

## WHO

The MPO, or Metropolitan Planning Organization, works to plan a safe transportation network for the Missoula area to ensure our home has comprehensive, cooperative, and connected transportation systems.



## WHAT

Because the Missoula Urban Area has more than 50,000 residents, the federal government requires that an organization be established to carry out metropolitan transportation planning.



## WHEN

The Missoula MPO was formed nearly 40 years ago, following the 1980 Census. Today the MPO is responsible for long-range planning and programming of federal transportation funds within the Missoula area.



## WHERE

The MPO serves the Missoula Urban Area, which is a larger area than the Missoula city limits but smaller than Missoula County.



## WHY

Once the Missoula Urban Area had more than 50,000 residents, the MPO was created to shepherd the region's shared transportation vision.



## HOW

The MPO facilitates collaboration between federal, state, and local government agencies, interested parties, and community members in the planning process. The primary responsibility of the MPO is to create a Long-Range Transportation Plan that prioritizes funding and improvements throughout the Missoula area.

