

# Jackson/Teton County Regional Transportation Planning

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# A question for you





# OUTLINE



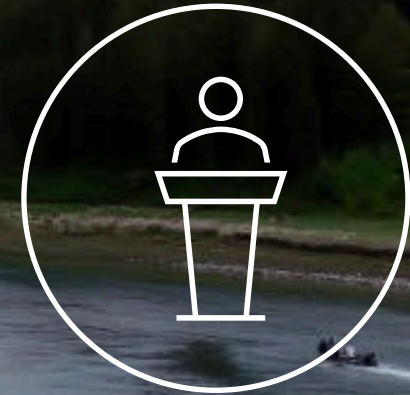
**CONTEXT**



**PROCESS**



**OUTCOMES**



**TAKEAWAYS &  
TEACHABLES**





# Context





# Context – Why Look at Regional Planning?

- Greater Teton visitation is increasing
- The need for affordable housing is creating more regional traffic
- An opportunity for greater collaboration with the state transportation planning processes
- A large range of governments: NPS, USFS, two states, four counties, several growing cities, transit provider, etc.





# Background

- Started with the Integrated Transportation Plan (ITP) Chapter 7
- Principle 7.3: “Coordinate Transportation Planning Regionally”
- RTPO designation would **not** bring additional resources – so what to do?

## Chapter 7. Multimodal Transportation

Travel by walk, bike, carpool, or transit will be more convenient than travel by single-occupancy vehicle.

What does this chapter address?

*Principle 7.1 - Meet future transportation demand with walk, bike, carpool, transit, and micro-mobility infrastructure.*

*Principle 7.2 - Reduce greenhouse gasses from vehicles from 2012 levels*

*Principle 7.3 - Coordinate transportation planning regionally*

Why is this chapter addressed?

A transportation system oriented toward single-occupancy automobiles is inconsistent with our Common Values of Ecosystem Stewardship, Growth Management, and Quality of Life. The community's transportation vision is to create a multimodal transportation system by enhancing the current automobile-oriented system to include a network of complete streets, transit, and pathways system accessible by residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. By pursuing this Vision, the community will ensure all users of the public right-of-way, including pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers, trucks, and transit riders, can do so safely and efficiently.



# Staff Developed Objectives to build collaboration



Project was to facilitate and explore the appetite for a greater regional transportation planning effort:



Identify, study, and provide recommendations for developing regional transportation plans in general accordance with state and federal regulations and policies;



Build regional partnerships with neighboring counties, WYDOT, relevant Federal agencies, and community stakeholders;



Develop a recommended outline of a JPA;



Identify the structure for partnerships with other entities, including their role in the decision-making process, and develop a recommended outline of necessary agreements with those entities;



Establish initial procedures to ensure general compliance with state and federal regulations and coordination across Town of Jackson and Teton County departments; and



Convene a Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) composed of organizations including but not limited to existing Joint Power Boards, resort districts and NGOs in task force discussions.



# Facilitation Process





# Project Approach

## ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS AT THE START

- **Key takeaways:**
  - Hesitancy with another layer of government
  - Willing to participate but worried about time and potential funding “asks”

## STRATEGIC AGENDAS AND KEY THEMES FOR TASK FORCE MEETINGS:

- Meeting #1:  
**Identify the planning initiative and establish needs, opportunities, and draft priorities for the initiative**
- Meeting #2:  
**Desired functions of a regional transportation entity**
- Meeting #3:  
**Partnership Agreement Framework**
- Meeting #4:  
**Performance Measures and Framework Outline**
- Meeting #5:  
**Working agreement and looking ahead**





