

TIC Written Public Comment

11/24/2025 – 01/22/2026

MT Thompson Falls Rich Wallace Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority 11/24/2025
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Subject: BSPRA - Freight-Passenger Rail Planning

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MT Black Eagle Shyla Patera Self 11/24/2025 07:57 AM

Subject: transportation interim committee

Comment: My name is Shyla Patera. I am the Policy Coordinator for North Central Independent Living Services Inc. in Black Eagle, Montana .as a long time transportation advocate , I would hope that for the study of public transportation, MDT should be working on advancing community connectivity ,disability accessibility and civil rights for riders of public transit. On the advancement of highways and bridge projects The State need s to ensure that public transit is a part of that opportunity as well. MDT has advanced project that will compliment Montana's infrastructure but also should be advancing the opportunities for communities to implement ADA transportation plans and shore up pedestrian safety as well utilizing newer technologies such as autonomous and self driving vehicles, While this technology provides opportunities, MDT should advance accessibility needs as this technology is developed and utilized in Montana .

MT Bozeman Anne Schumacher Self 11/24/2025 10:15 AM

Subject: Transportation for People with Disabilities

Comment: As a person with disabilities I ask that you consider how hard it is to get groceries or go to a medical appointment when the public transportation for the disabled is woefully underfunded and people cannot get reliable service that will get them to an appointment and pick them up within a reasonable waiting time. Waiting an hour or more for a ride and then having to sit on the bus while it goes all over picking up others from appointments is painful and difficult for me. I have given up on going to some

appointments rather than go through the waiting. Getting groceries doesn't work out well, either. Thank you for your consideration of the problems disabled people face.

MT Missoula David Strohmaier Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority 12/30/2025 07:36 AM

Subject: Liberty County Comments Regarding Crossing #059784W

Comment: Attached are comments from Liberty County residents (that they asked I submit on their behalf) regarding a very dangerous at-grade rail crossing near Joplin.

Dave Strohmaier

Chairman

Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority

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MT Billings Rusty Logan Montana Transit Association - Vice President 01/22/2026 04:37 PM

Subject: SJ 19 - Public Transportation Study - Enhance surface transit funding.

Comment: Montana Transit Association represents transit providers across the state including large and small operators. Transit is an essential backbone for your constituency not just to connect across the state, but to continue to simply live in the towns they call home. Without transit, seniors, those with disabilities, and other residents with limited transportation options would have no other choice but to move to urban centers and give up the only way of life they've known. These systems add utility not just to individual communities but also add significant value to federal dollars, providing a nearly dollar for dollar match on average. Expanded investment in these well established and capable providers is one the most efficient methods to improve public transportation and support economic stability for many residents. More info including funding, ridership and operational data can be found in the National Transit Database and in MDT subgrantee data. Thank you.

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MT Billings Kathleen Aragon Self 01/22/2026 08:19 PM

Subject: Transportation Safety Concerns

Comment: Distracted Driving - Montana drivers are running red lights and killing people, most recently a 7 year old in Hamilton. What is the committee going to do, what laws will you bring forward to address this? Distracted driving is the threat and reckless drivers have no consequence. Please find a solution.

Touring Cyclists bring many dollars to Montana. Please ensure the safety of all who live, work, visit and play in Montana.

Thank you for your service to all of Montana.