2009 Billings Urban Area Master Plan.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

Census information updated and placed in various databases. Data gathered and updated included annual information related to population estimates for City and Counties within the State of Montana. This annual information is used throughout the city for planning purposes, American Community Survey is accessed for review and dissemination, and updated information released by the US Census Bureau in regards to commuting patterns. Other data gathered includes:

- Building Permits, Demolition Permits, Electrical Permits, Subdivision Applications, Zoning Applications, Special Reviews, Variances, temporary use permits, sign permits, zoning compliance permits and zoning clarification documents, annexation data, population trends, land use trends, school enrollment, employment data and general economic indicators.

The planning staff continued to review the 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) figures and estimates for population and demographic data. The 2008 ACS and Economic Census information was made available to various local agencies and organizations and to the general public. This data was incorporated into the 2010 City Housing Needs Assessment.

Staff also provided support to the 2010 Census in Billings and Yellowstone County. The Yellowstone County Board of Planning served as the local Complete County Committee and staff provided outreach support to community groups to bring attention to the Census before forms were distributed.

Several datasets, including the general land use map of the County were updated so as to maintain an inventory of existing conditions. This information was utilized in various planning studies and provided to other departments and the general public. Zoning data for the entire City and County zoning jurisdictions were updated and provided to neighborhood task force groups and others as requested. Numerous other special purpose maps were prepared for meeting purposes including bicycle trail maps, annexation maps, estimated development density maps and tables for the Limits of Annexation Map area,

and other project influence areas. Natural resource, Census 2000, and jurisdictional boundary information was updated or developed. Traffic count station locations were geo-positioned and linked with the City-County traffic count matrix.

Planning staff completed the update to the 2009 Billings Urban Area Transportation Plan Update through a very comprehensive and public process. Ongoing review and implementation of the West Billings Plan, Billings Heights Neighborhood Plan, Highland Neighborhood Plan, North Park Neighborhood Plan, Southside Neighborhood Plan, Lockwood Community Plan, Lockwood Transportation Plan, and other planning documents was carried out by staff and through the goals of the Growth Policy. The Blue Creek Transportation Study was completed in FY2010. A revised City Limits Annexation Map and Annexation Policy was developed, and adopted.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

Continued maintenance and update of socio-economic data for both transportation and comprehensive planning activities will continue in 2011, with new Census information expected in 2011. Census data will continue to be updated, although major data updates will not be available until data from the 2010 Census becomes available. Staff also will continue to work with the Big Sky Economic Development Authority (BSEDA) to implement the Master Plan for the East Billings Urban Renewal District (EBURD) that includes detailed analysis of the transportation and land use connections in the area. Staff completed amendment to the local zoning and site development regulations in 2010 to put in place a parking overlay zone in the area of the EBURD Master Plan. In 2011, staff plans to work with the City, County, BSEDA, EBURD property owners, and others to prepare a Hospitality Corridor Study and an Exposition Gateway Master Plan. The study areas for both of these projects will include the transportation corridor from the Lockwood Interchange to the Airport Road/Main Street intersection and the land along this corridor. Staff continues to work in coordination with the Yellowstone County Disaster and Emergency Services Office and BSEDA to manage a FEMA grant for a West Billings Flood Mitigation and Groundwater Recharge Study.

Various GIS databases and layers will continue to be developed and centrally maintained, including information on neighborhoods, community assets, route planning, trail systems and transportation plans. Highly detailed aerial imagery completed in October 2009 has been added to an interactive Planning Department GIS map site that staff can use to evaluate property conditions and see before and after impacts from development projects. The GIS software will be upgraded and expanded to ensure compatibility with available datasets and utilize the existing data sets more effectively. Since the City is in the process of converting to a new electronic project tracking and management system, staff is researching the future connection between this system and GIS. The GIS will be utilized to develop a series of maps, including existing and proposed pedestrian trail routes and projects in the community, maps to complete the Hospitality Corridor Study and a Exposition Gateway Master Plan, updates to a preferred growth area map in conjunction with the City's Limits of Annexation Map, and others.

The planning staff, under the direction of the Board of Planning, will continue to work on long-range planning projects according to the priorities established by both the City of Billings and Yellowstone County. In particular, Billings Bikeway and Trail Master Plan, the Downtown Library Facilities Location Study, and the West Billings Flood Mitigation and Groundwater Recharge Study grant through FEMA will be active projects in 2011.