# Agencies Involved

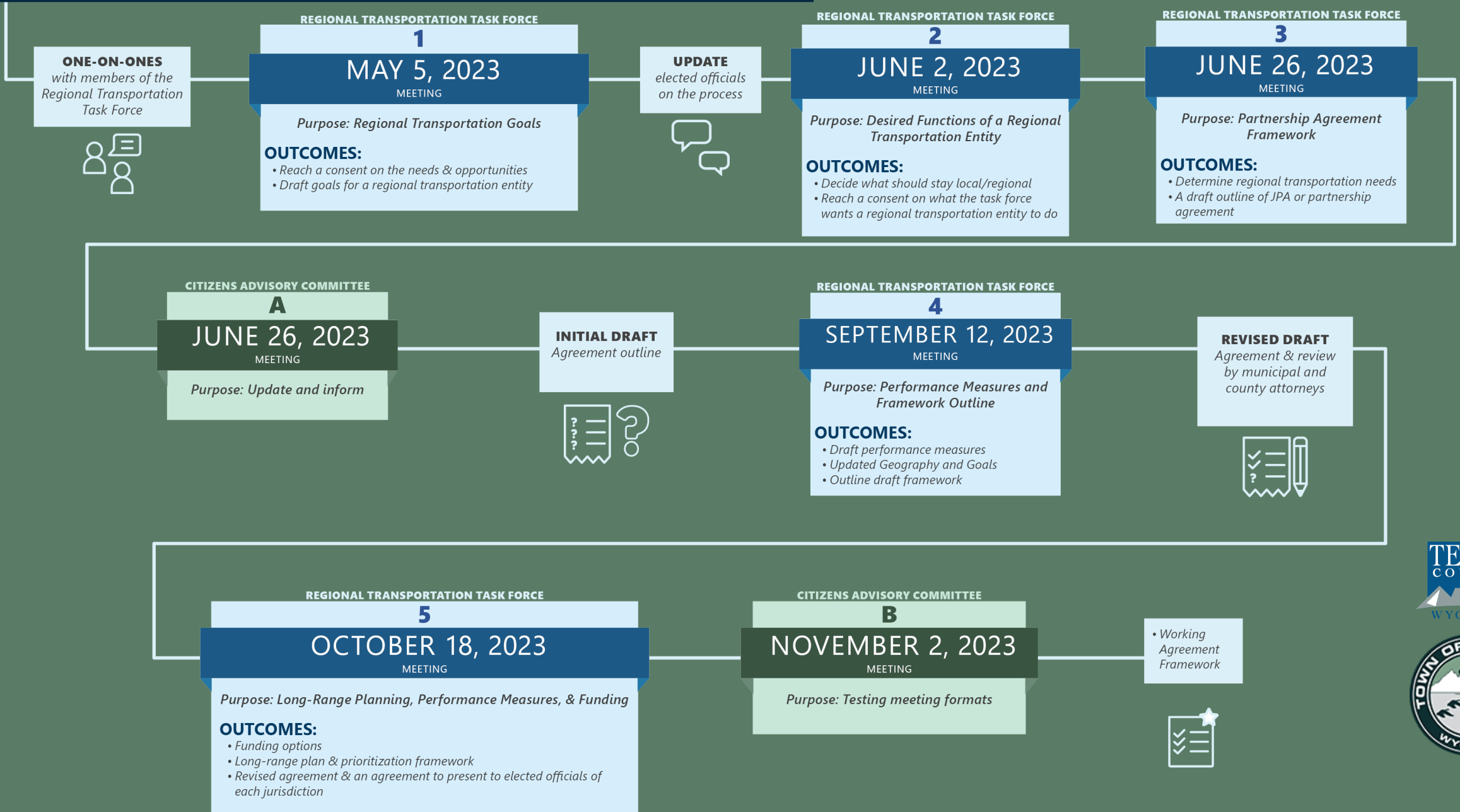
FEDERAL LEVEL	STATE LEVEL	COUNTY LEVEL	LOCAL LEVEL
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# FACILITATION PROCESS

Subject to change





# Ultimate Outcomes

- Formation of a non-formal, yet structured working group.
- Summary of Accomplishments:
  - Needs and opportunities
  - Draft regional needs in GIS
  - Support from FHWA to conduct a regional plan
  - Framework agreement





