

POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 15, 2026



Call to Order: 12:00PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Welcome and Introduction of the Policy Coordinating Committee Members and Staff.

Members: PCC Chair John Staley, President City County Planning Board; Commissioner Chair Mark Morse, Board of County Commissioners; Mayor Mike Nelson, Kurtis Schnieber, MDT.

Staff Participants: Lora Mattox, Transportation Planning Coordinator; Elyse Monat, Transportation Planner; Brenda Berns, Planning Clerk.

Virtual Attendees: Kenn Winegar, MDT; Katie Potts, MDT

Public Comment Period

a. Comments on items not on the agenda and requests to add items to future agendas:

There were no comments received.

b. Comments on items on the Non-public and Public Agenda Items:

There were no comments received.

Approval of the Minutes of July 21, 2026 Motion

Motion by Commissioner Morse to approve July 21, 2026, meeting minutes as submitted, second by Mayor Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

a. Economic and Financial Analysis of Complete Streets – Final Action

Elyse Monat, Transportation Planner.

Ms. Monat provided an overview of the requested action and summarized the prior votes related to the Economic and Financial Analysis of Complete Streets in Billings.

Motion

Commissioner Morse moved to Deny the Economic and Financial Analysis of Complete Streets in Billings, second by Kurtis Schnieber. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Ms. Mattox reported that the MPO redesignation documents had been submitted for the Governor's review. She stated that the documents would also proceed through the City and County review process.

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The redesignation does not change the substantive provisions of the existing documents but removes the City-County Planning Board from the MPO's operational structure and designates the Policy Coordinating Committee as the MPO governing body.

Commissioner Morse asked whether the change was operational or procedural. Ms. Mattox clarified that the change is procedural.

A question was raised regarding the next steps in the review process. Ms. Mattox stated that the documents would be reviewed by Jeff Streeter, Sam Woods, and the appropriate district contacts before being forwarded to the Governor.

Future Agenda Items

Ms. Mattox reported that a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been established to place the MPOs on the same schedule, which should simplify future updates. Staff are also completing work related to Safe Routes to School. A potential future project would address pedestrian access west of Main Street for students traveling to Medicine Crow Middle School, including consideration of a crosswalk on Judith Lane. Additional discussion is anticipated in the fall.

Staff are continuing to evaluate several transportation and trail connectivity projects, including the Alkali Creek tunnel area and a potential trail connection from Main Street to the Aronson Trail. Ms. Mattox noted that floodplain conditions and private property ownership present challenges, and Swords Lane is also being considered as part of the evaluation.

A feasibility study is also underway regarding the Castlerock utility connection and potential connectivity improvements. The Long-Range Transportation Plan is currently being developed in-house.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Brenda J. Berns, Planning Clerk