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AGENDA

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March 13, 2023

State Capitol Building, Room 137

Agenda times are approximate.

- 9:00** **Call to Order – Roll Call – Senator Manzella, Chair**
- 9:05** **Agency Update – Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)**
- MVD Updates - *Laurie Bakri, MVD Administrator*
 - HB 60 Implementation Update
 - Public Comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 9:30** **Agency Update – Montana Department of Transportation**
- Agency updates – *Malcom “Mack” Long, Director, and staff*
 - Wrong-way driving at highway entrances
 - Three Forks rest area update
 - Public Comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 10:00** **HJ 15/16 – Bike Infrastructure & Funding**
- Current State & Federal Funding & Planning Process – Sheila Ludlow, Integrated Transportation & Publications Supervisor, MDT
 - Overview of Other State Funding Models for Bicycle Infrastructure Construction & Maintenance – Katy Callon, LSD
 - BikeWalk Montana Perspective – John Juras
 - Public Comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 11:00** **Break**

11:15 Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Requirements

Panel Presentation:

- SB 47 & HB 904 Implementation – Jon Swartz, MDT Maintenance Division Administrator
MDT Motor Carrier Services also available for committee questions (tentative)
- Laurie Bakri, Administrator, DOJ MVD
- Duane Williams, CEO, Montana Trucking Association
- CDL & Recreational Vehicles – Statutes & Regulations – Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney
- Public Comment*
- Questions from the committee

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Autonomous/Automated Vehicles & Safety

- Review of Other Rural States' Approaches to Autonomous & Automated Vehicles – Katy Callon, LSD
- Panel Presentation:
 - Mack Long, MDT Director
 - David Johnson, Federal Highway Administration, Program Lead, Automated Vehicles & Adverse Weather – Phase 3 Research
 - Jeff Farrah, CEO, Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association (AVIA)
 - Daniel Goff, Director of External Affairs, Kodiak AI
- Public Comment*
- Questions from the committee

2:00 Electric Vehicles – Fire Safety

- Review of Other States' Approaches to Preparation for First Responders & Identification of Electric Vehicles – Katy Callon, LSD
- Jeremy Virts, Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services, City of Great Falls Fire Rescue
- Laurie Bakri, MVD Administrator
- Public Comment*
- Questions from the committee

2:45 Administrative Rule Review – Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney

- Public Comment*
- Questions from the committee

3:15 Title 60 & 61 Definitions

- Review of draft legislation – Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney

- Public Comment*
- Questions from the committee

4:15 **Public comment*** on any item in TIC’s subject matter jurisdiction

4:30 **Committee Work Session**

1. Next meeting – May 8. Current work plan items include:
 - Passenger Rail Initiatives – Big Sky Rail/MDT Presentation – Overview. Any specific committee questions?
2. Agency updates: What questions or topics would you like agencies to address at future meetings?
3. HJ 15/16: What questions do you still have on this topic? Are there speakers or stakeholders the TIC would like to invite for future meetings or next steps it would like to take?
4. Electric Vehicles/Fire Safety: What questions do you still have on this topic? Are there speakers or stakeholders the TIC would like to invite for future meetings or next steps it would like to take?
5. Autonomous Vehicles: Additional questions or follow-up?
6. CDL Requirements: What questions do you still have on this topic? Are there speakers or stakeholders the TIC would like to invite for future meetings or next steps it would like to take?
7. Future topics: What questions do you have on future topics that staff can take into consideration? Scheduled meetings remaining: May 8, July 10, & September 4.
8. Additional instructions to staff

5:00 **Adjournment**

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