# Task Force Meetings

- Five total meetings





# Community Advisory Committee

- One public open house
- One online meeting





# Takeaways & Teachables





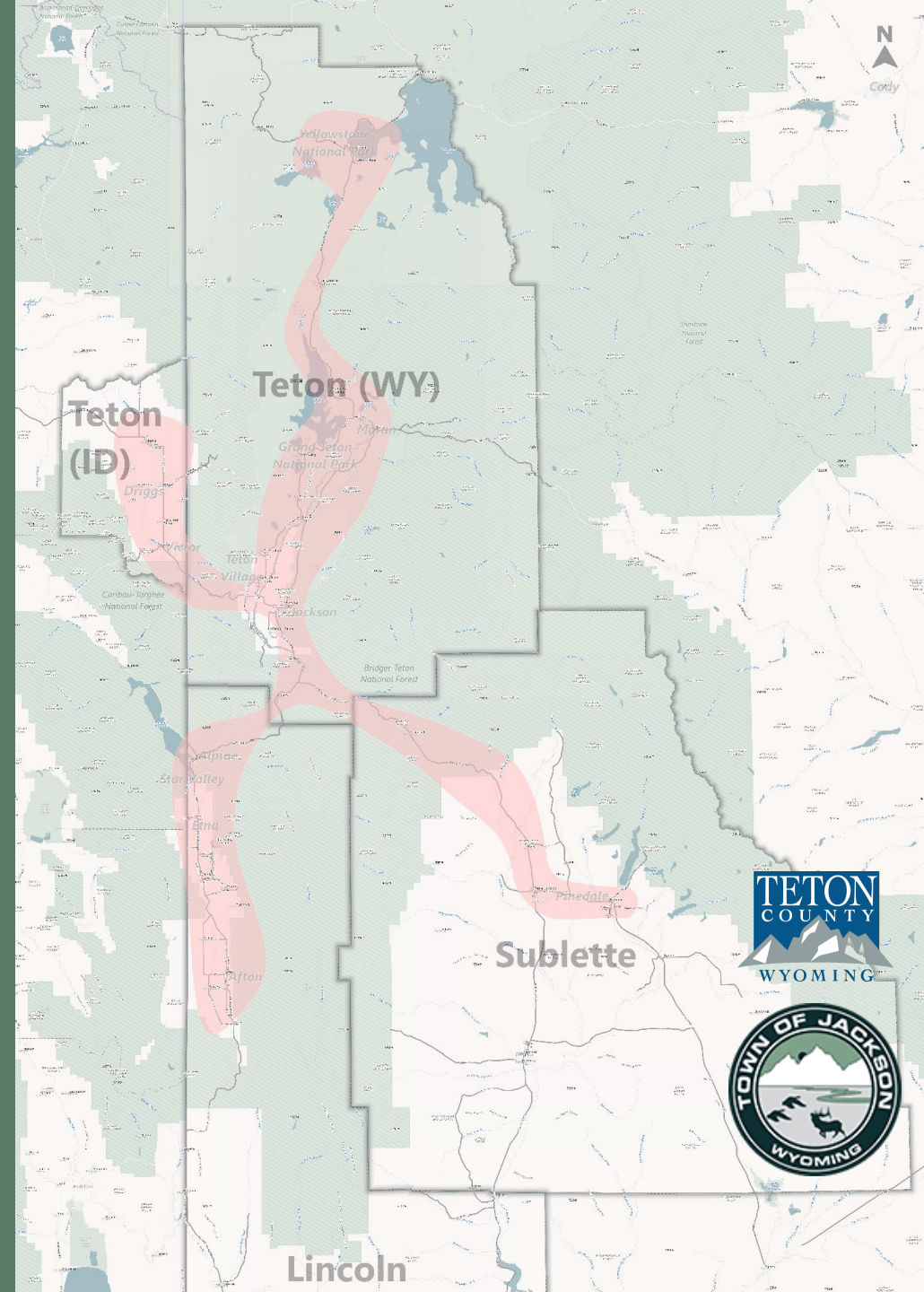
# Meeting #2: Top Desired Functions of a regional entity

1. Regional needs/project list
2. Regional plan
3. Lead FLAP Coordination
4. Create and manage a Citizen's Advisory Committee
5. TDM Plan Development
6. Develop technical travel trends/data



# Documented working agreement

- Four meetings in 2024  
(one in-person, 3 virtual, 0 hybrid)
- No financial commitment requested in 2024
- Local governments identifying priority topic area(s) for local foci
- No signatures
- Citizen engagement evolving





# Task Force Goals are documented in Working Agreement



Establishing regional transportation **goals and priorities**.



Understanding the transportation **funding** landscape, leveraging existing resources, and strategically pursuing new sources.



Creating efficient **partnerships** (people, expertise, data, and technical assistance) to support transportation planning and services.



Promoting **sustainable access** to natural, scenic, and recreation resources and supporting the local **economy** through regional transportation planning.

## Greater Teton Regional Transportation Task Force WORKING AGREEMENT

October 18, 2023

### 1 Purpose:

The purpose of the Greater Teton Regional Transportation Task Force is to provide a formal, voluntary cooperative structure for improved and sustained regional collaboration on transportation issues.

### 2 Background:

The Integrated Transportation Plan for Teton County recommended the formation of a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). To initiate that process, Teton County created a Task Force to explore the desire for such an organization along with its possible roles and functions. A series of Task Force meetings were held in 2023. The meetings were fruitful in that they determined that there is a desire to have a regional forum for transportation planning, however, the level of formality is currently uncertain due to a variety of factors such as the lack of a dedicated, supportive funding mechanism. There is consensus among the members that there is value in ongoing meetings. This framework is intended to provide agreed-upon guidance for the forum.

