

EA PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

- EA Chapters
 - Background
 - Purpose and Need
 - Alternatives
 - Affected Environment, Environmental Consequences, and Mitigation
 - Air quality
 - Biological resources (including fish, wildlife, and plants)
 - Climate
 - Coastal resources
 - Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f)
 - Farmlands
 - Hazardous materials, solid waste, and pollution prevention
 - Historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources
 - Land use
 - Natural resources and energy supply
 - Noise and compatible land use
 - Socioeconomics, environmental justice, and children's environmental health and safety risks
 - Visual effects
 - Water resources (including wetlands, floodplains, surface waters, groundwater, and wild and scenic rivers)
 - Cumulative impacts

- Status
 - Chapters 1-3 drafted and at FAA for review
 - Initial public agency request for comments solicited
 - Cultural Resource Inventory (CRI)
 - Archeological field work completed
 - Draft CRI prepared and initial FAA comments received
 - Wetlands Delineation and Biotic Resources Surveys
 - Field work complete
 - Wetlands delineation report complete and submitted
 - Corps of Engineers jurisdictional determination received.
 - Traffic Impact Study
 - Scope of Work coordinated with MDT, Gallatin County, City of Belgrade
 - Field work completed, report in progress
 - Airport Road & Frontage Road
 - Airport Road & Tower Road
 - Airport Road & Tubb Road
 - Dollar Drive & Frontage Road
 - Penwell Bridge Road & Dry Creek Road
 - Chapter 4 - preparation and analysis in progress

- Schedule
 - FAA to coordinate CRI with MT State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and appropriate Tribes for input once all edits addressed
 - Anticipate Chapter 4 submittal to the FAA in November 2024 for review/comment
 - Spring 2025 - public meeting and 30-day public/agency comment period
 - Summer 2025 - address all comments recv'd, prepare final document, final determination

- Anticipated Capital Improvement Schedule (provided EA is complete mid-2025 - available funding will dictate)
 - 2025 (fall) - Jetway Drive Extension (Phase I - Design)
 - 2026 - Jetway Drive Extension (Phase II - Construction). Road abandonment once construction complete
 - 2026 - Taxiway B (C2-A5)
 - 2026 - VOR Relocation
 - 2027 - Taxiway C Extension and Relocation
 - 2028 - Runway 11-29 Extension/Widening (Phase I - Design)
 - 2029 - Runway 11-29 Extension/Widening (Phase II - Construction)
 - 2030 - Northside Taxiways