STAFFING

26.5 Staff Months – City/County Planning

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City/County Planning

PRODUCT

- Various reports, files, and projections of socio-economic data necessary for current transportation and comprehensive planning activities, as well as support of City/County economic development activities.
- An ongoing GIS database/mapping system for the City of Billings and Yellowstone County.
- Ongoing updates to the preferred growth areas mapping and analysis for the City
- Completion of the library facilities location study
- Administration of the West Billings Flood Mitigation and Groundwater Recharge Study FEMA Grant

FUNDING SCHEDULE - COMMUNITY PLANNING

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$66,000	\$154,000	\$220,000
TOTAL	\$66,000	\$154,000	\$220,000**

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	30	70	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$54,000	\$126,000	\$180,000
TOTAL	\$54,000	\$126,000	\$180,000**

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

** This work element will fund approximately 19% of the Alternative Modes Coordinator contract (\$12,920).

204 ZONING ADMINISTRATION (4308)

OBJECTIVE

- To oversee, interpret and enforce current City and County zoning regulations.
- To effectively administer the regulations and provide efficient service to the elected officials and the public.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

During the past year, all applications for zone changes, special reviews, variances, and planned developments were reviewed and processed by the planning staff. Reports and recommendations were prepared on each case to the various boards, commissions, and governing bodies. Digital photos are now incorporated into all zoning reports and Microsoft Power Point presentations are given to all board and commissions. All applications for building permits were also reviewed for compliance with City and County zoning regulations. Special zoning studies and ordinance updates were prepared as requested by the governing bodies. These included drafting of several options for regulation of medical marijuana in the City, the EBURD Parking Overlay Zone, some amendments to the construction site and storage regulations to address construction project management in commercial and residential areas, updating the clear vision requirements for intersections, alleys, and driveways, and others. Staff also began working with a county neighborhood to put in place a Special Zoning District to address commercial impacts to a residential area outside the County's main zoning jurisdictional area in the Elk River Road vicinity. A significant amount of time was also spent assisting the public with general zoning questions. The status of all active zoning applications is now posted on the City/County Planning websites.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

The intent of this element is to carry out the day to day activities required to effectively administer the zoning regulations. This will include ordinance updates as required, including some remaining changes from the 2009 Legislative Session and completion of amendments to address medical marijuana. All zone change applications will be reviewed for compliance with local plans. Special review applications will be reviewed for land use compatibility, traffic, access, and overall site design. Traffic accessibility studies will be reviewed when required as part of the certain zoning applications and Development Agreements. Also, staff will work as requested with County residents to administer citizen petitioned zoning districts, including the formation of the Elk River Road Special Zoning District referenced above. Staff is preparing numerous text amendments to the zoning code that are moving through review by city and county zoning commissions and the city council and county commissioners.

STAFFING

15 Staff Months – City/County Planning

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City/County Planning

PRODUCT

Effective zoning regulations and administration for the City of Billings and Yellowstone County.
Effective enforcement of the zoning regulations for Yellowstone County.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - ZONING ADMINISTRATION

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$28,000	\$112,000	\$140,000
TOTAL	\$28,000	\$112,000	\$140,000

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	20	80	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$20,000	\$80,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$20,000	\$80,000	\$100,000

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

205 SUBDIVISION ADMINISTRATION (4309)

OBJECTIVE

- To maintain the current city and county subdivision regulations.
- To effectively administer the regulations and provide efficient service to developers, engineers and surveyors, elected officials, and the community.
- To ensure that development is occurring with minimal negative impacts to the community and that subdivisions are designed to be safe and long lasting in the community.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

The Board of Planning and the planning staff reviewed all preliminary major and minor plat applications. Numerous conceptual and pre-application meetings were coordinated and attended by staff. All final plats were reviewed and processed. Also, a significant amount of time was spent assisting the public with general subdivision questions. Updates to the County Subdivision Regulations in regard to road impact analysis, road improvement standards, and public and private road regulation were considered by the County Commissioners and the Planning Board. Amendments to the regulations in these areas were completed in early 2010. The changes included drafting of a County Road Brochure to hand out to property buyers and owners in the County to help explain the types of roads in the county, the maintenance options for the road types, and contact information for road-related questions. The brochure is going to be provided to real estate offices, County offices, and other agencies for distribution.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

To carry out the day to day activities required to effectively administer the subdivision regulations, and to keep the regulations current. All subdivision applications will be reviewed for compliance with local and state subdivision law, for compliance with the Billings Area Transportation Plan, and for conformity with the Billings Bikeway and Trail Master Plan, Lockwood Transportation Plan in Lockwood, Blue Creek Transportation Plan in Blue Creek, and other neighborhood and community plans as applicable. Traffic accessibility studies and general circulation data will be reviewed when a subdivision application is submitted. Revisions to the City and County Subdivision Regulations will be completed as a result of legislative changes that came from the Montana Legislature in 2009 as well as potential changes from the 2011 State Legislative Session.

