

POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

APRIL 16, 2013

Source

Technical Advisory Committee

Requested Action

Approve the selection of Robert Peccia & Associates to prepare the Update to the Great Falls Urban Area Transportation Plan

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN CONSULTANT SELECTION

Overview

The Great Falls Urban Area Transportation Plan (also referred to as the Long Range Transportation Plan, or LRTP), was last updated in 2009.

The Plan is a valuable tool for identifying community transportation priorities and guiding local decisions for expenditure of transportation funds. The base analysis in the Plan is from 2003, and an update is due.

To ensure the Plan is based upon the most recent data and reflects current community needs, staff has begun the process to update the Plan.

Due to air quality requirements, the Plan must be adopted by April 2014. To meet that requirement, the Plan will be considered for adoption by PCC in early 2014.

Background

The Great Falls Urban Area has a central city with a population greater than 50,000, and therefore has certain responsibilities for local transportation planning — one of which is to have a current, compliant long range transportation plan. The transportation plan must be updated at least every four years, and also must be compliant with air quality regulations and meet other relevant federal transportation planning requirements.

In addition, a new transportation act has imposed additional planning requirements that will be addressed.

Consultant Selection

TAC has solicited, reviewed and rated Proposals from qualified consultants to perform an update to the Plan. Of the four proposals received, TAC recommends selection of the Helena firm of Robert Peccia & Associates (RPA) by PCC.

Staff has met with RPA regarding scope and fee, which is in the range of \$285,000. This is a fair and competitive fee that will provide Great Falls with a quality product within the required time-frame.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

“I move PCC approve the selection of RPA to update the Great Falls Urban Area Transportation Plan.”