

**GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 039**

**A FINAL RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE GREATER BOZEMAN AREA  
TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2007 UPDATE AS A REVISION OF THE GALLATIN  
COUNTY GROWTH POLICY**

This resolution was introduced by the Gallatin County Planning Department. Moved by Commissioner Skinner, and seconded by Commissioner Murdock. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

WHEREAS, in April 2003, the Gallatin County Commission (County Commission) adopted the Gallatin County Growth Policy (Growth Policy) pursuant to § 76-1-6 MCA as a comprehensive plan to guide land use and development outside the County's existing citizen petitioned "Part 1 zoning districts"; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing Gallatin County Growth Policy Implementation Plan (GPIP) identifies the Greater Bozeman Area Transportation Plan 2007 Update (Transportation Plan) as one of the cooperative planning efforts implementing a strategy for development, maintenance, and replacement of public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Plan is an update to the Greater Bozeman Area Transportation Plan 2001 Update that was adopted by the Gallatin County Commission on December 28, 2005 as a revision of the Gallatin County Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2008, the Bozeman Area Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) adopted the Transportation Plan with changes and recommended the City of Bozeman and Gallatin County Commissions adopt the Transportation Plan with TCC's directed changes; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2009 the City of Bozeman Commission adopted the Transportation Plan with changes and with the TCC's directed changes; and

WHEREAS, On January 26, 2009 the Belgrade City-County Planning Board adopted Resolution No. 2009-01 recommending adoption of the Transportation Plan with TCC's directed changes and City of Bozeman's directed changes as a revision of the Gallatin County Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2009 the Gallatin County Planning Board adopted Resolution No. 2009-002 recommending the Gallatin County Commission adopt the Transportation Plan as a revision of the Gallatin County Growth Policy with the Planning Board's recommended changes in addition to TCC's directed changes and the City Bozeman's directed changes; and

WHEREAS, On February 10, 2009 the Gallatin County Commission held a public hearing and adopted a resolution of intent to adopt the Transportation Plan as a revision of the Gallatin County Growth Policy (Resolution No. 2009-023); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Plan Study Area includes the area of land as shown in Figure 1-1 of the Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9.2 of the Growth Policy establishes specific criteria to be weighed in consideration of proposed amendments to the Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, §76-1-604 MCA requires revisions and amendments to an adopted Growth Policy to follow the same process as adoption of a Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, §76-1-603 MCA requires the Planning Board to forward a resolution recommending the proposed Growth Policy revision to the County Commission; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing before the Gallatin County Commission for consideration of a Final Resolution to adopt the Transportation Plan as a revision to the Growth Policy and notice of the passage of a Resolution of Indent to adopt (Resolution No. 2009-023) was published in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* on February 15 and 22, 2009. The Transportation Plan has been made available for public inspection at the Office of the Gallatin County Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin County Planning Department, City of Bozeman Engineering Division, Bozeman Department of Planning and Community Development, Bozeman City Hall, and Bozeman Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the Gallatin County Commission conducted a public hearing on February 10, 2009 and March 17, 2009 and continued to March 31, 2009, during which the public was given an opportunity to be heard regarding the adoption of the Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bozeman and Gallatin County Commissions held a joint public meeting on March 13, 2009 were the Commissions generally agreed upon changes to the Transportation Plan that are reflected in this Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Gallatin County Commission adopts a Final Resolution adopting the Greater Bozeman Area Transportation Plan 2007 Update with:

- The Transportation Coordinating Committee directed changes.
- The City of Bozeman Commission directed changes with the following amendments to City of Bozeman Commission directed change number 6 and 7:

- i. Number 6: *A new section 2.3.22 should be added including supplied photos of equestrians on narrow and dangerous in-area roads. The following test should be added: "There are no public trail systems in the City of Bozeman that allow for equine travel. Historically, equestrians have used the rural road network of unpaved roads to*

travel between the many equestrian facilities ~~such as~~ within the planning boundary, as well as to MSU and the Fairgrounds. As Bozeman grows, it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to access these sites.”

