

BILLINGS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Unified Planning Work Program
(UPWP)
Amendment 1
Federal Fiscal Year
2025



Background – Unified Planning Work Program

- **Billings Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):** A key transportation planning document for the Billings metropolitan area
- **Developed by:** The Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in coordination with local, state, and federal agencies
- **Purpose:**
 - Outlines transportation planning activities
 - Identifies planning tasks, funding sources, and study schedules
- **Focus Areas:**
 - Roadways
 - Public transit
 - Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
 - Overall transportation system improvements
- **Compliance:** Ensures adherence to federal transportation planning requirements
- **Long-Term Vision:** Supports regional long-range transportation goals



Amendment Details

•Why Amend the UPWP?

- Periodic updates are needed for project changes, funding shifts, and schedule adjustments
- Aligns with changing local project priorities

•FY25 UPWP Amendment Highlights

- Proposed changes detailed in Elements 302 and 700
- Adjustments include project scope and financial allocations

•Project Shift

- Original plan: Issue RFP for a bike and scooter share program
- Updated plan: Redirect resources to an economic analysis of the City's Complete Streets initiatives

•Planning Process

- Follows MPO's Transportation Planning procedures
- Ensures public participation and review opportunities

•Purpose of the Economic/ROI Analysis

- Supports strategic, data-driven transportation planning
- Informs investment decisions and policy development
- Aims to build a more efficient, sustainable, and economically viable transportation network



Review Schedule

Technical Advisory Committee (recommendation)	April 10 th
Planning Board (recommendation)	April 22 nd
City Council (recommendation)	April 28 th
County Commissioners Discussion	April 23 rd
County Commissioners (recommendation)	April 29 th
Policy Coordinating Committee (final action)	May 20 th