STAFFING

15.5 Staff Months – City/County Planning

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City/County Planning

PRODUCT

An effective subdivision review process with regard to local and state law, the Growth Policy, and the Billings Area Transportation Plan.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - SUBDIVISION ADMINISTRATION

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$30,000	\$70,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$30,000	\$70,000	\$100,000

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	30	70	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$27,000	\$63,000	\$90,000
TOTAL	\$27,000	\$63,000	\$90,000

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

41.13.300 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

300 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DATA (4310)

OBJECTIVE

- To develop and maintain current transportation system data files and records.
- To provide transportation planning and data information to City and County staff, elected officials, developers, engineering firms, and the general public.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

The traffic count program for FY 2010 was completed. Travel times/delay/speed studies were completed, calculations computed, and level-of-service values determined. Staff participated in the update of the City of Billings Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Accident information was compiled and analyzed. The staff also continued to utilize the trail scanner that was purchased and found new and better ways to both use the scanner in more trail locations in the community and display the data for various applications. A Traffic Technician position and Seasonal Traffic Intern were funded to complete these functions for the Planning Department and to share with other departments and the community.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

The traffic count program for the Billings Urban Area as well as the Yellowstone County influence area will be conducted and the appropriate data recorded during FY 2011. All traffic count data will be submitted to the MDT by February 1, 2011. Accident data will be compiled and analyzed to determine high hazard locations. Staff will update, where appropriate, the City's Capital Improvement Program. Stereo-imaging of street rights-of way will be maintained. Staff will collect and maintain bike/pedestrian information through the trail census and use of the trail-bike/pedestrian scanner. Additional integration of the new Transportation Planner position into the Department's transportation project work and familiarity with transportation planning issues will continue. This individual will be responsible for managing traffic data for studies and reference, administering the CTEP program, training for future modeling traffic conditions related to new developments and transportation system changes, and working on the Billings Bikeway and Trail Master Plan Update in 2010. The Traffic Technician position will continue to be funded through this program and located in the City Engineering Department. The Seasonal Traffic Intern position will continue to be funded through this program and located in the Planning Department under the supervision of the senior Transportation Planner.

The Alternative Modes Coordinator will be funded through this element as well as others in the UPWP. Duties will include but not limited to:

- Maintain Bike/pedestrian data bases.
- Work with staff to insure a bike/pedestrian friendly community.
- Subdivision review.
- Field inspections, handle complaints and investigate problem areas of the system.
- Grant writing.

- Presentations as needed.
- Maintain data base for easement acquisition.

STAFFING

- 10.5 Staff Months – City/County Planning
- 4.0 Staff Months – City/County Planning (Seasonal)
- 11.0 Staff Months - City Engineering (Contract Position)

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City/County Planning/MDT

PRODUCT

Documentation as necessary, support of transportation grant programs, transportation system modeling, updated Traffic Count Program, and research and integration of traffic information into planning projects and development review activities.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DATA

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$175,000	0	\$175,000
TOTAL	\$175,000	0	\$175,000

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	100	0	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$160,000	0	\$160,000
TOTAL	\$160,000	0	\$160,000**

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

**This work element will fund approximately 23% of the Alternative Modes Coordinator contract (\$15,640). A Trail Scanner/Bicycle & pedestrian counter will also be purchased (\$3,000).

301 TRANSPORTATION PLAN (4311)

OBJECTIVE

- Implement the Goals and Objectives in the Billings Urban Area Transportation Plan
- Develop (where necessary) and maintain data for the urban area in order to effectively monitor and evaluate the validity of the Transportation Plan.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

The planning staff completed a Public Participation Plan to conform to the new federal rules and completed an update of the 2005 Transportation Plan. The update included revised cost estimates for short and long-range projects. Development projects were reviewed for compliance and implementation of the Transportation Plan as well as the Heritage Trail Plan. Staff worked with TAC and PCC to develop new projects and establish timelines for existing projects identified in the Transportation and Heritage Trail Plan. The update of the Heritage Trail Plan has begun.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

Staff will complete the update of the Heritage Trail Plan now called The Billings Area Bikeway and Trail Master Plan. This project began in 2009 and will be completed in late 2010, early 2011. PL funds are budgeted to fund a consultant for the plan update.