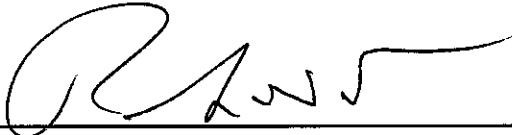
- ii. Number 7: A new section 4.9 be added with the following text: “The planning boundary for the Update includes areas currently and historically used by equine riders and drivers. They and other non-motorized residents have used the unpaved roads as a trail system. ~~As~~ **If** these roads are paved with no shoulder and no trail, and traffic volumes and speeds increase, these roads **may** become less safe for both motorized and non-motorized users. Future improvements need to take into consideration all of these users.”
- The following Gallatin County Planning Board recommended changes as amended by the County Commission:
    - i. Amend the names of the Gallatin County Planning Board Members on page ii to reflect the current members of the Gallatin County Planning Board.
    - ii. Insert the following statement where appropriate: *Nothing in the Greater Bozeman Area Transportation Plan 2007 Update should be read as an encouragement of the use by the County of its power of eminent domain.*
    - iii. Replace City of Bozeman Commission directed change number 6 with the following: *There are no public trail systems in the City of Bozeman that allow for equine travel. Historically, equestrians have used the rural road network of unpaved roads to travel between the many equestrian facilities within the planning boundary, as well as to MSU and the Fairgrounds. As Bozeman grows, it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to access these sites.*
  - 2. The Gallatin County Commission also directed changes to Chapter 5.5 Recommended Equestrian Facility Improvements with the insertion of the following sentence: *Equestrian facility improvements shall compliment, be consistent with, and implement equestrian facilities as identified in any officially adopted recreation and/or trails plan.*
  - 3. The Gallatin County Commission finds the Transportation Plan substantially complies with the goals and objectives of the Growth Policy by adopting findings contained in the February 10 and March 17, 2009 written Staff Reports;

4. The Gallatin County Commission finds the Transportation Plan substantially complies with the criteria of Chapter 9.2 of the Growth Policy by adopting findings contained in the February 10 and March 17, 2009 written Staff Report and specifically:
  - The Transportation Plan as a revision to the Growth Policy will not propose sites for uses but rather accommodates development patterns by facilitating existing community goals and suggests improvements to transportation infrastructure and services within the greater Bozeman area to meet the needs of existing and future land uses.
  - The Transportation Plan constitutes an overall improvement to the Growth Policy by guiding the transportation needs of the greater Bozeman area.
  - The Transportation Plan will not adversely impact the community as a whole or a portion thereof, but conversely has the Goals to:
    - i. Provide a safe, efficient, accessible, and cost-effective transportation system that offers viable choices for moving people and goods throughout the community.
    - ii. Make transit and non-motorized modes of transportation viable alternatives to the private automobile for travel in and around the community.
    - iii. Provide an open public involvement process in the development of the transportation system and in the implementation of transportation improvements, and assure that community standards and values, such as aesthetics and neighborhood protection, are incorporated.
    - iv. Provide a financially sustainable Transportation Plan that is actively used to guide the transportation decision-making process throughout the course of the next 20 years.
    - v. Identify and protect road corridors to serve future developments and public lands.
  - Future land uses and intensities, overall intent, goals, and strategies contained in the Growth Policy were used in developing the Transportation Plan, therefore are compatible and consistent.
  - The Transportation Plan furthers the goals and strategies of the Growth Policy by providing for more specific goals and recommendations called for in Chapter 3.12 and Chapter 3.13 of the Growth Policy.
  - One of the main objectives of Transportation Plan is to plan for transportation infrastructure facilities within the greater Bozeman area.
5. The Gallatin County Commission finds the procedural requirements of §76-1-604 MCA have been met;

6. The Gallatin County Commission hereby approves this Final Resolution to adopt the Transportation Plan as a revision to the Growth Policy to the County Commission.

**DATED THIS 31<sup>RST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2009**

**GALLATIN COUNTY COMMISSION**



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**R. STEPHEN WHITE, CHAIRMAN**

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