

# TIC Written Public Comment

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MT Glendive Barry Green Self 01/23/2026 09:07 AM

Subject: An Eastern Montana Perspective on Why Integrated Rail Planning Matters

Comment: To: Montana State Transportation Interim Committee

I'm fully aware that I am tardy in submitting my comments for today's meeting (Fri. Jan. 23, 2026), already in progress, but am hopeful that my remarks can still be delivered to all members of this interim committee. Thank you.

Barry E. Green

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MT Missoula Lyn Hellegaard Montana Transit Association 01/26/2026  
07:37 AM

Subject: Public Transportation Interim Study

Comment: Please find attached a map illustrating public transportation services in Montana.

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MT BOZEMAN Jesse Therien Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities 03/11/2026 05:10  
PM

Subject: Montana-made Renewable Diesel

Comment: My name is Jesse Therien and I've been working with and interested in alternative fuels in Montana for the last 20+ years. In 2012-2017, I ran the state's only Biodiesel Production Facility where I produced fuel, paid fuel taxes, and sold and distributed fuel in Montana and beyond. Since 2023, with Yellowstone-Teton Clean Cities, I've been holding a monthly Renewable Diesel Working Groups with attendees from 15+ states and covered everything ski resort applications to basic fuel fundamentals. My hope is to present to the committee to help members better understand this Montana-made,

premium fuel and what might be considered legislatively to encourage its use by state, county and local fleets as well as individuals. We have some info here: <https://www.ytcleancities.org/projects/renewable-diesel-working-group> and you can sign up to join the monthly call there too.

Thank you!

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*MT Big Sandy Lochiel Edwards Self 03/12/2026 03:40 PM*

Subject: draft letter from TIC to the STB

Comment: Chairman Temple and members of the TIC-

I reviewed your draft to the Surface Transportation Board and appreciate your willingness to oppose the UP/NS merger. It's a good letter, but I would appreciate if you would consider striking a sentence in the third paragraph, "Montana has historically paid higher shipping rates than neighboring states, simply due to the lack of transportation options."

If you compare rates prior to 2005, this was certainly true, but farmers such as myself and organizations including Montana Farm Bureau and Montana Grain Growers worked together to end the disparity with other states. We have had shipping charges on par with other states for nearly 20 years.

The sentence in question is not technically wrong, but is not helpful in our ongoing efforts to work with BNSF Railway to ensure fair rates and good freight service for Montana.

Thanks for your consideration.

Lochiel Edwards, Big Sandy farmer

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