Projects will continue to be reviewed for future implementation in the city's CIP and the MPO's TIP.

STAFFING

9.0 Staff Months – City/County Planning

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City/County Planning

PRODUCT

Current updated Transportation Plan and Public Participation Plan.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - TRANSPORTATION PLAN

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$140,000	0	\$140,000
TOTAL	\$140,000	0	\$140,000

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	100	0	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$140,000	0	\$140,000
TOTAL	\$140,000	0	\$140,000

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

** \$25,000 budgeted for completion of the Heritage Trail Plan Update (Consultant Contract).

302 PLANNING STUDIES (4312)

OBJECTIVE

- To update and develop site-specific plans and transportation studies where appropriate.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

Staff completed the Blue Creek Transportation Study in 2010. Staff also assisted the transportation consultant for the East Billings Urban Renewal District (EBURD) Master Plan to review traffic data, road functional classification, and other transportation information for the completion of the Master Plan. The EBURD Master Plan was adopted by the City and County in the fall of 2009. Staff began participating in discussions with the City, County, BSEDA, EBURD property owners, and others to formulate the process to develop a Hospitality Corridor Study and a Exposition Gateway Master Plan. The study areas for both of these projects are proposed to include the transportation corridor from the I-90 Lockwood Interchange to the Airport Road/Main Street Intersection and the land along this corridor.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

The Hospitality Corridor Study and a Exposition Gateway Master Plan are two studies expected to be completed in Fiscal Year 2011 through coordination of funding from this program and other local partners. The study areas for both of these projects are proposed to include the transportation corridor from the I-90 Lockwood Interchange to the Airport Road/Main Street Intersection and the land along this corridor. These studies would be completed through a consultant contract in coordination with staff support. Another new study that may be completed in 2011 is a Highway 3/Airport Road Corridor study that would stretch from west of the Zimmerman Trail/Airport Road intersection to the Airport Road/27th Street intersection. It would address ingress and egress to Airport Road, future access options as development occurs along the roadway, future intersection improvements, storm water management along Airport Road at the top of the rimrocks and bicycle and pedestrian access and safety along the corridor. The study would be completed through a consultant contract.

STAFFING

8.5 Staff Months – City/County Planning

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City/County Planning

PRODUCT

Completed Urban Area wide Transportation Studies

FUNDING SCHEDULE – PLANNING STUDIES

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$24,000	\$16,000	\$40,000
TOTAL	\$24,000	\$16,000	\$40,000

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	60	40	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$100,000**
TOTAL	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$100,000**

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

**Estimates for the planning studies are \$70,000 for The Hospitality Corridor Study and Exposition Gateway Master Plan and \$30,000 of a projected \$50,000 for the Highway 3 Corridor study in FY 11. Completion of this study will conclude in FY 12.

41.15.500 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

500 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (4313)
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OBJECTIVE

- To maintain a viable five-year program of transportation improvements for the Billings Urban Area.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

A Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update was produced to reflect current project status. Determinations were prepared for conformity to the Clean Air Act. Compliance with the new requirements of the SAFETEA-LU reauthorization was completed.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be updated as needed to reflect current project status. A certification statement will be included, as appropriate, to conform to the planning regulations. Based on the Transportation Plan, projects will be evaluated and ranked in accordance with the Priority Ranking Procedures, and in accordance with consistency/conformity procedures. Necessary data will be gathered from primary and secondary sources by the planning staff based upon the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Billings Public Works Department, establishing areas of data responsibility. Conformity determinations will be prepared as necessary to ensure conformity with the Clean Air Act.

STAFFING

2.5 Staff Months – City/County Planning

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City/County Planning

PRODUCT

A current transportation improvement program which reflects conformity with SAFETEA-LU, the Clean Air Act, and local priorities.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$24,000	0	\$24,000
TOTAL	\$24,000	0	\$24,000

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	100	0	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$25,000	0	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$25,000	0	\$25,000

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

41.16.600 SPECIAL PROJECTS

600 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS (4314)

OBJECTIVE

- Maintain current records of monitored air pollution levels and obtain other environmental data as necessary.
- Review proposed development and transportation system improvements with respect to environmental considerations.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

Air quality monitoring information was obtained from the County Air Pollution Control Board. Air quality mapping for the State Air Quality Bureau was revised. The Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program was implemented. Staff continues to monitor carbon monoxide (CO) information in the Urbanized Area.

