Long Range Transportation Plan Update
TAC Meeting
June 12, 2020

Welcome and Intros – Aaron and Jennifer
- Have connected with many since last meeting
- Some pieces of feedback to dive into conversation for evaluation framework
- Will focus in on projects in small groups
- Where are there gaps that we need to focus on to build out project list?
- Trade off exercise for funding with lots of discussion today
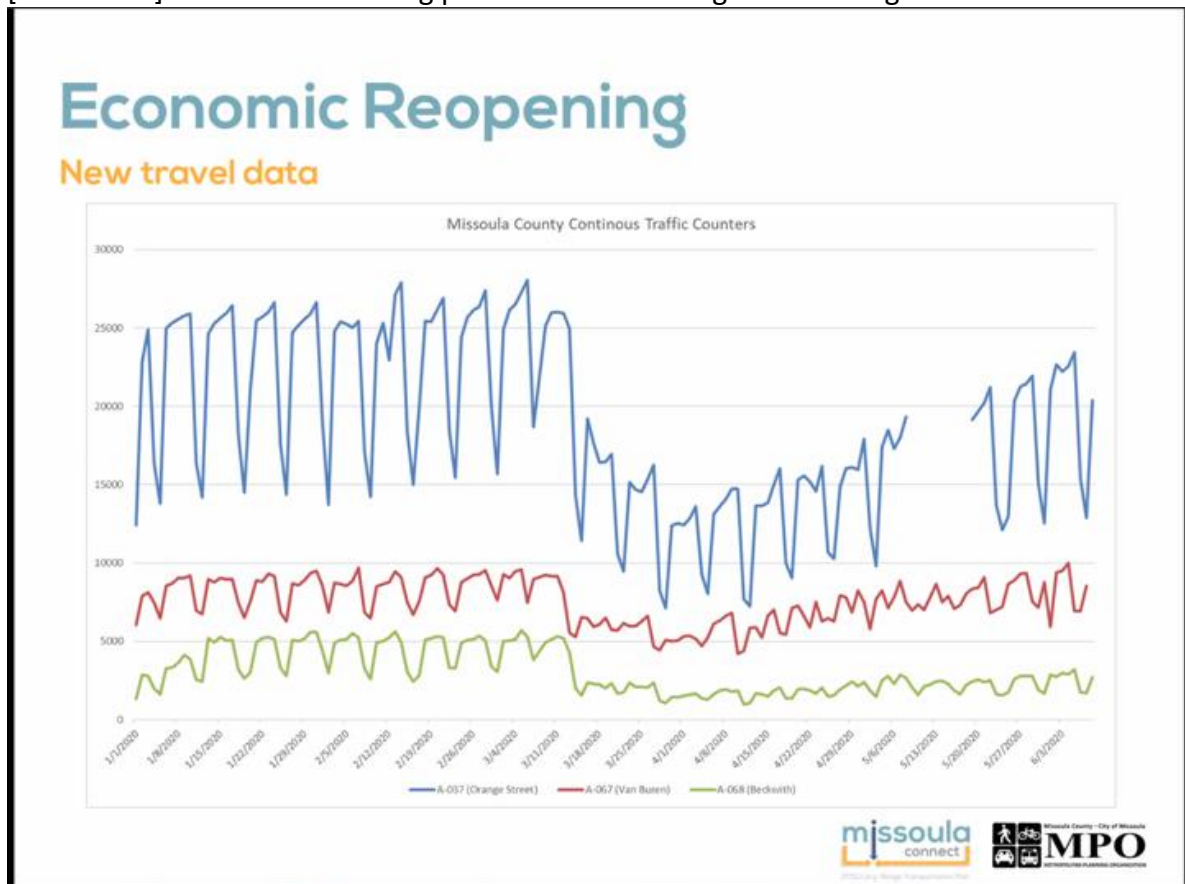
Ice Breaker & Attendance
- What is the most unusual thing you've eaten during quarantine? What are you most excited about for today?
- Jennifer Wieland – Project Manager for N/N
    - Banana bread – opportunity to connect and hear ideas for evaluation framework
- Aaron Wilson – MPO
    - Sourdough bread –
- Tara Osendorf – MPO
    - Greek Easter meal – get our project list moving forward
- Katie Klietz – Big Sky Public Relations
    - Carbonated water – hearing where there are gaps
- Marlo Kapsa – N/N
- Zach Zabel – N/N
    - Pan searing – feedback on evaluation framework and best use with available data
- Dave Gray – MPO
    - Grilled slugs
- Andrew Hagemeier – Missoula County
    - Wheat thins – clear plan forward to meet mode shift goals
- Donna Gaukler – Missoula Parks
    - Kombucha – objective criteria to manage projects
- Emily Gluckin – Planning
    - Asparagus – other groups' feedback to learn more about plans for implementation
- Ellen Buchanan – has to leave early
- Shane Stack – Missoula County Public Works
    - Netflix, Prime and Hulu – clear direction on where we are going for future projects
- Ben Weiss – Bike, Ped
    - Trail mix – City related scoring system for CIP list, aligning how we do that
- Corey Aldridge – Mountain Line
    - Odd Persian drink – good synergy between all modes to meet goals

