



# Transportation Interim Committee

## 69th Montana Legislature

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## TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE (TIC)

**Meeting – Friday, March 13th, 2026**  
**Room 154, State Capitol – 8:30am-4:30pm**

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- 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: Montana Dept of Transportation (MDT)**  
*Chris Dorrington, Director*
- Department updates
  - Questions from committee
- 9:00am**      **3. Road use charges (RUCs)**  
*Maureen Bock, Chief Innovation Officer, Road User Fee section manager, Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT)*
- Presentation/overview
  - Questions from committee
- 9:45am**      **4. Fuels and what they fund**  
*Becca Brown, Research Analyst*
- Fuel tax overview
  - Alternative fuels – *MDT*
  - Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations – *MDT*
  - Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) fees
  - Questions from committee
- 10:30am**      **Public comment\* regarding Road use charges / Fuels and what they fund**
- 10:45am**      **BREAK (15 minutes)**
- 11:00am**      **5. Agency Oversight: Motor Vehicles Division (MVD) of the Dept of Justice**  
*Laurie Bakri, Administrator*
- Division updates

- Questions from committee

**11:30am Public comment\* regarding MVD agency oversight**

**11:45am LUNCH** (45 minutes, on your own)

**12:30pm 6. SJ 19: Interim study on public transportation**

*Committee staff*

- Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) technology and state implementation  
*Blaine Leonard, PE, F.ASCE, Transportation Technology Engineer, Utah Dept. of Transportation (UDOT)*
- Missouri River ferry programs (*discussion*)  
*Fergus County Commissioners Ross Butcher and Travis Willson*  
*Blaine County Commissioner Miles Hutton*
- Funding for public transportation – TransADE and 5311 (*MDT handout*)
- TranPlanMT 2025 survey results – *Doug McBroom, MDT*
- Research update
- Public survey preliminary review
- Questions from committee

**2:45pm Public comment\* regarding public transportation**

**3:00pm 7. MT’s Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan**

*MDT Director Chris Dorrington*

**3:15pm BREAK** (15 minutes)

**3:30pm Public comment\* on any other topic within the TIC’s jurisdiction**

**3:45pm 8. Committee work session**

*Chair Tempel*

- Reflections and discussion on previous TIC items
- Requests for committee bill drafts
- Review of draft committee letter regarding proposed railway merger
- Looking ahead to May 2026 TIC travel meeting in Bozeman
- Any further directions to staff

**4:15pm Final public comment\* on any other topic within the TIC’s jurisdiction**

**4:30pm Adjourn**

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