The Socio-Economic and Environmental (SEE) effects guidelines were used to review proposed developments and transportation system improvements.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

The planning staff will continue to utilize the SEE effects guidelines to evaluate all major development proposals in terms of transportation systems. This would include the CMAQ program. Work will continue to maintain the Billings air quality designation. Staff will work with local refineries to target project eligibility under the DEQ funds spent in the community.

STAFFING

2.5 Staff Months – City/County Planning

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City/County Planning

PRODUCT

Current environmental data as necessary, as well as a comprehensive planning and transportation planning process which substantially addresses the socio-economic and environmental consequences associated with growth and development.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$24,000	0	\$24,000
TOTAL	\$24,000	0	\$24,000

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	100	0	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$24,000	0	\$24,000
TOTAL	\$24,000	0	\$24,000

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

41.17.700 OTHER ACTIVITIES

700 CONTINGENCY (4315)

OBJECTIVE

- To provide for the accounting of available un-programmed funds in the current UPWP.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2010

N/A

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES - FISCAL YEAR 2011

This work element will be utilized for accounting purposes only. No specific work activity will be charged to this work element.

STAFFING

N/A

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

N/A

PRODUCT

N/A

FUNDING SCHEDULE - CONTINGENCY

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2010

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$571,866	0	\$571,866
TOTAL	\$571,866	0	\$571,866

DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE

AGENCY	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	100	0	100

FUNDS PROGRAMMED - FISCAL YEAR 2011

FUNDING SOURCE

AGENCY	PL*	LOCAL	TOTAL
MPO	\$288,378	0	\$288,378
TOTAL	\$288,378	0	\$288,378

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

SECTION II -- FUNDING

**TABLE I
FUNDING SUMMARY
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011**

WORK ELEMENT	FUNDING SOURCES FY 2011		
	PL*	LOCAL	EST. COST
100 Administration	\$145,200	\$118,800	\$264,000
101 Service	14,000	14,000	28,000
102 Citizen Involvement	19,500	19,500	39,000
200 Community Planning	54,000	126,000	180,000
204 Zoning	20,000	80,000	100,000
205 Subdivision	27,000	63,000	90,000
300 Transportation System	160,000	0	160,000
301 Transportation Plan	140,000	0	140,000
302 Planning Studies	60,000	40,000	100,000
500 T.I.P.	25,000	0	25,000
600 Environmental	24,000	0	24,000
700 Contingency	288,378	0	288,378
TOTAL	\$977,078.00	\$461,300.00	\$1,438,378.00

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

**TABLE II
FUNDING COMPARISONS**

WORK ELEMENT	FY 2011 ESTIMATED COST	FY 2010 ESTIMATED COST
100 Administration	\$264,000	\$264,000
101 Service	28,000	28,000
102 Citizen Involvement	39,000	39,000
200 Community Planning	180,000	220,000
204 Zoning Administration	100,000	140,000
205 Subdivision Administration	90,000	100,000
300 Transportation System Data	160,000	175,000
301 Transportation Plan	140,000	140,000
302 Planning Studies	100,000	40,000
500 T.I.P.	25,000	24,000
600 Environmental Considerations	24,000	24,000
700 Contingency	288,378	571,866
TOTAL	\$1,438,378.00	\$1,765,866.00

**TABLE III
FUNDING PERCENTAGES FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011**

WORK ELEMENT	RECIPIENT	PL	LOCAL	TOTAL
100 Administration	MPO	55	45	100
101 Service	MPO	50	50	100
102 Citizen Inv.	MPO	50	50	100
200 Community Planning	MPO	30	70	100
204 Zoning Administration	MPO	20	80	100
205 Subdivision Admin.	MPO	30	70	100
300 Trans. System Data	MPO	100		100
301 Transportation Plan	MPO	100		100
302 Planning Studies	MPO	60	40	100
500 T.I.P.	MPO	100		100
600 Environmental	MPO	100		100
700 Contingency	MPO	100		100