- Diana Maneta – Sustainability Program Manager, CAPS
  - Indian food – new addition to group and looking forward to learning more and mode-split goals and how to align with climate resiliency
- Jacquelyn Smith – MDT
  - Nothing interesting – more to learn about where the process is going
- Juniper Davis – Missoula County Parks, Trails and Open Lands
  - Preferred appetites of 8 year old's – answer questions where the County is
- Karen Hughes – Missoula County Community & Planning Services
  - Roast beef – intrigued by evaluation framework and mode-shift goals
- Kevin Slovarp – Missoula City Engineer
  - Marmite – Get caught up to speed on what's been done and what the new projects might be
- Lisa Beckiewicz – Health Department
  - Jalapeño poppers – continue to bringing connections between transportation and health data into Invest Health Neighborhoods
- Montana James – Office of Housing and Community Development
  - Random baby snacks – evaluation framework
- Neil Miner – Missoula Parks
  - String cheese – pathway forward for projects and tools to use to show the need/desire for the public
- Sarah Cofield – Missoula Health Department
  - Trained her cat – looking at value-driven project selection
- Laval Means – Development Services
  - COVID 15 – values piece is great as project identification
- Jon Sand – MPO
  - Curry – project ideas later today

Economic Reopening
- New travel data update from Dave

- [Andrew H.] This can be a talking point when discussing mode-shift goals

Developing Goals
- Strong existing LRTP and across the region – much to build from
- Federal goals and planning factors → 2016 LRTP → Other Missoula Plans → Mobility Values
- Preliminary Goals and Outcomes
  1. Improve safety and promote health to enhance quality of life
  2. Advance sustainability and climate resilience to protect natural and historic resources
  3. Expand mobility choices to improve efficiency and accessibility
  4. Connect and strengthen communities to create a more equitable region
  5. Maintain assets and invest strategically to boost economic vitality
- [Donna] Do we have a balanced approach for those who don't want to get out of their cars?
  - [Jennifer] Thinking about how we are moving people but the point is a good one to ensure all modes are represented
- [Ben] Compared to 8 goals from last LRTP but good job of consolidating into 5. Beneficial simplification.
- [Juniper] Supportive and thought about them critically. Fourth bullet is really important in the County in thinking about how we connect communities.

