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AGENDA

Updated May 3, 2024

Transportation Interim Committee

May 8, 2024

State Capitol Building, Room 102

Agenda times are approximate.

- 8:30** **Call to Order – Roll Call – Senator Manzella, Chair**
- 8:35** **Meeting Overview – Tab 1**
- Review Committee Bill Draft Request Process – Katy Callon, committee staff
- 8:40** **Big Sky Passenger Rail – Tab 2**
- Panel:
 - David Strohmaier, Chair, Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority
 - Chase Kitchen, Governmental Affairs Manager, Amtrak
 - Matt Jones, External Director of Public Affairs, BNSF
 - Samantha Beyl, Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority Rosebud County Director and MSU Extension
 - Rob Stapley, Administrator, MDT Rail, Transit, and Planning Division
 - Public Comment
 - Committee Questions
- 9:40** **MDT Updates – Tab 3**
- Larry Flynn, Acting Director
 - Transition Update from Acting Director
 - HB 55 Implementation Update
 - Three Forks Rest Area Update
 - Public Comment
 - Committee Questions
- 10:00** **Break**
- 10:15** **Alternative Project Delivery Methods – Tab 4**

- Dustin Rouse, Chief Engineer, MDT
- David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association – Feedback/Response
- Public Comment
- Committee Questions

10:45 U.S. 93 Bell Crossing Roundabout Project Discussion – Tab 5

- Overview of Project – Larry Flynn, Acting Director, MDT
- Public Comment
- Committee Questions

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Montana & Autonomous Vehicles – Panel & Legislative Framework Review – Tab 6

- Introduction – Katy Callon, committee staff
- Panel:
 - Tim VanReken, Executive Director, Headwaters Tech Hub
 - Adam Gilbertson, Senior Vice President, Field Technology & Innovation, RDO Equipment Co.
 - Sydnee Journal, Senior Manager, Government Relations, Aurora
 - John Suh, Hyundai
 - Renee Gibson, Director of Government Affairs, Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association (AVIA)
- Review of HB 339 (2023) & South Dakota’s 2024 Autonomous Vehicle Legislation – Joe Carroll and Katy Callon, committee staff
- Public Comment
- Committee Questions

2:00 Commercial Driver Licenses – Tab 7

- Brad Marten, Administrator, MDT Motor Carrier Services
- Follow-up to committee questions – Joe Carroll, committee staff
- Public Comment
- Committee Questions

2:30 MVD Updates – Tab 8

- Laurie Bakri, MVD Division Administrator
 - CARS update & county costs/funding
- Public Comment
- Committee Questions

2:45 Break

- 3:00** **Electric Vehicles – Fire Safety, Towing Considerations, & Junk Vehicle Fees – Tab 9**
- Fire Safety*
- Troy Peterson, North Central Regional Manager, MSU Fire Services Training School
 - Ole Hedstrom, Montana Firefighters Association ***Tentative*
- Junk Vehicle Fees & Towing Considerations*
- Spencer Hanser, Operations Manager, Hanser’s Automotive
 - Department of Environmental Quality
 - Amy Steinmetz, Administrator, Waste Management & Remediation Division
 - Rick Thompson, Bureau Chief, Waste Management Bureau
 - Committee Questions
- 4:00** **MDT Bicycling the Big Sky Map – Tab 10**
- Shelby Clark, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, MDT
 - Public Comment
 - Committee Questions
- 4:30** **Administrative Rule Review & Update on Title 60 & 61 Draft Legislation – Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney – Tab 11**
- Public Comment*
 - Committee Questions
- 4:45** **Public comment*** on any item in TIC’s subject matter jurisdiction
- 4:55** **Committee Work Session**
1. Next meetings – July 10 & September 4.
 2. Request provisional draft legislation, if applicable
 3. Identify any additional information/panels for follow-up on committee topics

Adjournment

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