

MWTP SC – WORKING MEETING AGENDA

June 23, 2025

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Approve Notes 04/29/25 -
- b. Assign Notetaker -
- c. Add new agenda topics -
- d. Attendance: (delete missing)
 - i. Steering Committee: **RS, TM, KM, KP**
 - ii. Proxy for Simon: **DA**
 - ii. PIT Crew: **ST, DW**

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recap of MWTP SC meeting in Helena
 - i. Takeaways
 - ii. Review and approve of Deb and others notes shared with the SC
 - iii. Discuss timeline and action items regarding:
 - a. funding plan (US 191 – Mouth of Canyon and other projects in the hopper)
 - Any nuggets in funding whitepaper Brooke Shifrin developed back in 2020 (?)
 - What updates can be made to this document to help in the development of a funding plan as discussed in Helena?
 - <https://arc-solutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Wildlife-Infrastructure-Funding-Guide.pdf>
 - b. priority area mapping
- b. MSWP ideas for prioritization approach and methodologies, examples - KP
- c. WAFWA synthesis of western states “Partnership” structures and cultures – DW
- d. Discuss options for application cycles (e.g., 2 x year, open all year long, application open all year but only taking submissions periodically)
 - i. Consider internal review periods

III. NB ACTION ITEMS

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Brainstorm targeted outreach with potential project supporters/applicants
- b. Coordination on MWTP/MDT long-term strategy for applications to federal grant funding opportunities
 - i. Need MWTP commitment that US 191 Mouth of the Canyon will be the only application to the WCPP for 2026.
 - ii. RAISE grants (now BUILD)?

- c. MSWP develop short summaries of current projects and status for website, for committee review. What is timeframe for webpage development – new button on MWTP page?

V.OB ACTION ITEMS

- a. MSWP to develop list of community contacts – reach out to start conversation in targeted outreach on wildlife & transportation issues, MWTP project program – see 4/29 notes on this topic – DA/KP/SB
- b. MDT further consideration and discussion with MSWP regarding a role for them in the bridge program LPB) and MDT WAP track – RS/TM
 - i. Info sharing from MSWP with MDT Bios for WAP-WARM
- c. Planning Tool updates for August meeting – D&I/DW
- d. Communications Plan and Schedule of Deliverables, 2025 update – ST/DW
- e. Post past meeting minutes/agendas – ST
- f. Website page for current projects and updates – ST
 - i. Active Projects tab
 - 1. Link to MDT projects webpages
 - 2. Link to Project webpages
 - a. <https://www.yellowstonesafepassages.org/engineering-feasibility-study>
 - b. <https://missoulacrossings.org/projects/sixmile/>
- g. Create new (3rd) ‘planning ahead’ announcement to subscribers to be sent 3-4 months early. June/July, December/Nov. Draft language – depends on decisions on application cycles – ST/DW

VI.UPDATES

- a. FWP continuing to seek a replacement for RG – DW, KM
- b. Legislative bill outcomes and next steps – KM, DW
- c. MDT-FWP Summit –
 - i.FWP DO approved final report and initiation of Coordination Team
 - ii.MDT?
 - iii.Will share what’s relevant to the Partnership when ready
- d. Current Active Projects
 - i. I-90 Sixmile Creek Underpass
 - ii. US-89 Dome Mountain
 - iii. US-191 Mouth of the Canyon
 - iv. US-191 North of Big Sky

VII.NEXT MEETINGS

- a. Future SC Working Meetings –
 - ii. July 28th 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
 - iii. Polls out for August – December 2025