

# 2023-24 Transportation Interim Committee

## DRAFT Work Plan Decision Matrix

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Member suggested topics for TIC consideration.					
<b>Study on shared use paths</b>	HJ 15 (Suggested by Rep. Kerns)	<b>.30 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option B</b></li> <li>◦ Multiple panel discussions on topics identified by TIC</li> <li>◦ Analysis of feasibility and cost of constructing and maintaining new paths in MT</li> <li>◦ Staff paper(s) or expert presentation on topic identified by the committee</li> </ul>	<b>.15 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option C</b></li> <li>◦ Updated analysis of funding models and shared use path infrastructure in other states</li> <li>◦ Staff review of statutes and proposed legislation governing shared use paths</li> </ul>	<b>.10 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Review research and final report from 2019-2020 interim</li> <li>◦ Review of updates to MDT's shared use paths inventory and maintenance plan, if any.</li> <li>◦ Analysis of possible new funding sources</li> <li>◦ Panel discussion and/ or stakeholder presentation</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Memorial Highway Criteria</b>	SJ 20 (Suggested by Rep. Loge)		<b>.05 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option C</b></li> <li>◦ Examine memorial highway criteria used in other states, if any.</li> <li>◦ Request for public comment from various areas of the state to determine possible criteria</li> </ul>	<b>.01 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Review of memorial highway map and existing research</li> <li>◦ Discussion with MDT and possibly other stakeholders as requested by TIC</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Traffic incidents involving bicycles and motor vehicles</b>	HJ 16 (Suggested by Rep. Kerns)	<b>.40 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option B</b></li> <li>◦ Staff survey of local law enforcement agencies in MT to collect shareable data</li> <li>◦ Staff paper(s) and analysis of data</li> </ul>	<b>.20 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option C</b></li> <li>◦ Analysis of data samples from select communities/law enforcement jurisdictions</li> <li>◦ Public comment from various areas of the state to assess bicycle safety issues</li> </ul>	<b>.10 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Review of annual traffic safety report and existing data</li> <li>◦ Panel discussion, possibly including MDT and MT Highway patrol</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Roundtable on possible legislation, if wanted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Additional panel discussion(s) with department and/or law enforcement personnel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Review of current bicycle statutes and areas of law that promote or inhibit bicycle safety</li> </ul>	
<b>CDL Requirements</b>	Suggested by Rep. Loge & Sen. Usher	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.25 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option B</b></li> <li>◦ Multiple stakeholder panels</li> <li>◦ In depth analysis of safety and economic implications of increased CDL requirements and/or business incentives</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.15 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option C</b></li> <li>◦ Multiple stakeholder panels</li> <li>◦ Comparative analysis of other states' CDL requirements, if different from federal</li> <li>◦ Research into other states' incentives for commercial businesses requiring CDLs, if any</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.05 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitor implementation of relevant legislation from 2023 session (SB 47 and HB 904)</li> <li>◦ Panel discussion</li> <li>◦ Overview of relevant MT statutes and federal regulations</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Federal and regional passenger rail initiatives</b>	Suggested by Rep. Baum		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.10 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option C</b></li> <li>◦ Staff overview of history and relevant statutes</li> <li>◦ Multiple stakeholder panels</li> <li>◦ Analysis of other states' passenger rail initiatives and funding</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.05 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ History and overview of relevant statutes and policies</li> <li>◦ Panel with Big Sky Rail and MDT</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Electric vehicle fire response and safety</b>	Sen. Usher		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.15 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option C</b></li> <li>◦ Comparative analysis of other states' safety laws related to EVs, if any</li> <li>◦ Additional panel or presentation from emergency responders</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>.10 FTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Panel discussion or expert presentation on EV battery fires and safety risks</li> <li>◦ Staff paper on lithium-ion batteries in EVs and associated risks</li> <li>◦ Review of relevant national news stories</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>

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<b>Autonomous vehicle regulations and safety</b>	Suggested by Sen. Usher and Rep. Loge		<b>.15 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option C</b></li> <li>◦ Review of federal guidance on autonomous vehicle regulation, if any</li> <li>◦ Comparative analysis of AV regulation in other states, if any</li> <li>◦ Additional panels on topics identified by the committee</li> <li>◦ Roundtable on possible legislation, if wanted</li> </ul>	<b>.05 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Review research and findings of 2021-2022 TIC</li> <li>◦ Review of relevant legislation introduced in 2023 session</li> <li>◦ Panel discussion</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Highway safety</b>	Suggested by Sen. Manzella, Rep. Loge		<b>.15 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option C</b></li> <li>◦ Analysis of other high traffic areas and measures taken to mitigate fatalities</li> <li>◦ Cost analysis of possible mitigation projects (i.e. roundabouts, traffic lights, etc).</li> </ul>	<b>.05 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Panel discussion</li> <li>◦ Review of previous TIC study materials on highway safety, Highway 212</li> <li>◦ Gather information and public comment from areas of concern</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Possible agenda items for TIC consideration</b>					
<b>MDT point of fuel taxation</b>	Suggested by Rep. Loge		<b>.01 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Option C</b></li> <li>◦ Panel discussions with interested stakeholders</li> </ul>	<b>.005 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Review of 2023 legislation, HB 46</li> <li>◦ Discussion with MDT and relevant updates</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Review MDT Alternative Project</b>	Follow up on SB 57, (Suggested by Sen.			<b>.005 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Agency updates on implementation of SB 57, as requested by TIC.</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>

