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AGENDA

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January 31, 2024

State Capitol Building, Room 137

Agenda times are approximate.

- 9:00** **Call to Order – Roll Call – Senator Manzella, Chair**
- 9:05** **Administrative Matters – Megan Moore, Research Analyst**
- Introduction of new staff
 - Questions from the committee
- 9:10** **CDL Requirements topic**
- Montana statutes vs. federal regulations – *Joe Carroll, Staff attorney*
 - Public Comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 9:30** **Agency Update – DOJ MVD**
- Implementation of CARS – *Laurie Bakri, MVD Administrator*
 - Public Comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 10:00** **Agency Update – MDT**
- Agency updates – *Malcom “Mack” Long, Director, and staff*
 - Public Comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 10:30** **Transportation Commission**
- Overview of authority and duties
 - *Loran Frazier, Commission Chair*
 - *Chris Nygren, Chief Legal Counsel, MDT*
 - History of transportation districts – *Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney*
 - Public Comment*
 - Questions from the committee

- 11:00 HJ 15/HJ 16 topic**
- Vulnerable Road User Assessment presentation – *Pam Langve-Davis, Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan Manager, MDT*
 - Review of recent bicycle legislation and trends – *Megan Moore, Research Analyst*
 - Public Comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 1:00 Definitions in MCA - Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney**
- Questions from the committee
- 1:30 Electric Vehicles & Fire Safety topic**
- Panel Presentation
 - *Matt Bowman, Energy Security Administration*
 - *Josh Fisher, Alliance for Automotive Innovation*
 - *Ole Hedstrom, Montana State Firefighters Association*
 - Battery disposal – *Chris Dorrington, Director, Department of Environmental Quality*
 - Public Comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 2:45 Hydrogen fuel overview**
- Overview of Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Regional Hub and funding award
 - *Matt Morrison, Executive Director, PNWER*
 - *George Bailey, Associate Managing Member, St. Regis Solar Hydrogen*
 - *Bruce Agnew, Director, PNWER Regional Infrastructure Accelerator*
 - *Shane Getson, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Alberta*
 - Public Comment*
 - Questions from the committee
- 3:45 Administrative Rule Review – Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney**
- Questions from the committee
- 4:15 Public comment* on any item in TIC’s subject matter jurisdiction**
- 4:30 Committee Work Session**
1. Agency updates: What questions or topics would you like agencies to address at future meetings?
 2. 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? What would the committee like study with regard to shared use paths?

3. 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?
4. 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?
5. Future topics: What questions do you have on future topics that staff can take into consideration? Are there speakers or stakeholders the TIC would like to invite for future meetings or next steps it would like to take?
6. Additional instructions to staff, if any

5:00

Adjournment

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