

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Denley M. Loge, on April 14, 2021 at 3:15 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Denley M. Loge, Chair (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Ron Marshall  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch  
Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary  
Heather Vade-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 392, 4/9/2021

**HEARING ON SB 392****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:42:51 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 392, Providing for energy and fiber right-of-way along interstate highways.

15:43:05 Rep. Whiteman Pena joined the meeting

15:43:14 Rep. Hinkle left the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:44:09 Tom Cameron, Mitsubishi Power

15:46:24 Rep. Usher joined the meeting

15:51:51 JP Gallagher, Butte Silver Bow County

15:53:28 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

15:54:18 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

15:54:50 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Council (MSBC)

15:55:40 Jessie Luther, Mitsubishi Power

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15:57:04 Matt Vincent, Mitsubishi Power

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

15:58:44 Malcolm Long, Director Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:59:27 Rep. Fern

16:00:10 Director Long, MDT

16:01:31 Rep. Marshall

16:02:07 Director Long, MDT

16:03:23 Vice Chair Smith

16:04:10 Rep. Harvey

16:04:37 Matt Vincent, Mitsubishi Power

16:05:10 Rep. Fern

16:06:14 Matt Vincent, Mitsubishi Power

16:08:32 Chair Loge

16:11:19 Matt Vincent, Mitsubishi Power

16:12:33 Tom Cameron, Mitsubishi Power

16:12:53 Rep. Dooling

16:13:30 Matt Vincent, Mitsubishi Power

16:14:41 Rep. Usher

16:15:27 Tom Cameron, Mitsubishi Power

16:15:48 Rep. Whiteman Pena

16:16:18 Director Long, MDT

16:17:05 Chair Loge

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:17:24 Sen. Vance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 392**

16:18:46     **Motion:** Rep. Trebas moved that **SB 392 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

16:18:58     Rep. Usher

16:19:57     Chair Loge

16:20:52     Rep. Hinkle joined the meeting

16:21:00     Rep. Harvey

16:21:24     Vice Chair Smith

16:21:42     Chair Loge

16:22:43     Vice Chair Smith

16:23:15     Chair Loge

16:23:22     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fleming,  
Rep. Galt and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy. Rep. Loge will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:24:16

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Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh71aad.pdf](#))