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<b>Delivery Contracting</b>	Manzella and Sen. Vance				
<b>Electric vehicle taxes, fees, and infrastructure development</b>	Follow-up on HB 55 and 60, suggested by Rep. Loge		<b>.01 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>° Option C</li> <li>° Panel discussion(s) on electric vehicle charging station infrastructure development</li> </ul>	<b>.005 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>° Agency updates on implementation of HB 55 and 60, as requested by TIC.</li> <li>° <i>May include a stakeholder panel at request of LJIC</i></li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Highway maintenance plans and funding, implementation of SAFER account</b>	Follow-up on HB 267, suggested by Rep. Kerns			<b>.005+ FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>° Receive regular updates from MDT regarding the development and use of the SAFER account, funding and plans for highway maintenance. Committee may request additional specific project information.</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Driver's license renewal procedures and efficiency</b>	Suggested by Rep. Wirth			<b>.005 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>° Agency updates on implementation of CARS system and overview of current procedures related to driver's license issuance and renewal</li> <li>° <i>Will include required report by DOJ MVD on driver's license renewal kiosks</i></li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>
<b>Hydrogen fuel taxes and infrastructure development</b>	Follow-up on HB 823, suggested by Rep. Loge		<b>.01 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>° <b>Option C</b></li> <li>° Panel discussion on hydrogen fuel availability and infrastructure in MT</li> </ul>	<b>.005 FTE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>° Agency updates on implementation of HB 823, as requested by TIC.</li> </ul>	<b>No Action</b>

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Billboard repair and replacement	Suggested by Sen. Vance		.01 FTE ◦ Option C ◦ Panel discussion with interested stakeholders	.005 FTE ◦ Review of 2021-2022 TIC materials on billboards ◦ Discussion with MDT and relevant updates	No Action
Highway R.O.W. impermanent encroachment	Follow-up on HB 198		.01 FTE ◦ Option C ◦ Additional panel discussion(s) on use of right-of-way for broadband deployment	.005 FTE ◦ Panel discussion with MDT, bill sponsor/carrier, and relevant stakeholders on how HB 198 is being implemented	No Action
TIC Statutory Duties and Obligations					
Review Administrative Rules	0.03 FTE ◦ Staff provides TIC copies of notices for the adoption of rules on all TIC subjects (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information) ◦ Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the MDT and DOJ MVD is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for ◦ Committee attorney monitors and provides synopses of rules or subjects			0.02 FTE ◦ Staff provides TIC copies of notices for the adoption of rules on certain TIC subjects (Members to inform staff or Chair if they want more information) ◦ Committee requests that it be copied on notification letters that the MDT and DOJ MVD is sending to legislators who were primary sponsors of laws that the agency is now promulgating rules for	
Review Agency Legislation	0.005 FTE ◦ Committee reviews proposals from the MDT and DOJ MVD and decides if staff should draft legislation for preintroduction				
Review Proposed Ballot Initiatives	.005 FTE			.001 FTE ◦ Committee holds hearing on proposed ballot initiatives within 14 days of receiving final language and votes to	

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		◦ Committee holds hearing on proposed ballot initiatives within 14 days of receiving final language and votes to either support or not support the placement of the text of an initiative on the ballot ◦ Committee requests background on topic of ballot initiative such as past legislation and initiative proposals or similar proposals in other states		either support or not support the placement of the text of an initiative on the ballot  <i>**May require additional committee meetings</i>	
Monitor MDT activities		0.05 FTE  ◦ Monitor or investigate broad aspects of MDT programs		0.03 FTE  ◦ Monitor or investigate specific aspects of programs, if TIC chooses	
Monitor DOJ MVD activities		0.05 FTE  ◦ Monitor or investigate broad aspects of DOJ programs		0.03 FTE  ◦ Monitor or investigate specific aspects of programs, if TIC chooses	
Review Motor Fuel Tax Cooperative Agreements		0.002 FTE  ◦ Committee reviews motor fuel tax cooperative agreement reports and decides if any comments are needed or if changes in legislation should be proposed to the 2021 Legislature			
Review MDT Enforcement Authority		0.005 FTE  ◦ Reviews enforcement of MDT’s authority to stop and inspect, if probable cause exists, diesel-powered vehicles to determine compliance with provisions of the special fuels use tax law and impacts of enforcement on the state special revenue fund			
				Total Resources Utilized/ Total Resources Available	_____/1 FTE

**FTE Available to TIC**

.01 FTE = 20 hrs = 1.25 days

.10 FTE = 200 hrs = 25 days

.25 FTE = 500 hrs = 60 days

.30 FTE = 600 hrs = 75 days

.40 FTE = 800 hrs = 100 days

.50 FTE = 1000 hrs = 125 days

.75 FTE = 1500 hrs = 187.5 days

1 Interim FTE = 2000 hrs = 250 days