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69th Montana Legislature

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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
 - Required reports
 - Questions from committee
- 9:15am** **3. Agency Oversight: Montana Dept of Transportation (MDT)**
Chris Dorrington, Director
- Department updates
 - Required reports
 - Agency-requested legislation
 - Questions from committee
- 10:15am** **Public comment* regarding agency oversight and required reports**
- 10:30am** **BREAK (15 minutes)**
- 10:45am** **4. Committee review of agency-requested legislation topics**
- List of topics – see handout
 - Questions from committee
 - **Public comment* on each requested topic**
 - Committee action on each requested topic
- 11:45am** **Public comment* on any other topic within the TIC's jurisdiction**
- 12:00pm** **LUNCH (1 hour, on your own)**

- 1:00pm** **5. SJ 19: Interim study on ways to improve public transportation in Montana**
- Review of SJ 19 interim process and materials
 - Final Report draft
 - Committee discussion
 - **Public comment* regarding SJ 19 study on public transportation**
 - Committee action on SJ 19 Final Report
- 2:00pm** **BREAK (15 minutes)**
- 2:15pm** **6. 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.
- PD01 – GVW Fee increase
 - PD02 – Gasoline Fuel Tax increase
 - PD04 – Pilot Program for automated traffic safety enforcement
 - PD05 – Prohibit distracted driving related to mobile devices
 - PD06 – Establish rebuttable presumption that state scales are calibrated correctly
 - PD07 – Require MDT to update the Montana state rail plan
- 4:15pm** **Public comment* on any other topic within the TIC's jurisdiction**
- 4:25pm** **7. Committee work session**
Chair Tempel
- 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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