



**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
CITY OF BILLINGS AND
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY
December 11, 2025
MEETING TIME: 10:30 AM**



316 N. 26th Street, 5th Floor Beartooth Conference Room

Committee Members			
Lora Mattox, Transportation Planning Coordinator, T.A.C.	1	Katie Potts, FHWA	V
Monica Plecker, Director YC Public Works Dept.		Wyeth Friday, Director Planning and Community Services	1
Debi Meling, Public Works Director, City of Billings Engineering	V	Mac Fogelsong, City Engineer, City PW Engineering,	1
Rusty Logan, MET Transit Manger	1	Sarah Graham, MET Transit Planner	1
Samantha Wood, Urban Planning Section, MDT	V	Melissa Henderson, Environmental Health Riverstone Health	
Kenn Winegar, Urban Planning Section, MDT		Jay D. Anderson Deputy PW Director, YC Public Works	
Kurtis Schnieber, MDT		Emma Belmont, Region 8, FTA	
Zach Kirkemo, MDT		Kyle Shuck, Project Engineer, MDT	1
Mitch Buthod, Urban Planning and Statewide Supervisor, MDT	V	Callion Maddox, FTA	

Call to Order: Lora Mattox, Transportation Planning Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 10:32 am

Introduction of Committee Members and staff.

Staff in Attendance: Elyse Monat, Transportation Planner; Mike Hayes, Multi-Modal Planner; Brenda Berns, Planning Clerk

Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2025

Motion:

Rusty Logan moved to approve the June 12, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. Sarah Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

a. Presentation and Recommendation: 2023 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendment & MPO Boundary Update

Lora Mattox introduced the item, noting the amendment and boundary update are necessary to remain in compliance with federal regulations. The boundary update aligns with anticipated urban growth over the next 20 years.

Rachel Grosso (Kittelson & Associates) presented the amendment, including:

- Project purpose and key considerations
- Timeline (April 2025 – February 2026)
- Metropolitan Planning Area boundary updates
- Project list and financial plan
- Amendment 1 “Cheat Sheet” – Resource to Direct Review

Discussion Highlights:

- Committee members expressed support for the clarity and organization of the amendment materials.
- Discussion included future updates to travel demand data, coordination with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and integration with the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
- Clarification was provided regarding funding sources and performance measures.
- Members discussed updating language related to performance measures prior to adoption.

Motion:

Rusty Logan moved to recommend approval of the 2023 LRTP Amendment and MPO Boundary Update to the governing bodies, contingent upon final revisions. Wyeth Friday seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

a. MPO Redesignation Update

Lora Mattox provided an update on the proposed MPO redesignation. The item is anticipated to be presented to City Council in January 2026.

Discussion included:

- Potential structure and membership of the Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC)
- Consideration of representation from city, county, MDT, and transit stakeholders
- The importance of educating elected officials on MPO roles and responsibilities

b. MET Transit Update

Rusty Logan provided updates on MET Transit operations, including:

- Ongoing evaluation of service in the southside area and potential stop adjustments
- Consideration of accessibility improvements, including crosswalk placement
- Funding updates, including approximately \$250,000 in federal funding for vehicle needs
- Recent route adjustments in the Heights area with minimal negative feedback
- Continued evaluation of service expansion opportunities, including Lockwood and Laurel

Discussion included ridership trends, operational costs, and equitable access to transit services.

c. MDT Visit Recap

Lora Mattox invited feedback regarding the recent MDT visit.

Discussion included:

- Continued coordination with MDT on processes and project development
- Opportunities for improved communication and collaboration

Future Business

Safe Routes to School and Lockwood projects were briefly discussed

Adjournment 12:00pm

Brenda J. Berns, Planning Clerk