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TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE (TIC)
Meeting – Monday, November 24th, 2025
Room 102, State Capitol – 8:30am-4:00pm

Note: Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.

8:30am **Call to order – roll call**
Chair Russ Tempel

8:35am **1. Administrative rule review**
Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney
- MAR-2025-072 – Right-of-Way (ROW) Camping (proposal)
- MAR-2025-090 – Aeronautics Grant and Loan (adoption)
- MAR-2025-232.2 – Scenic Historic Byways Council (amended and repealed)

8:45am **2. Agency Oversight: Motor Vehicles Division (MVD) of the Dept of Justice**
Laurie Bakri, Administrator
- Introductions and interim priorities
- Questions from committee

9:00am **3. Agency Oversight: Montana Dept of Transportation (MDT)**
Chris Dorrington, Director
- Annual report updates since September
- MDT project prioritization
- Funding for highway construction/maintenance
- Questions from committee

10:30am **Public comment* regarding agency oversight / administrative rules**

10:40am **BREAK** (15 minutes)

10:55am **4. Montana contractor bids and alternative contracting**
Chair Tempel
- Panel discussion (*see handout*)
- Legislative next steps
  Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney
- Questions from committee

11:55am **Public comment* regarding contracting**

12:10pm **LUNCH** (1 hour, on your own)

1:10pm **5. SJ 19: Interim study on public transportation**
Chair Tempel
- Research update
  Becca Brown, Committee Staff
- Statutory / administrative rule overview
  MDT
- Essential Air Service (EAS) funding update
  Becca Brown, Committee Staff
- PNWER / BSPRA reflections, state rail plans
  Rep. Denise Baum, Sen. Andrea Olsen
- Public survey review, approve to post/send
  Rep. Denise Baum
- Questions from committee

2:15pm **Public comment* regarding public transportation**

2:30pm **BREAK** (15 minutes)

2:45pm **Public comment* on any other topic within the TIC's jurisdiction**

3:00pm **6. Committee work session**
Chair Tempel
- Reflections from Autonomous Vehicles in Scottsdale, AZ
  Chair Tempel, Sen. Denley Loge
- Highway 212 reflections, directions to staff
  Vice Chair Chip Fitzpatrick
- Committee letter to USDOT on Ninepipe funding recission
  Becca Brown, Committee Staff
- TIC field trip and/or 2-day meeting in May 2026
  Becca Brown, Committee Staff
- Any further directions to staff

4:00pm **Adjourn**

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