### 3 Membership:

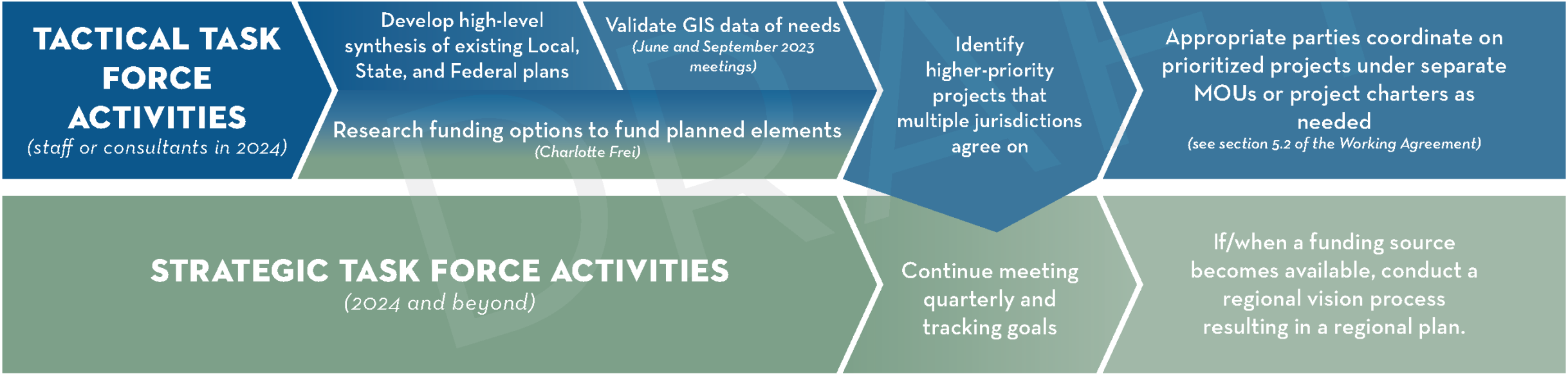
Members of the Task Force are from the Wyoming and Idaho Departments of Transportation, federal agencies (FHWA, USFS, NPS), and local governments. The intent is to focus on transportation needs and opportunities for the region. Members are at the staff level. It is expected that members will inform their respective elected leaders of issues and activities of the Task Force as appropriate.

Name	Organization	Title
Jason Wilmot	Bridger Teton National Forest	Forest Service Ranger, Moran WY
Tom Brown	Caribou Targhee National Forest	Assistant Forest Engineer-Roads
Doug Self	City of Driggs, Idaho	Community Development Director, City of Driggs
Jeremy Besbris	City of Victor, ID	City Administrator
Elijah Henley	FHWA Central Federal Lands	Central Federal Lands, Transportation Planning Team Lead
Maureen Gresham	FHWA Idaho Division	Planning and ROW Program Manager
Richard Duran	FHWA WY Division	Technical Services Supervisor & Statewide Planner;
Rusty Mizelle	Grand Teton National Park	FHWA   Wyoming Division Chief of Facility Management

# Suggested Tactical and Strategic Task Force Activities for 2024 and Beyond

Relationship between tactical (2024) activities and longer-term activities

During the meeting on October 18, 2023, we will discuss the appropriate entity/team to own an action item and assign a target deadline





# Objectives

Objective	Was it met?
1 <i>Identify, study, and provide recommendations for developing regional transportation plans in general accordance with state and federal regulations and policies;</i>	✓
2 <i>Build regional partnerships with neighboring counties, WYDOT, relevant Federal agencies, and community stakeholders;</i>	✓
3 <i>Develop a recommended outline of a JPA;</i>	✗
4 <i>Identify the structure for partnerships with other entities, including their role in the decision-making process, and develop a recommended outline of necessary agreements with those entities;</i>	✓ but not a formal entity
5 <i>Establish initial procedures to ensure general compliance with state and federal regulations and coordination across Town of Jackson and Teton County departments; and</i>	Became irrelevant at regional level
6 <i>Convene a Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) composed of organizations including but not limited to existing Joint Power Boards, resort districts and NGOs in task force discussions.</i>	✓



# What's next?

- Continue to explore needs at local levels independently
- Coordinate and plan on issues of regional significance
  - April 2024 regional needs workshop + funding roundtable





# Teachable Takeaways

- Diverse stakeholders, common goals – go big and broad with participants (but not TOO big...)
- Forum to understand and prioritize transportation issues
- Agree on the needs – then let the governance evolve
- Avoid competing with all the other task forces



# Questions and Thoughts

