# Agenda Report—City of Great Falls

# PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD ZONING COMMISSION

### **JANUARY 14, 2014**

#### Source

Great Falls Planning & Community Development Department/Montana Dept. of Transportation

#### Attachment A

Agreement for the Distribution of Metropolitan Planning (PL) Funds

# Suggested Motion

"I recommend the Planning Advisory Board approve the Agreement for the Distribution of Metropolitan Planning Funds."

# Project Planner

Andrew Finch

# SUMMARY

### Overview

The Planning Advisory Board, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Great Falls Area, is being asked to update the funding agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation for receipt of federal transportation planning dollars.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING FUNDS AGREEMENT

# Background

In 2005, with the dissolution of the City-County Planning Board, the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board was designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Great Falls Area. In order to carry out the duties of an MPO, the City of Great Falls assigned staff from its Planning Department to the MPO.

With the consolidation of the City's Planning and Community Development Departments in 2010, the new department accepted Transportation Planning duties. The Department, as MPO staff, receives Federal Transportation Planning funds to perform federally required planning functions.

An agreement for receipt of these "PL" Funds was signed in February 2006. This new agreement is substantially the same as that agreement, with the following minor changes:

- Clarified that the Planning & Community Development Department receives the PL Funds, on behalf of the MPO;
- Changes the date of submittal for quarterly progress reports to the 15th day of

- the month following the end of the quarter; and,
- 3) Changed the date of submittal of the draft Unified Planning Work Program to August 1.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Planning Advisory Board approve the Agreement for the Distribution of Metropolitan Planning Funds.

