

2023 BILLINGS LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2025 UPDATE

Note: All Figures reflect the updated MPA planning area boundary. Only figures with new data are noted in the table.

Location	Page #	Update
Cover Page	i	Added “(Updated October 2025)”
Front Matter	iii	Added “Amendment 1” under <i>2023 Billings Urban Area Long Range Transportation Plan</i> Added new dates for Amendment adoption Added update date of October 2025
Content	v	Added “Appendix J” to the Appendices list
Chapter 1	1	Updated description of the MPA “The planning area for the Long Range Transportation Plan encompasses the City of Billings, the community of Lockwood, and adjacent portions of Yellowstone County. The boundary includes areas that are currently urbanized as well as those identified for anticipated future growth.”
Chapter 1	2	Updated MPA boundary figure with call-out “The planning area shown was updated from the 2018 boundary as part of the 2025 update. Newly added areas are shown in Orange. Because these areas were incorporated after the adoption of the 2023 LRTP, some analyses noted throughout the plan were not conducted for them. These areas will be evaluated in the next LRTP update.” This boundary is utilized for the remainder of the maps in the update, and shall not be further identified.
Chapter 1	4	New section “Plan Update (2025)” with the following text: “In July 2024, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), in coordination with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), conducted a Metropolitan Planning Organization Process Review which included a review of the 2023 Billings Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), adopted in 2023 by the Policy Coordinating Committee of the Billings MPO. The

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		<p>purpose of the Process Review was to determine if the planning processes and practices conducted through the development of the LRTP comply with Federal metropolitan transportation planning processes, regulations, and guidance.</p> <p>In response to the Process Review findings, the Yellowstone City-County Planning Board launched an update to the 2023 LRTP in March 2025 to review and update the Project List to meet fiscal constraints, as well as to update the Metropolitan Planning Area boundary to reflect the Urbanized Area that resulted from the 2020 Decennial Census (released in 2023). This LRTP document reflects the updates made to ensure compliance with Federal requirements and MDT guidance.”</p>
Chapter 1	4	Description of UPWP updated to “Annual statement of work that outlines planning priorities, defines planned activities, and governs the use of FHWA and FTA planning funds within the MPO boundary.”
Chapter 2	22	Added text clarifying that Appendix A contains local performance measures, while Appendix B includes a report card covering both local measures and federal and state targets.
Chapter 3	23	Added Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to the agency coordination list.
Chapter 4	31	Updated text with statistics from new MPA boundary: “The Billings planning area encompasses approximately 143 square miles and includes the City of Billings (44.9 square miles) and Lockwood, as well as a planning area that extends into parts of Yellowstone County expected to accommodate future growth.”
Chapter 4	32	Updated text from “Billings planning area” to “Billings urban area” to reduce confusion with the statistic generated from the Travel Demand Model, which states on page 90 that the planning area has a population of 140,000.
Chapter 4	41	Updated text from 13,578 crashes to 13,857 crashes in the planning area.
Chapter 4	41	Table 11, Figure 13, and Figure 14 are updated to reflect crash statistics for the revised planning area boundary.
Chapter 4	42	Figure 15 is updated to reflect crash statistics for the revised planning area boundary.
Chapter 4	42	Added “of the planning area at the time” after the 2016 – 2020 data in the first paragraph.

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Chapter 4	43	Figure 16 is updated to reflect crash statistics for the revised planning area boundary.
Chapter 4	44	Figure 17 is updated to reflect crash statistics for the revised planning area boundary.
Chapter 4	45	Footnote (32) added to inform reader that the EPDO analysis was not updated to reflect the revised boundary.
Chapter 4	52, 53	<i>Note that Table 15, Figure 22, and Figure 23 remain unchanged. No additional pedestrian or bicycle crashes occurred within the revised planning area during the study period.</i>
Chapter 4	55	Table 16, Table 17, and associated text were updated to reflect crash statistics for the revised planning area boundary.
Chapter 4	59	Footnote (35) added to inform reader that sidewalk data was not available for the revised planning area boundary.
Chapter 4	65	Changed “Billings residents” to “Billings City residents” in the first paragraph to improve clarity.
Chapter 4	65	Figure 34 and associated in-text statistics updated to reflect the revised planning area boundary.
Chapter 4	67	Figure 36 and its associated roadway mileage statistic were revised to reflect the updated planning area boundary. Updated Hawk Signal value from 1 to 2. A footnote (37) was added indicating that newly included roadways are reflected, while all other statistics were not updated.
Chapter 4	71	Added footnote 42 that says “Data from MET was not updated during the 2025 amendment”
Chapter 5	89	Added footnote (46) to inform reader that Travel Demand Model analyses were developed for the 2018 boundary, and were not updated for the revised planning area boundary. Replaced text with: “The planning area for the Long Range Transportation Plan encompasses the City of Billings, the community of Lockwood, and adjacent portions of Yellowstone County. This area encompasses approximately 143 square miles.” Added footnote that the population

