

# Redesignation of the Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization(MPO)

Discussion on Proposed Transportation Policy Coordinating  
Committee Membership as part of the MPO Redesignation

# Purpose

- Review proposed Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee (TPCC) structure
- Discuss membership composition
- Seek City direction

# Why MPO Redesignation

- Transition from City/County Planning Board model
- Modernize and clarify governance structure
- Align with federal MPO requirements
- Clarify policy decision-making authority

# Why TPCC Structure

(Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee)

The TPCC will be the MPO's policy decision-making body responsible for adopting:

- Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ensures coordinated regional transportation planning.

# Federal Requirements

- MPO policy board must be appropriately designated
- Must support a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) process
- Must represent key local governments and transportation interests
- Must plan across all transportation modes

# Proposed Core Membership

Maintain existing balanced representation:

- Chair, Yellowstone County Commissioners, or designee
- Mayor, City of Billings, or designee
- District 5 Administrator, Montana Department of Transportation

This membership does not include the President of the City/County Planning Board due to the restructure of that board to accommodate the requirements of the Montana Land Use Planning Act.

# Proposed Addition: Director of Aviation & Transit

MPO staff recommends consideration of the addition of the Director of Aviation & Transit

Purpose of this addition:

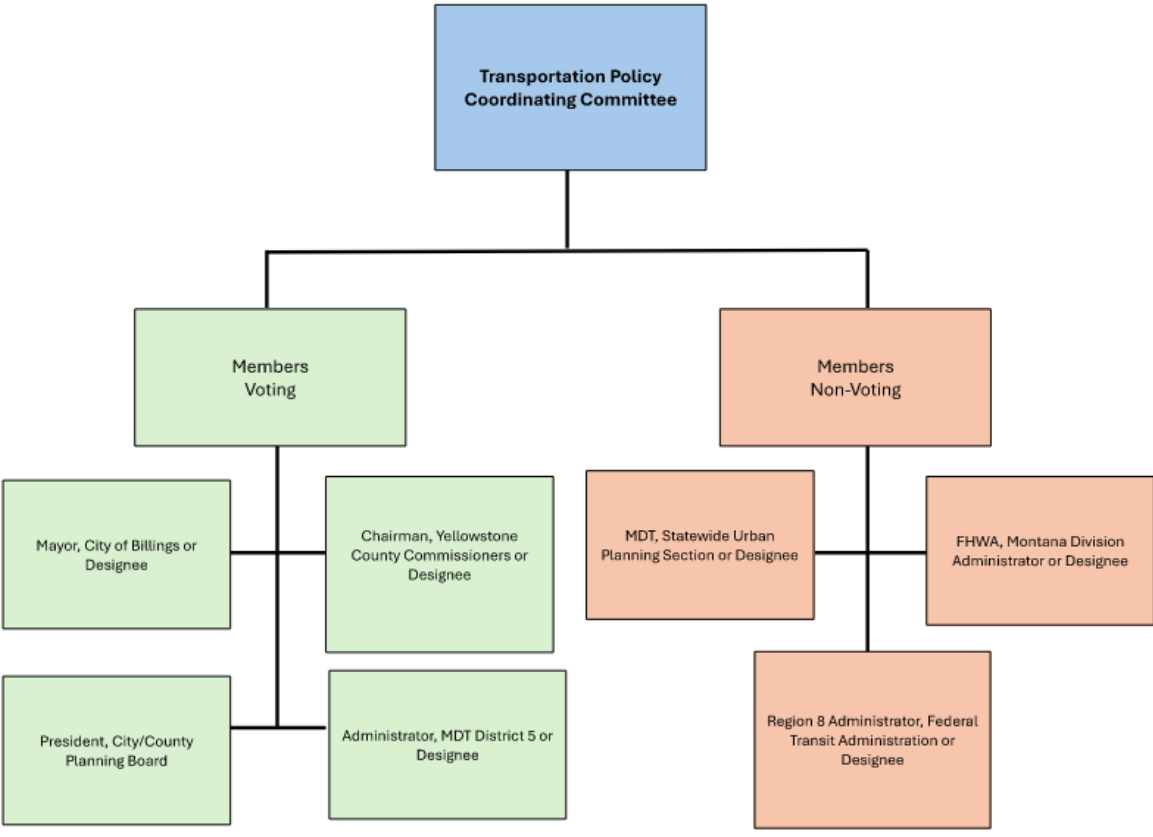
- Formal transit representation at the policy level
- Stronger multimodal integration

