



Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee

64th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

August 3, 2015 Conference Call
Room 137, Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (via conference call)

SEN. FRED THOMAS, Chair

SEN. DICK BARRETT
SEN. MARK BLASDEL
SEN. BRIAN HOVEN
SEN. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN
SEN. SUE MALEK

REP. JEFF ESSMANN
REP. GREG HERTZ
REP. BRIDGET SMITH

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

REP. TOM JACOBSON
REP. RAE PEPPERS
REP. ALAN REDFIELD

OTHER PARTICIPANTS (via conference call)

SUSAN B. FOX, Executive Director

STAFF PRESENT

MEGAN MOORE, Lead Staff
JARET COLES, Staff Attorney
FONG HOM, Secretary

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 1](#))

AGENDA ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The committee asked staff:

- to prepare a new work plan based that incorporates full 2-day meetings, scales back committee time devoted to agency reports, and incorporates the 9 highest ranked studies; and
- to poll the committee on the next meeting date.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:01:29 Sen. Thomas called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. The secretary called roll. ([Attachment 3](#)) Senators Barrett, Blasdel, Hoven, Kaufmann, and Thomas and Representatives Essmann and Smith were present via teleconference.

00:02:39 Members of the public introduced themselves:

- Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce;
- Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association;
- David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns;
- Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties; and
- Kelly Galt, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition

INTERIM STUDY POLL

00:04:08 Megan Moore, committee staff, gave a general overview of the interim study poll. ([Exhibit 1](#))

Committee discussion

00:06:51 Sen. Thomas discussed subcommittees and agency presentations.
00:08:41 Sen. Barrett asked Ms. Moore for clarification on the original work plan.
00:09:32 Sen. Barrett discussed the staff recommendation.
00:11:21 Rep. Essmann discussed time spent on the studies and time spent on agency presentations.
00:12:25 Ms. Moore discussed the time allocated for study topics.
00:13:28 The committee discussed the time needed for agency presentations.
00:21:34 Rep. Smith discussed the Highway 2 Study.
00:24:09 Sen. Barrett asked Susan Fox about time allocations for studies.

Public Comment on study poll

00:26:36 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:28:29 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
00:29:32 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
00:34:51 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:37:49 *Sen. Malek joined the meeting at 11:38 a.m.*

00:37:53 Sen. Thomas summarized the meeting for Sen. Malek.

Motion

00:40:29 Sen. Barrett moved that Ms. Moore prepare a new work plan based on two-day meetings, reduced time for agency presentations, and include the first 9 topics with the understanding that some studies might be scaled down.

00:43:11 Sen. Thomas discussed subcommittees.

00:43:32 The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those present via conference call.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY OTHER TOPIC WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

00:44:33 Ms. Moore discussed possible meeting dates in September and October.

00:45:42 The committee requested an e-mail poll.

00:48:25 *Rep. Hertz joined the meeting at 11:50 a.m.*

00:48:27 Sen. Thomas summarized the meeting for Rep. Hertz.

ADJOURNMENT

00:49:39 With no further business before the committee, Sen. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

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