**TABLE IV
STAFF MONTHS BY WORK ELEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2011**

WORK ELEMENT	DIRECTOR (Beaudry)	PLANNER II (Walker)	SENIOR PLANNER (Vacant)	PLANNER I (Vacant)	PLANNING MANAGER (Friday)	PLANNER II (Vacant)	PLANNER II (Mattox)	CLERK (Deines)	PLANNER II (Spalding)	PLANNER II (Vacant)	PLANNER II (Cronwell)	TOTAL M.M.
100	7	1.5	2.5	.5	5.5	1	.5	1.5	.5	.5	1	22
101	.5		1	1					.5	.5	1	4.5
102	.5		.5		.5	.5	.5	.5	1	.5		4.5
200	1.5		5	2	2	6	1	2	1	5	1	26.5
204			.5	4.5	.5	.5		.5	.5	2	6	15
205			.5	2	1	2		.5	7.5		2	15.5
300		2.5	.5		.5		5	2				10.5
301	.5	4			.5		2	2				9
302	.5	1		1	.5	1	1	1		2.5		8.5
500	.5	1					.5	.5				2.5
600		1	.5				.5	.5				2.5
TOTAL	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	121

*This table indicates approximately how many man months individual staff members work in each work element.

OTHER STAFF		
WORK ELEMENT	CITY TRAF. TECHNICIAN	SEASONAL TRAF. COUNTER
300	11	4
TOTAL	11	4

SECTION III

INDIRECT COST PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 "Cost Principles for States and Local Governments" is used as governing criteria for establishing the allowed costs.

IDENTIFICATION OF COSTS

The costs are delineated below by type:

DIRECT	INDIRECT	BENEFITS
Salaries & Wages	Maintenance	FICA
Legal Notices	Reproduction	PERS
Travel	Supplies	Workmen's Compensation
Printing	Postage	Accident Insurance
Training	Subscriptions	Health Insurance
Consultants	Telephone	Sick Leave
Equipment	Utilities	Vacation
Mileage	Rent	Holidays
Moving/Interview	Audit	Maternity
	Messenger	Military
		Life Insurance
		Dental Insurance

ALLOCATION OF COSTS

Direct costs will be charged to the work program line item to which they apply.

An indirect cost rate of **16%** of the City and County's direct salaries and wages is proposed. The **16%** rate will be applied to the direct wages and salaries of each line item within the work program to cover all indirect expenses.

Benefits will be calculated at a rate of **49%** of the City and County's direct salaries and wages charged to each line item.

FUNDING SOURCES

The degree of participation by each funding agency is based on the pro-rations which have been determined for each line item. Each agency will be billed their share of the total charges made against each line item according to the approved pro-rations.

Funding sources and amounts contained in the UPWP are as follows:

Planning Dept. Fees (City of Billings)	\$99,000
Planning Dept. Fees (Yellowstone Co.)	\$42,000
Yellowstone County (Mill)	\$320,000
PL*	\$977,378
TOTAL	\$1,438,378

*The matching ratio is Federal PL--86.58% and State match-13.42%.

SUMMARY

The indirect cost rate is a predetermined fixed rate which is not subject to adjustment. The base period used in determining the rate is the period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The calculated rate is applicable to the grant period, which is October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADA	American Disability Act
CAC	Citizen Advisory Committee
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
CTEP	Community Transportation Enhancement Program
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
GIS	Geographic Information System
HPMS	Highway Performance Monitoring System
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
MDT	Montana Department of Transportation
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
PCC	Policy Coordinating Committee
PEP	Private Enterprise Participation
PL	Planning Funds
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TDP	Transit Development Plan
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
YCBP	Yellowstone County Board of Planning

CHAPTER II

CITY OF BILLINGS TRANSIT DIVISION

SECTION I UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

44.21.00 Program Support and Administration

44.21.01 Program Administration

OBJECTIVE

To provide program support, general administration, grant administration, and training in support of transit planning activities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2010

Conformance with federal, state, and local administrative requirements for maintenance of transit planning function, including continuing to maintain and update the Transportation Coordination Plan. Attended training opportunities & enhanced knowledge and skills. Managed FTA Section 5303 grant activities, and prepared transit aspect of UPWP. Participated in TAC and other meetings.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2011

All administrative functions necessary in support of transit planning activities will be performed. Quarterly progress and expenditure reports will be prepared and transmitted to the Montana Department of Transportation, Urban Planning Division to maintain federal funding support. Furthermore, this UPWP will be revised when deemed necessary. The FY 2011 UPWP for transit planning activities will also be developed under this line item.