- [Montana] Thinking of housing goals, don't think housing needs to be added. But do feel like there is connection between goal 4 and goal 1 in terms of connection between transportation and equitable communities.
- [Jacquelyn] Vicki wanted to make the group aware that goals don't contradict one another. For example, safety criteria do not outweigh sustainability.
- [Laval] How goals fit in with growth policy to support a transportation planning in concert with land-use goals.
    - Andrew and Emily also support
    - Jennifer says this can be stronger
- Poll – in Zoom – choose two goals that are most important for area and how well do these goals reflect what matters
    - If there is more need here – surveys, polls and info is available online
- Goals are not yet weighted
    - Expand mobility choices is the top choice from this group
    - Goals meet or reflect Missoula well or very well

Draft Evaluation Framework
- Aaron – intent is not to reinvent what we don't need to
    - What was the process that went well in 2016 that we can use again or weakness that we can improve? What did you like? What didn't you like? If not involved, does this make sense?
- [Kevin] Don't recall the 2016 goals but wondering if there is a cost/benefit type of analysis?
    - Aaron & Dave – didn't get there and mostly dependent on MDT
- [Ben] How do we take advantage of new/stimulus funding and having projects ready

Approach
- Collect projects and programs – screen projects and programs, develop and rank scenarios, prioritize recommended projects
- Scoring is designed to be a yes/no at this time so that we can advance to next stages

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With a screened list of projects, the Missoula Connect team will use geographic criteria to score the remaining projects. A focus on geographic criteria at this stage makes it possible to evaluate many projects quickly, adjusting goal or criteria weighting as necessary to best match the community's values, needs, and technical priorities.

For consistency with the previous LRTP, all projects, regardless of mode, will be scored with the same criteria. This approach recognizes that roadway projects can incorporate complete street elements that benefit all modes while non-motorized projects can contribute overall system performance and safety. The preliminary scoring criteria—based on the draft Missoula Connect goals—are described in Figure 2.
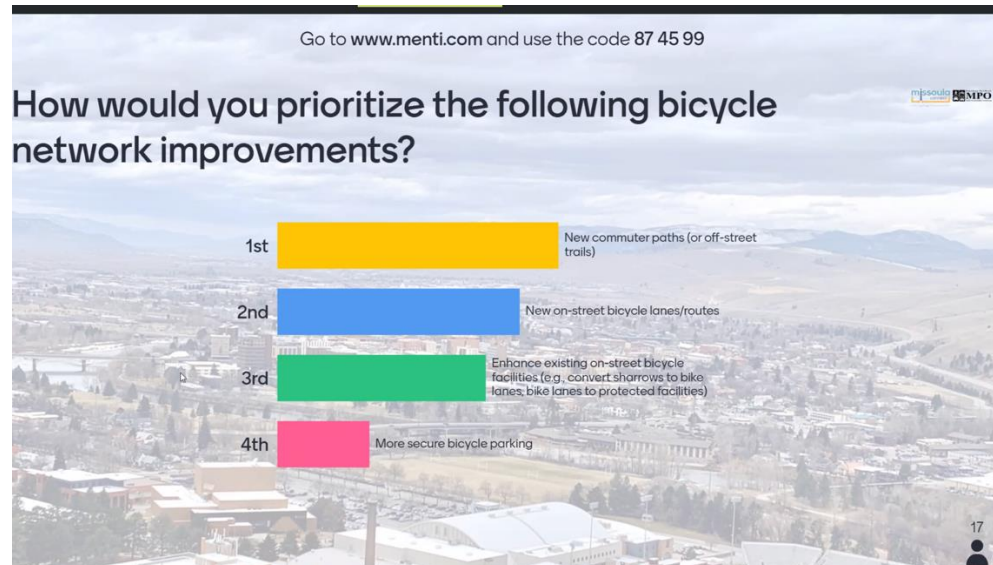
Figure 3   Draft Project Scoring Criteria

