

Title	<b>Active Transportation Plan - Trails and Pathways</b>	07/30/2025
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## Original Submission 07/30/2025

Score	n/a
Request Name	Active Transportation Plan - Trails and Pathways
Who will be the fiscal sponsor of this request?	Big Sky Transportation District
Description	<p>Working with BSCO and the Mountain, Trails, Rec. &amp; Parks District, BSTD looks to create and implement a pioneering active transportation plan to enhance connectivity and mobility, allowing people to walk, bike and roll between locations – both within neighborhoods and to community attractions and trailheads – with connections to transit. This plan will support outcomes outlined in public transit and outdoor recreation initiatives, creating future-minded infrastructure that decreases auto traffic congestion and improves overall experiences for visitors and residents. The plan will be world-class, informed by models such as Amsterdam and Bend, Oregon. Ideally, it will incorporate recreation trails and paths designed for foot, bike and wheelchair transport, ensuring a holistic approach to the entire mobility system.</p> <p>This project will help Big Sky to fulfill the community’s ambition to become not only a world class destination in terms of transportation services but be a world class place for people to live, work and thrive on a year-round basis.</p> <p>As Alta helped facilitate and draft the 2019 Big Sky Trails Master Plan, this project will allow for a comprehensive update of the existing conditions mappings. New trails have been developed since 2019, and this will allow for the creation of an interactive updated mapping system that the community can more easily update on an ongoing basis as projects are implemented concurrent with development of additional recreational trails.</p>
Select the projects Investment Type	Programming
Select the projects Impact Area	Public Works

Where will this project be taking place?	This project is the engagement of Alta Design + Planning, the focus will occur in Big Sky trails and recreation area.
Please explain the community benefit of the project	<p>BSTD will engage Alta Planning + Design who will collaborate with BSTD Board of Directors, the Big Sky Trails Parks and Recreation District, Southwest Montana Mountain Bike Association, BSCO, Big Sky Owners Association, Big Sky Resort, various other Homeowners Associations throughout the community, MDT, Gallatin &amp; Madison County to develop a comprehensive community driven Active Transportation Plan.</p> <p>The Plan will improve access to public transit, comfort, and safety for people walking and biking and other alternatives of non-motorized forms of transportation in Big Sky. This will include bike and pedestrian network maps, how the growing use e-bikes will be incorporated into planning recommended facility types, and a route hierarchy.</p> <p>The Project will result in a plan that will include policy and program recommendations to improve active transportation and connectivity between neighborhoods, trailheads, public transportation and other hubs of activities and services within Big Sky.</p>
What is the Resort Tax request for this project?	24650
What is the total cost of this project?	100000

Provide a list of the expenses this should this project be awarded funding

The following is the Alta proposal for this project:

Task 1: Project Management & Public Involvement \$34,620

1.1 Project Management \$9,615

1.2 Current Plans & Policies Review \$1,615

1.3 Community Engagement \$18,800

1.4 Steering Committee Work Sessions \$2,720

1.5 Overall Committee \$1,870

Task 2: Network Existing Conditions & Recommendations \$47,730

2.1 Existing Conditions \$15,560

2.2 Network Recommendations \$14,500

2.3 Project Recommendations \$5,440

2.4 Project Concepts \$12,230

Task 3: Policies, Programs & Performance Measures \$6,190

3.1 Policy Recommendations \$3,095

3.2 Program Recommendations \$3,095

Task 4: Final Plan Document \$11,460

4.1 Prepare Final Plan Document \$11,460

TOTAL \$100,000

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When do you plan to have incurred the costs being requested?

12/31/2025

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Please provide any additional information on this request if needed

Project Administration:

The project will be administered by BSTD in collaboration with the Big Sky Trails, Recreation and Parks District.

The grant request is for \$24,650 to be utilized as matching funds for grants that have been applied for by Western Transit Institute (WTI) which will provide the funding to engage Alta firm to develop an Active Transportation Plan for the community of Big Sky.

RFP/Consultant Selection Process:

The Big Sky Transportation District sent out Request for Proposals to four leading consulting firms whose expertise is in the active Transportation Arena. Those four firms included: Alta Planning + Design, Fehr and Peers, SanBell and Toole Design. We received comprehensive proposals from Alta Planning + Design as well as SanBell. After a detailed review of the proposals and interviews with the team members who would be involved with this Project, the Active Transportation Committee unanimously selected Alta Planning to manage this project planning effort.

Please provide the name(s) and email addresses of who will be representing this request at the next BSRAD board meeting

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Application Review & Final Submission

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