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Chapter 5	90	Added footnote (47) to inform reader that “Planning area population, housing, and employment values provided in this section were developed based on data from the travel demand model developed for the 2018 boundary. Estimates for the updated boundary will be developed as part of the next LRTP update.”
Chapter 5	95	Added footnote (49) to inform reader that “The year 2045 roadway network was developed for the 2018 planning area boundary. Future conditions analysis for the updated boundary will be developed with the next LRTP update.”
Chapter 5	100	Removed “Draft” from Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan (2023). Added footnote (53) to inform reader that “Future sidewalks and sidewalk needs in portions of the planning area added to the 2018 boundary are not included. This area will be assessed as part of the next LRTP update.”
Chapter 6	110	Added footnote (60) to inform reader that “Areas added to the 2018 boundary as part of the planning area update are not included in the needs and deficiencies assessment, and therefore were not considered as part of the project list development. Projects in these areas will be assessed as part of the next LRTP update.”
Chapter 7	113	Added clarifying text “for planning activities and studies” to introductory paragraph, and added the “Billings Urban Area transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2024 – 2028” to the bulleted list. Removed the “Proposed” from the City of Billings FY 2024 – 2028 CIP in bulleted list.
Chapter 7	118	Added section on the “Montana Fish and Wildlife Program (FWP)”, which includes the following text: “FWP administers the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), a federally funded grants program that supports Montana’s trails. The RTP funds come from the Federal Highway Trust Fund and represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from nonhighway recreational fuel use. Approximately \$1.5 million is made available for the RTP each year, with a maximum award amount of \$100,00 and a 20% match requirement.” This text was added to describe a funding source utilized in the Financial Plan.
Chapter 7	123	Adjusted text to reflect revised Financial Plan: “The average annual allocation for the Billings- Yellowstone County MPO is \$42,044,453. The 22-year revenue projection is \$952,740,000.”
Chapter 7	124	Table 34 was completely revised to reflect the updated Financial Plan developed as part of this effort.

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Chapter 8	126	Updated Table 35 to reference that ‘Committed Projects’ were sourced from the City of Billings FY 2024 – 2028 CIP and the Billings Metropolitan Planning Organization 2024 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program.
Chapter 8	127	Updated in-text statistics to reference the 346 projects in the Project List, to update Figure 73 to reflect the revised Project List, and to note the 77 committed projects in the Project List.
Chapter 8	128	<p>Added a new section to discuss the revised Project List categories of “Annual Programs” with the text: “Annual allocations for various local and state programs are shown in Table 36. These programs are part of the fiscally constrained project list and account for anticipated recurring annual expenditures, including transit operations and maintenance costs, which are generally more routine compared to the stand-alone projects in the project list. Specific projects funded through these programs have not yet been identified. They are typically determined closer to the year of expenditure based on available funding and project priorities. Details on annual expenditures, including anticipated average annual funding are provided in Appendix H.”</p> <p>And the “Plans and Studies” section which includes the text: “The MPO receives dedicated funding for planning activities, separate from the funding sources described in Table 34. Appendix H lists priority planning projects and studies identified through the needs and deficiencies assessment. These efforts generally involve further evaluation of identified locations to determine appropriate treatments and interventions to improve conditions. Findings and recommendations from these studies will inform future project lists and be incorporated into subsequent LRTP updates.”</p>
Chapter 8	129	Added Table 36 which delineates the Annual Programs and Transit to separate these project types from the Project List.
Chapter 8	134 - 136	Updated the content of Table 37 to include a clear depiction of fiscal constraint.
Chapter 8	134	Updated in-text statistics to reflect revised Project List.
Chapter 8	136	Updated the content of Table 38 to clearly delineate the Funded Projects and Spending Plan.
Appendix A	-	<p>Updated statistics for safety to reflect crash data in the updated MPA boundary.</p> <p>Added “Local Performance Measures” header to clarify that these are the local performance measures. Added text at the end of the paragraph stating that</p>

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		Progress towards Federal and State targets is highlighted in chapter 2 of the LRTP.
Appendix B	-	Added text to distinguish between Local and Federal/ State Performance Targets. Added text to describe 2024 State Targets in the report card for future reporting. Updated state performance targets to reflect the most recent targets provided by MDT.
Appendix C	-	No change
Appendix D	-	No change
Appendix E	-	No change
Appendix F	-	Updated MPA boundary for all figures.
Appendix G	-	Updated MPA boundary for all figures.
Appendix H	-	Updated Project List tables to reflect changes made in the 2025 LRTP update. Provided additional text/ narrative to increase clarity of tables, in particular Table 2. Additionally, two new sections were added to reflect the Plans and Studies category and Annual Programs and Transit category of the Project List.
Appendix I	-	Updated MPA boundary for figure.
Appendix J	-	Updated Project List tables and funding sources to reflect changes made in the 2025 LRTP update.