Staff participates in recognized and approved training programs in order to improve skills and capabilities. Planner will assimilate documents, regulations, and codes to keep abreast of federal, state, and local requirements as they relate to the transit planning process. To maintain interaction and feedback with appropriate citizen and professional groups, staff will participate with the TAC, Coordination Plan Committee, citizen advisory boards and others as needed. Grant administrative functions will also be performed.

STAFFING

247.90 Transit Planner Staff Hours
49.58 Administrative Support Staff Hours
49.58 Transit Manager Staff Hours

347.06 Total Staff Hours

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City Transit Division

PRODUCT

An ongoing administrative program to carry out the transit planning function.

FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Federal Transit Act Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Grant

FUNDING SCHEDULE - 44.21.01

Expenditures	Local	FTA	Total
Programmed FY 10	\$4,079	\$16,317	\$20,396
Estimated FY 2011	\$4,231	\$16,922	\$21,153

44.24.00**Short Range Transportation Planning**

44.24.01

New Transportation Service Evaluation and Analysis

OBJECTIVE

To facilitate considerations of means to ensure that citizens will have acceptable public transportation alternatives in the future, including during times of constrained financial resources.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2010

Updated projections of future revenues and expenses. Assisted with annual and out-year budget and financial resources analysis, including multi-year spreadsheets. Arranged for a variety of on-going data gathering and analysis efforts to monitor system, including the continued installation of GPS units on buses. Identified the operating and capital needs required to ensure reliable fleet and effective system functioning and assisted with preparation of related grant applications, grant revisions, and budget documents. Considered farebox and other revenue changes.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2011

Continuation of activities undertaken in FY 2010 including arranging and assisting with financial analysis and planning and assessing future capital and operating requirements. Consider any possibly needed service modifications, with assistance of consultant as appropriate, including means to continue addressing needs with fewer resources. Continue planning efforts regarding public and stakeholder involvement and input opportunities.

STAFFING

645.49 Transit Planner Staff Hours
129.10 Administrative Support Staff Hours
161.37 Transit Manager Staff Hours

935.96 Total Staff Hours

PRODUCT

Identification of and plans for efficient and effective transit service for the future, such as financial and capital analyses and possible system modifications.

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City Transit Division

FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Federal Transit Act Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Grant

FUNDING SCHEDULE - 44.24.01

Expenditures	Local	FTA	Total
Programmed FY 10	\$10,865	\$43,458	\$54,323
Estimated FY 2011	\$10,749	\$42,995	\$53,744

OBJECTIVE

To improve service and ridership in existing transit system.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2010

Worked with operational staff in reviewing and implementing system improvements to existing routes and services and to assess system functioning. Worked with Consultant in analyzing our current routes and schedules to provide the best possible service in conjunction with current resources. Assisted in assessing upcoming operational needs. Continued to develop Marketing Enhancement Programs. Attended to regulatory documents as required for continued funding. Provided monthly ridership (including wheelchair and bike rack use) analysis, assessed ridership trends, and prepared other information on system functioning as requested. Analyzed internal administrative functioning including further implementation of computerization and/or technology improvements. Monitored GPS data and analyzed possible improvements to routes and schedules.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2011

Continuation of activities undertaken in FY 2010. Assist in identification and implementation of means to improve current service, including continuing analyzing the routes and schedules and the use of GPS data. This element may include activities such as assisting with marketing to attract "choice riders" with the promotion of the Employer/Employee Pass Program, to educate student and senior riders, and to enhance public image of existing system and services as well as analyses of internal functions and operations. Other tasks may include installing CCTV's on all buses, monitoring public reaction to modified routes, schedules and marketing efforts, and assist in assessing budgetary needs.

STAFFING

635.20 Transit Planner Staff Hours
127.04 Administrative Support Staff Hours
127.04 Transit Manager Staff Hours

889.28 Total Staff Hours

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City Transit Division

PRODUCT

Information relating to existing service/system enhancement, such as analyses of system functions and budget alternatives.

FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Federal Transit Act Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Grant.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - 44.24.02

Expenditures	Local	FTA	Total
Programmed FY 10	\$10,163	\$40,650	\$50,813
Estimated FY 2011	\$10,072	\$40,290	\$50,362

OBJECTIVE

To maintain a viable five year program of transit improvements for the Billings Urban Area.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2010

The TIP was updated to reflect current project status and include upcoming projects, information was provided to MPO to assist in community-wide Section 5310 project prioritization for inclusion in TIP. STIP process was monitored especially with regard to the discretionary grant.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2011

City Transit Division will develop information on the operating and capital projects for which MET Transit and MET Special Transit plan to pursue federal grant assistance for inclusion in the TIP to be prepared by the MPO. Monitor inclusion of TIP in STIP to ensure ability to obtain federal Sections 5307, 5309, 5316 & 5317 grant assistance.