Why include transit:

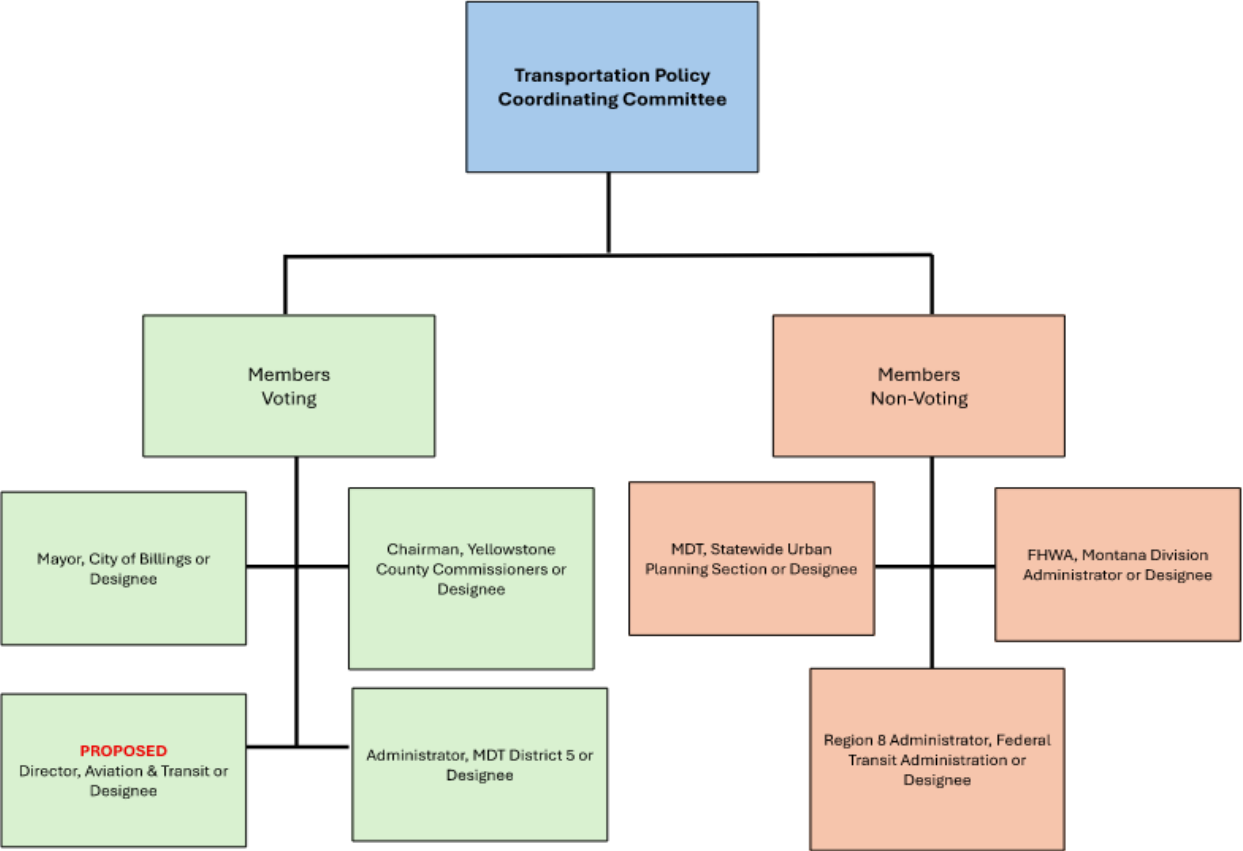
- Federal planning requires multimodal coordination
- Strengthens compliance with MPO requirements
- Improves integration of transit and freight planning
- Enhances eligibility and competitiveness for federal funding
- Ensures safety and accessibility considerations

# Current & Proposed Policy Committee

## Current Membership Policy Coordinating Committee



## Proposed Membership Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee



# Requested Direction

- Does the City support the proposed TPCC structure?
- Does the City support adding the Director of Aviation & Transit?
- Are there recommended modifications?

# Next Steps

- Continue discussion with City and County to reach a consensus on the TPCC membership
- Finalize TPCC membership
- Develop TPCC agreements and bylaws – this will include additional work sessions with both the City and the County to develop TPCC structure and processes