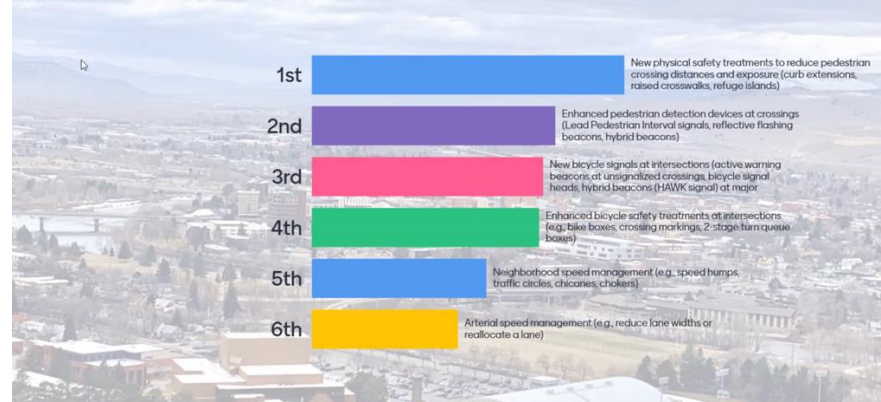| Goal	Desired Outcomes	Geographic Criteria
Improve safety and promote health to enhance quality of life	- Eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries - Improve safety for people walking and biking - Increase physical activity by making walking and biking convenient modes of travel - Improve access to recreational facilities and trails to support healthy lifestyles	**Crash Reduction (all modes):** 1 point – Project is located within ¼ mile of a high crash frequency corridor or intersection 2 points – Project is located at a high crash frequency corridor or intersection **Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety:** 1 point – Project will improve bicycle/pedestrian safety within ¼ mile of a high crash frequency corridor or intersection 2 points – Project will improve bicycle/pedestrian safety and is located at a high crash frequency corridor or intersection **Access to Recreational Facilities:** 1 point – Project provides multimodal access within ¼ mile of a public recreation facility or trail 2 points – Project directly connects to or expands multimodal access to a public recreation facility or trail

- o [Donna] Quality of Life can be designed through transportation systems
  - o [Ben] What is the safety criteria? How can we account best for safety?
    - Jennifer – tried to account for that in filling the gaps and thinking about safety. Specific metrics have not yet been set
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  - o [Montana] Land-use, housing affordability, and there will be more to come. Concept of high-threshold census tract. Like the access to affordable housing.
    - Jennifer – needs to be refined with equity index with Invest Health. Places where folks will have more need for non-auto modes but doesn't perfectly align with the work that has been done in Missoula
  - o [Lisa] Safety and health and equitable communities and how they strengthen each other. Need to have thought around what essential service is. Access to determinants of health as opposed to recreation. Access for multiple essential services will give better criteria for scoring. Will be happy to draft essential services language.
  - o [Diana] Not feeling comprehensive with geographic criteria.
    - Jennifer – will expand.
  - o [Andrew] Is it possible to have one of the criteria be will this lead to climate change?
    - Jennifer – can build that in.
  - o [Laval] Second what Lisa said about social determinants of health. Think about metrics that emphasize that. Goal about community and affordability will need to have defined and set language. What are the thresholds?
  - o [Juniper] Looking at outlying areas of the planning area and thinking about how projects in outer areas are reflected or inhibited by others.

- o [Ben] Sustainability comments are great and suggestion that Chase Jones be looped into evaluation goals and thinking about green infrastructure. Often have roadways that only serve vehicles but likely wouldn't score well because they aren't on grid/density for network connections. Make sure we have some way that add modes is important. Maintain assets goals might be offset by access to employment. Will projects be differentiated in that way?
  - o [Sarah] Thinking about where we are be putting people and can we add negative goals.
  - o [Karen] Echo sustainability goals and seems narrow in protecting natural resources instead of thinking about vehicle emissions. The connect and strengthen communities feels urban oriented, especially in communities where there aren't multi-modal opportunities.
- Project team will send this as a Word document and asking for comments in two weeks.

TAC Polls

Next Steps
- o Small group meetings
- o Technical group meetings
- o Word version of goals will be sent and comments asked for in two weeks
- o Please engage with tools available online from MPO website
- o Reach out to any project team member if there are follow up needs
- o Hopefully we can get together in-person to discuss next time
- o More to come!