

TIC Written Public Comment

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*MT Missoula Lyn Hellegaard Montana Transit Association 07/17/2025
12:46 PM*

Subject: JR19

Comment: I've attached a map I believe you might find useful in your JR19 research, based on Rep. Baum's statement regarding not knowing where public transportation services were being provided in the state. I would also like to offer my assistance as the Executive Director of the Montana Transit Association.

[Attached PDF](#)

*MT Helena David Smith Montana Contractors Association 07/28/2025 02:53
PM*

Subject: Montana fatality rate

Comment: Dear Committee members: The MCA sponsors TRiP, a nationwide research organization that compiles traffic and road data for all states.

TRIP has released a new national report on America's traffic safety crisis. The report documents trends in traffic fatalities from 2014 to 2024 at the national and state levels, examines causes for the increase in traffic fatalities, calculates the economic and quality of life costs associated with these traffic fatalities, and prescribes a broad, comprehensive approach to reducing traffic fatalities in the U.S.

According to the TRIP report, Montana's 2024 traffic fatality rate was the seventh highest in the U.S. There were 17 work zone fatalities in the state from 2019 to 2023. Fatal and serious crashes resulted in \$6 billion in economic and quality of life costs in Montana in 2024.

Link to the report is here ... <https://tripnet.org/reports/addressing-americas-traffic-safety-crisis-montana-news-release-07-23-2025/>

David Smith