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TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE (TIC)

Meeting – Friday, September 11, 2026
Room 154, State Capitol – 8:30am-5:00pm

PLEASE NOTE:

- All times are approximate; some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.
- The agenda may be adjusted or paused for breaks at the discretion of the presiding officer.

8:30am **Call to order – roll call**
Chair Russ Tempel

8:35am **1. Administrative rule review**
Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney

8:40am **2. Agency Oversight: Motor Vehicles Division (MVD) of the Dept of Justice**
Laurie Bakri, Administrator

- Division updates
- Questions from committee

9:00am **3. Agency Oversight: Montana Dept of Transportation (MDT)**
Chris Dorrington, Director

- Department updates
- 2026 Annual Performance Report (pursuant to MCA 2-12-105)
- Emergency Services Grants Report (pursuant to MCA 61-2-109)
- Questions from committee

9:45am **4. Discussion on electric bikes, scooters, motorcycles**
Chair Russ Tempel

10:00am **5. Auto Insurance discussion**
Chair Russ Tempel

10:15am **Public comment* regarding agency oversight, required reports, or discussion topics**

10:25am **BREAK** (15 minutes)

10:40am **6. Committee review of agency-requested legislation topics**

- MEMO: Interim committee review of agency-requested legislation
- List of topics – see handout
    - MCS Officer Enforce Moving Violations on CMVs
    - Clarify MCS Authority to Require Weigh Station Stops
    - Death Benefit Leave Payout

- Remove the Transportation Commission's Authority to Adopt Outdoor Advertising Control Administrative Rules
- Aircraft Registration Stickers
- Official State Highway Map
- Increase the Threshold When Real Property Goes to Auction
- Eliminate Sec. 69-14-620, MCA, Establishment of Railroad Quiet Zones
- IRP License Plate Fee Alignment
- Limited Speed-Enforcement Camera Pilot Program in Highway Work Zones

- Questions from committee on each requested topic
- **Public comment* on each requested topic**
- Committee action on each requested topic

11:15am **Public comment* on any other topic within the TIC's jurisdiction**

11:30am **LUNCH** (1 hour, on your own)

12:30pm **7. SJ 19: Interim study on ways to improve public transportation in Montana**

- Review of SJ 19 interim process and materials
- Review of SJ 19 Final Report draft
- Committee discussion
- **Public comment* regarding SJ 19 study on public transportation**
- Committee action on SJ 19 Final Report

1:45pm **BREAK** (15 minutes)

2:00pm **8. Committee bill draft topics**

NOTE: for each bill draft topic, the committee will take **public comment***, discuss the bill draft language, vote whether to refer the draft as a committee bill to the 70th Legislature, and assign a sponsor to carry the bill.

- PD 01 – GVW Fee increase
- PD 02 – Gasoline Fuel Tax increase
- PD 04 – Pilot Program for automated traffic safety enforcement
- PD 05 – Prohibit distracted driving related to mobile devices
- PD 06 – Establish rebuttable presumption that state scales are calibrated correctly
- PD 07 – Require MDT to update the Montana state rail plan
- PD 10 – MCS officer expanded authority
- PD 11 – Authorize county road maintenance agreements
- PD 12 – Revise insurance laws regarding uninsured, underinsured motorists - see SB 290 from the 2025 legislative session

3:45pm **Public comment* on any other topic within the TIC's jurisdiction**

4:00pm **9. Committee work session**

Chair Tempel

- Review of TIC 2025-26 Summary Report draft
  - Committee discussion and action on Summary Report
- Reflections and discussion regarding the 2025-26 interim

- Looking ahead to the 2027 legislative session
- Any further directions to staff

4:45pm **Final public comment* on any other topic within the TIC's jurisdiction**

5:00pm **Adjourn**

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