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AGENDA

Transportation Interim Committee

September 4, 2024
State Capitol Building, Room 137
Agenda times are approximate.

8:30 **Call to Order – Roll Call** – *Senator Manzella, Chair*
Meeting Overview – *Katy Callon, committee staff*

8:35 **DOJ Motor Vehicle Division Update** – *Laurie Bakri, MVD Division Administrator*

- MVD Updates
- Proposed Division Legislation
- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions
- Committee Action, if any

9:00 **MDT Updates** – *Chris Dorrington, MDT Director*

- Agency Updates
- Proposed Agency Legislation
- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions
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9:30 **MDT Reports** – *Nicole Pallister, MDT Administration Division Administrator/Chief Financial Officer*

- Biodiesel Tax Refunds – 15-70-433, MCA
- MDT Special Fuels Inspections – 61-10-154(8), MCA
- Motor Fuel Tax Cooperative Agreements (if applicable) -15-70-450, MCA
- HB 661 (2019) Update on Funding & Grants – Requested from July 10 TIC Meeting
- Public Comment
- Committee Questions

10:00 **Autonomous Truck Platooning**

- Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative – Self-Driving Truck Operation for Sugar Beet Harvesting, Mike Metzger, Vice President of Agriculture & Research
- Public Comment*
- Questions from Committee

10:45 **Break**

11:00 **Legislation: Title 60 and 61 "Clean Up" Legislation** - *Joe Carroll, staff attorney*

- Review provisional draft 60: Generally revising Title 60 for clarity and consistency
- Review provisional draft 61: Generally revising Title 61 for clarity and consistency
- Review provisional draft 62: Generally revising Title 61, Chapter 8, for clarity and consistency
- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions
- Committee Action, if any

12:00 **Legislation: Establish Laws for Autonomous Vehicles and Truck Platooning Regulation**- *Joe Carroll, staff attorney*

- Review HB 339 (2023) broken out into 2 provisional drafts:
    - PD68 (formerly PD 65) – Providing for the use of autonomous vehicles on state public highways
    - PD66 – Allowing the platooning of vehicles
- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions
- Committee Action, if any

12:30 **Lunch**

1:30 **Administrative Rule Review** – *Joe Carroll, staff attorney*

- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions

1:40 **Electric Vehicles & Battery Disposal – Review of Follow-Up Information & Resources** – *Katy Callon, committee staff*

- Review of follow-up information provided by manufacturers, as well as other state approaches and overview of recycling costs
- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions

2:00 **Hydrogen Vehicle Overview**

- Overview of Vehicle Technology and Fueling – Jackie Birdsall, Senior Engineering Manager, Toyota
- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions

2:45 **Break**

3:00 **U.S. 93 Bell Crossing Roundabout Project Discussion**

- Presentation of roundabout and intersection models from open houses, cost comparison of options, traffic flow data, and update on status of the project and the open houses – Bob Vosen, MDT Missoula District Administrator
- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions

3:45 **Seasonal and Time Restrictions of Bicycling on Certain Highways** – *Katy Callon, committee staff*

- Review of National Park Service Authority & Other States' Laws and Approaches
- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions

4:15 **Presentation of Atlas Public Policy's "Closing the Road-Funding Gap: Sustainable and Equitable Policy Options and the Spread of EV Fees"**

- Presentation by Pooja Agarwal, Atlas Public Policy
- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions

4:45 **Review Updated Draft of TIC Interim Summary Report**– *Katy Callon, committee staff*

- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions

5:05 **HB 747 (2023): Revise laws relating to disability parking - Overview and Update (Local Government Interim Committee Provisional Draft PD3TH)**

- Public Comment*
- Committee Questions

5:15 **Public comment*** on any item in TIC's subject matter jurisdiction

5:25 **Adjournment**

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