STAFFING

76.10 Transit Planner Staff Hours
17.22 Administrative Support Staff Hours
17.22 Transit Manager Staff Hours

120.54 Total Staff Hours

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City Transit Division will provide transit-related information to the County Planning Department for the MPO's inclusion in the TIP document.

PRODUCT

A current TIP as necessary for FTA grant approvals.

FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Federal Transit Act Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Grant.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - 44.25.01

Expenditures	Local	FTA	Total
Programmed FY 10	\$1,237	\$4,947	\$6,184
Estimated FY 2011	\$1,365	\$5,462	\$6,827

44.26.00 Implementation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

44.26.15 Implementation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

OBJECTIVE

To ensure optimal use of City of Billings funds in meeting elderly and disabled transportation needs for both specialized and fixed route transportation in accordance with Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2010

Continued implementation of the paratransit Eligibility Certification process and familiarizing elderly and disabled citizens with use of fixed route system as appropriate. Continued monitoring of transit system's compliance with the ADA regulations and assisted with related community relations. Assessed financial functioning of paratransit service. Monitored procedures and policies involving lift-equipped fixed-route service and other accessibility features and requirements. Assisted in assessment of future vehicle needs and relevant procurement of vehicles as related to best serving elderly and disabled citizens. Assisted with continued integration of the paratransit function within the City's MET Transit System. Assisted in efforts to develop and resolve operational policy issues and to improve MET Special Transit's efficiency & cost-effectiveness, including monitoring implementation of new Paratransit Scheduling software.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2010

Continuation of activities undertaken in FY 2010. Maintain positive relationship with disabled and elderly community and continued identification of means to address transit and special transportation needs, including assisting in efforts to assess both short and long term paratransit needs of the community and organizational and fiscal means to address those needs. Work with Consultant on analyzing the paratransit system. Monitor and assess means to improve efficiency and effectiveness of paratransit service, including the implementation of a new paratransit software system. Continue to facilitate effective service provision and usage of lift-equipped fixed-route service. Participate on resource advisory group.

STAFFING

310.90 Transit Planner Staff Hours
62.18 Administrative Support Staff Hours in support of Planner
624.00 Paratransit Coordinator Staff Hours
218.47 Clerical Staff Hours in support of Paratransit Coordinator
62.18 Transit Manager Staff Hours

1,277.73 Total Staff Hours

FUNCTIONAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

City Transit Division

PRODUCT

Continued community consensus on how ADA regulations related to transit is to be complied with by the City of Billings. Continued community consensus on how to address specialized and lift-equipped and other transit needs of the community's disabled citizens through City funding.

FEDERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Federal Transit Act Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Grant.

FUNDING SCHEDULE - 44.26.15

Expenditures	Local	FTA	Total
Programmed FY 10	\$13,766	\$55,066	\$68,832
Estimated FY 2011	\$13,704	\$54,817	\$68,521

SECTION II FUNDING

**Table 4
Funding Summary and Staff Months by Element - City Transit Division
Federal Fiscal Year 2011**

Work Element	Funding Source			Disbursement Percentage		Staff Hours
	City	FTA	Total Amount	City	FTA	
44.21.01	\$4,231	\$16,922	\$21,153	20	80	347.06
44.24.01	\$10,749	\$42,995	\$53,744	20	80	935.96
44.24.02	\$10,072	\$40,290	\$50,362	20	80	889.28
44.25.01	\$1,365	\$5,462	\$6,827	20	80	120.54
44.26.15	\$13,704	\$54,817	\$68,521	20	80	1,277.73
SUB TOTAL	\$40,121	\$160,486	\$200,607	20	80	3,570.77
TOTAL	\$40,121	\$160,486	\$200,607	20	80	3,570.77

ALLOCATION OF COSTS

Expenditures identified include direct costs, benefits at the rate of 49% of direct salary or wages, and indirect costs at the rate of 16% of direct salary or wages. These rates for benefits and indirect costs were approved in a March 17, 2010 letter from the MDT Urban Planning Section.