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AGENDA

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July 10, 2024

State Capitol Building, Room 137

Agenda times are approximate.

- 9:00** **Call to Order – Roll Call** – Presiding Officer
- 9:05** **Meeting Overview** – Katy Callon, committee staff
- 9:10** **MDT Updates**
- Chris Dorrington, MDT Director
 - Transition Update – Vision/Changes
 - Progress of Safety Studies – Lolo, Bell Crossing, St. Regis, and Any Others of Interest – Patricia Burke, MDT Traffic Safety Engineering Section Supervisor
 - Equipment and Maintenance Repair Needs – Increased Costs of Purchase and Upkeep & Staffing Levels – Jon Swartz, MDT Maintenance Division Administrator
 - Public Comment*
 - Committee Questions
- 9:30** **Update on National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Funding**
- Sheila Ludlow, MDT Integrated Transportation & Publications Supervisor, and Ben Brouwer, DEQ Energy Bureau Chief
 - Public Comment*
 - Committee Questions
- 9:45** **MVD Updates**
- Laurie Bakri, MVD Division Administrator
 - Registration requirements for low-speed electric vehicles
 - Public Comment*
 - Committee Questions

- 10:10 Commercial Driver Licenses – Review of Federal Exception Reference Guide**
- Review of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Explainer on CDL Exceptions – Memo Provided by Joe Carroll, committee staff, and Reviewed by Katy Callon, committee staff
 - Public Comment*
 - Committee Questions
- 10:30 Break**
- 10:45 Follow-up Regarding Alternative Project Delivery Methods Discussion**
- Update on continued conversations with MCA – Dave Gates, MDT
 - David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association – Feedback/Response
 - Public Comment
 - Committee Questions
- 11:15 U.S. 93 Bell Crossing Roundabout Project Discussion**
- MDT – Update on Plans & Status – Larry Flynn, MDT Deputy Director, and Bob Vosen, MDT Missoula District Administrator
 - Transportation Commission - *Invited*
 - Public Comment
 - Committee Questions
- 12:30 Lunch**
- 1:30 Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority – Updates on Federal Rail Administration Progress**
- Dave Strohmaier, Chair, Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority
 - MDT Updates – Heather Kuklo, MDT Freight & Rail Planner
 - Considerations for Incorporation of Passenger Rail into MDT Freight Plan
 - Public Comment*
 - Committee Questions
- 2:15 Montana & Autonomous Vehicles – NHTSA General Standing Order & Crash Data Review**
- Katie Timmons, Associate Attorney, Venable, LLP – Review of NHTSA Standing General Order on Crash Reporting for Autonomous Vehicles & Requirements
 - NHTSA Crash Data Overview– Katy Callon, committee staff
 - Public Comment*
 - Committee Questions

- 2:45** **Break**
- 3:00** **Electric Vehicles and Junk Vehicle/Disposal Statute & Funding**
- Overview of Funding & Statute – Katy Callon, committee staff
 - DEQ Follow-Up – Rick Thompson, Waste Management Bureau Chief
 - Public Comment*
 - Committee Questions
- 3:30** **Administrative Rule Review - Laura Sankey Keip, staff attorney**
- Public Comment*
 - Committee Questions
- 3:45** **Draft TIC Interim Summary Report – Review – Katy Callon, committee staff**
- Public Comment*
 - Committee Questions
- 4:15** **Public comment*** on any item in TIC’s subject matter jurisdiction
- 4:25** **Committee Work Session**
1. Next/last meeting – September 4. Topics:
 - Review agency requested legislation (see document on agency legislation overview)
 - Finalize any committee legislation (see #3 below, if additional legislation is requested)
 - Finalize TIC interim summary report
 - Presentation of required reports:
 - MDT Biodiesel tax refunds (15-70-433, MCA)
 - MDT Special Fuels Inspections (61-10-154(8))
 - Committee Requests for Presentations/Additional Information
 2. Request for Update on HB 661 (2019) – Aviation Fuel User Fee – Funding & Projects
 - Overview of Request & HB 661 – Katy Callon, committee staff
 - Scope of request:
 - Has there been a decrease in fuel purchased by commercial airlines?
 - How much has been collected?
 - Which projects have been funded?
 - Committee action – Is this a topic for which the committee would like to request the information & have an update provided for the September meeting?
 3. Request provisional draft legislation, if applicable, for review at September meeting

Adjournment

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