



# **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

## **Federal Fiscal Year 2025**

**(October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025)**

Public Comments Received

The following public comments were received on the Gallatin Valley MPO FFY 2025 UPWP:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Public Comment</u>	<u>Staff Comment</u>
July 10, 2024	TTAC	It was a little disconcerting reading through the document because there was an assumption that there would be no public comment on this document.	Thank you for your feedback. We appreciate your concern and want to assure you that public comments are valued and considered in the planning process. We strive to ensure all voices are heard and will take your input into account as we continue to refine the UPWP.
July 10, 2024	TTAC	As far as the counts go on the bicycles, “yes.” But would love to see you use existing Strava maps.	Staff has programmed short-term bicycle and pedestrian counts into the UPWP. Strava can be an excellent supplemental resource.
July 10, 2024	TTAC	There should be a way to figure out how to count what people want to have in place. Frontage Road and Baxter were good examples of, “Hey! It’s not safe to bicycle there, so you aren’t going to get any paths if very few people are using it.”	The LRTP planning process will likely involve developing a vision, goals, and objectives to identify priority projects, using data as a reference.
July 10, 2024	TTAC	Might want to consider a model for railroad. How often do the trains run through? What are the backup counts on that?	Modeling will be an ongoing discussion. We plan to begin addressing the assumptions for the LRTP scenarios starting in August or September 2025. Please note that regional models serve different purposes than corridor or intersection models.

July 10, 2024	TTAC	Concerned that the LRTP process means that we have to wait for the smaller studies that have been discussed already.	The updated UPWP has 180 hours of staff time programmed examine the existing conditions and bicycle-pedestrian movements at the North Valley Center Spur area.
July 10, 2024	TTAC	As far as public comment goes, the document also said that there was a website. This document you are discussing isn't even on the website. There is no Facebook plan. It wasn't discussed in the Transportation Board. I don't know whether it is going to be, but it seems like the bottom is kind of falling out of public comment and I think there must be a way to vamp it up and get the word out so that people can participate if they choose.	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding this brand-new process. We have enhanced the GVMPO website, available at <a href="http://gvmppo.com">gvmppo.com</a>, and posted the UPWP for public comment with a prominent banner on the landing page. Additionally, links were included within the publicly available committee memos. Our staff is committed to further improving the accessibility and transparency. We welcome and encourage continued public feedback on our plans and initiatives.</p> <p>Please also consider the Transportation Advisory Board is a City of Bozeman entity, while the MPO operates under its own governance structure.</p>
July 24, 2024	TPCC	Wanted to briefly thank Jeff for allowing me to take him around northwest Bozeman. I appreciate him asking me a lot of really good questions. I am available to do that for anyone at any time.	Thank you for sharing the important transportation planning context for that part of the MPO's planning area. Your insights were extremely valuable.
July 24, 2024	TPCC	It looks like you've made some updates to the last draft that was put together. There is an appendix for public comment and it listed that one person had commented but there are no actual comments. I am wondering if there will be.	Public comments have been incorporated.