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GREAT FALLS TO HOST PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

GREAT FALLS, Montana –The Great Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is hosting an open house to provide information about the on-going *2024 Great Falls Area Long Range Transportation Plan* focusing on the greater Great Falls area. The purpose of the open house will be to present preliminary recommendations, collect feedback, and share next steps. The open house will be hosted in-person over a two-hour period. No formal presentation will be made, so attendees are invited to drop in at their convenience to see what is being recommended and share feedback with the planning team.

The Plan will guide decisions on future infrastructure investments based on identified transportation needs. The Plan includes an in-depth analysis of existing and future traffic, safety, and road/sidewalk/trail conditions, and a list of projects to implement over the next 20 years. Citizen comment is important to the Plan's success, so the public is encouraged to participate.

WHAT: Great Falls Area Long Range Transportation Plan Public Open House

DATE: Thursday, May 30, 2024

TIME: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Great Falls Civic Center, Gibson Room, 2 Park Dr S

Informational materials developed for the open house will be available on the Plan website (www.greatfallstransplan.com/open-house) prior to meeting, **beginning on May 23rd**. The public is encouraged to view materials ahead of the open house and submit comments either in person or electronically. The planning team will consider all comments received as the Plan progresses.

Community input is a very important part of the process. The public is encouraged to participate and share concerns, thoughts, and ideas with the project team to help inform the final Plan. The *Great Falls Area Long Range Transportation Plan* is a collaborative effort among the Great Falls MPO, City of Great Falls, Cascade County, the Montana Department of Transportation, stakeholders, and the public.

Comments can be submitted at any time to the project manager, Scott Randall, via email at srandall@rpa-hln.com, by phone at 406-447-5005, or by mail at 3147 Saddle Drive, Helena, MT 59601. For more information about the project, visit www.greatfallstransplan.com.

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