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TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE (TIC)

2-day travel meeting in Bozeman, MT

Monday, May 11th and Tuesday, May 12th, 2026

Note: Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated, and the Presiding Officer has authority to adjust the agenda as necessary.

Site visits:

*The Committee will visit the Western Transportation Institute (WTI), several transportation corridors between Bozeman and Belgrade, Gallatin High School, and the Streamline bus depot during the day on Monday, May 11, and Endeavor Ballooning, the MSU College of Engineering and Optical Technology Center, and Aurora Innovation, Inc. on Tuesday, May 12. **These visits are limited to committee members and confirmed guests** – space is limited. Guests must register by noon on Friday, May 8. If you wish to participate in these visits, please contact Becca Brown (406-444-4421 or Rebecca.Brown@LegMT.gov).*

Monday, May 11th

- 8:30am** **Site visit: MDT Design Unit at Montana State University**
Chad Welborn, MSU Design Section Supervisor, MDT Highways Bureau
- 9:00am** **Site visit: Western Transportation Institute (WTI) at Montana State University**
*Lee Spangler, WTI Interim Director, Research & Economic Development
Susan Gallagher, Education & Workforce Program Manager, CRISI Grant Lead
David Kack, Mobility & Public Transportation Program Manager, SS4A Lead
Jennifer MacFarlane, Research Associate, Public Health, Mobility & Public Transportation
Rebecca Gleason, Research Engineer, Mobility & Public Transportation
Matthew Madsen, Research Associate, Mobility & Public Transportation*
- 10:00am** **Site visits: Belgrade traffic corridors, BZN Int'l Airport, CVFD station**
*Camaree Uljua, Director, Belgrade Public Works
Chief Jay Wittwer, Central Valley Fire District (CVFD) Station #1
Brian Sprenger, President & Chief Executive Officer, Bozeman Yellowstone Int'l Airport*
- 2:00pm** **Site visit: Gallatin High School CTE department, Auto and Construction classes**
*Karl Schwartz, Career Outreach Coordinator, Bozeman School District (BSD7)
Glenn Bradbury, CTE Department Head, Gallatin High School*
- 3:30pm** **Site visit: Streamline Bus Depot**
Sunshine Ross, Director, Gallatin Valley Urban Transportation District (GVUTD)

Meeting venue: Bozeman Public Library, Community Room – 626 E Main St, Bozeman, MT 59715

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| 4:00pm | Call to order – roll call
<i>Chair Russ Tempel</i> | Bozeman Public Library’s “Community Room” |
| 4:05pm | Debrief from site visits | |
| 4:15pm | Public comment* regarding site visits | |
| 4:30pm | Discussion about airport noise impacts
<i>Bryan Rogan</i> | |
| 4:45pm | SJ19: Interim study on public transportation
<i>Committee staff</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory crosswalk update• Results of public survey• Public comment | |
| 5:15pm | Public comment* on any other topic within the TIC’s jurisdiction | |
| 5:30pm | RECESS for the day | |

Tuesday, May 12th

Meeting venue: Western Transportation Institute (WTI) classroom – 2327 University Way, Bozeman, MT 59715

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| 8:30am | Call to order – reconvene
<i>Chair Russ Tempel</i> |
| 8:35am | Administrative rule review
<i>Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney</i> |
| 8:40am | Agency Oversight: Montana Dept of Transportation (MDT)
<i>Chris Dorrington, Director</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department updates• Questions from committee |
| 9:00am | Agency Oversight: Motor Vehicles Division (MVD) of the Dept of Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division updates (handout)• Questions from committee |
| 9:05am | Public comment* regarding agency oversight |
| 9:15am | RECESS for site visits |
| 9:30am | Site visit: Endeavor Ballooning
<i>Colin Graham, Owner</i> |

10:30am **Site visit: MSU College of Engineering and Optical Technology Center (OpTeC)**
Ahmed Al-Kaisy, Ph.D., Professor, Transportation Engineering
Brian D’Urso, Ph.D., Interim OpTeC Director, Associate Professor, Dept of Physics
Riley Logan, Ph.D., Associate OpTeC Director, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering Dept

1:00pm **Site visit: Aurora Innovation, Inc.**
Sydnee Journal, Government Relations (Western US)

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3:30pm **Call to order – reconvene** Western Transportation Institute Classroom
Chair Russ Tempel

3:35pm **Debrief from site visits**

3:45pm **Public comment* regarding site visits**

3:50pm **Discussion about roadway safety and communication using changeable message signs**
Tryg Dahle, LiteSys Inc.

4:00pm **Committee bill drafts**

- Review and discussion
- Additional bill draft requests, if any
- Directions to staff

4:30pm **Public comment* regarding committee bill drafts**

5:00pm **Final public comment* on any other topic within the TIC’s jurisdiction**

5:30pm **Adjourn**

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