



## **TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

### **68th Montana Legislature**

#### **SENATE MEMBERS**

Mike Fox  
Theresa Manzella  
Barry Usher  
Shelley Vance

#### **HOUSE MEMBERS**

Denise Baum  
Scot Kerns  
Denley Loge  
Zack Wirth

#### **COMMITTEE STAFF**

Joe Carroll - Attorney  
Sara Hess - Research Analyst  
Daniel Rosenberg - Secretary

# **MINUTES LOG**

September 13, 2023  
Capitol Room 102  
Helena, Montana

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Theresa Manzella, Sen. (R)  
Rep. Denise Baum, (D)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Denley Loge (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Sen. Barry Usher (R)

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Joe Carroll, Attorney  
Sara Hess, Research Analyst  
Daniel Rosenberg, Secretary

#### **AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))**

## **VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))**

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

09:31:10 Chair Manzella called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

### **MEETING OVERVIEW**

#### **Review of updated draft work plan and proposed timeline**

09:32:46 Sara Hess, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT 1](#)

[EXHIBIT 2](#)

[EXHIBIT 3](#)

#### **Committee Questions/ Discussion**

09:39:10 Sen. Manzella

09:39:59 Sen. Vance

#### **Motion**

09:41:19 Rep. Loge moved to adopt the schedule as printed out.

#### **Vote**

09:41:33 The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Usher was not present for the vote and did not leave a proxy.

#### **Committee Questions/ Discussion**

09:41:40 Sen. Manzella

## **AGENCY UPDATE - MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDT)**

### **Director Update**

09:43:24 Malcom "Mack" Long, Director, MDT

[EXHIBIT 4](#)

[EXHIBIT 5](#)

#### **Committee Questions/ Discussion**

09:48:47 Rep. Kerns

09:51:44 Rep. Kerns directed a question to Larry Flynn, Acting Deputy Director, MDT.

09:52:05 Rep. Loge

09:53:32 Rep. Kerns

09:56:09 Sen. Manzella

10:00:08 Sen. Manzella directed a question to Dustin Rouse, Chief Engineer, MDT.

10:03:04 Rep. Kerns directed a question to Patricia Burke, Traffic Safety Engineering Section Supervisor, MDT.

10:04:33 Sen. Manzella

10:07:04 Rep. Loge  
10:10:19 Rep. Wirth  
10:12:36 Rep. Baum  
10:14:10 Rep. Kerns directed a question to Patricia Burke.  
10:16:05 Rep. Wirth

### **HIGHWAY SAFETY TOPIC**

#### **Presentation on Project Prioritization, Mitigation Measures, and Costs**

10:17:47 Patricia Burke, MDT

[EXHIBIT 6](#)

[EXHIBIT 7](#)

[EXHIBIT 8](#)

### **Committee Questions/ Discussion**

10:40:45 Rep. Loge  
10:43:51 Rep. Kerns  
10:51:22 Sen. Manzella

### **Public Comment**

10:54:16 None

### **RECESS**

10:54:56 Reconvened at 11:14 AM.

### **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15 & 16 TOPIC**

#### **Review of Updated Work Plan Suggestion**

11:14:25 Sara Hess, Research Analyst

### **Committee Questions/ Discussion**

11:21:00 Sen. Manzella  
11:21:26 Rep. Kerns  
11:22:33 Sen. Manzella asked Malcom "Mack" Long to comment on this topic.  
11:25:31 Rep. Kerns  
11:26:53 Rep. Baum  
11:29:55 Sen. Manzella  
11:30:58 Rep. Loge

### **Public Comment**

11:31:35 Logan Smith, Executive Director, Bike Walk Montana

### **MEMORIAL HIGHWAY TOPIC**

#### **Review of Timeline and Potential Legislative Measures**

11:33:20 Sara Hess, Research Analyst

[EXHIBIT 9](#)

[EXHIBIT 10](#)

[EXHIBIT 11](#)

**Committee Questions/ Discussion**

11:43:52 Rep. Baum  
11:45:12 Rep. Loge  
11:48:08 Rep. Baum  
11:49:13 Rep. Kerns  
11:50:45 Sen. Manzella  
11:53:09 Rep. Wirth  
11:53:46 Rep. Loge  
11:56:16 Rep. Kerns  
11:57:54 Rep. Loge  
11:58:12 Sen. Manzella  
11:58:44 Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney, LSD  
11:59:01 Rep. Kerns  
11:59:49 Sen. Manzella  
12:00:33 Sara Hess  
12:01:59 Rep. Wirth  
12:02:18 Sen. Manzella  
12:02:48 Rep. Kerns  
12:03:55 Sara Hess

**Public Comment**

12:04:44 None

**RECESS**

12:05:39 Reconvened at 1:01 PM.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW**

13:01:54 Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney

[EXHIBIT 12](#)

[EXHIBIT 13](#)

[EXHIBIT 14](#)

[EXHIBIT 15](#)

**Committee Questions/ Discussion**

13:04:17 Rep. Loge

## **AGENCY UPDATE - DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION (DOJ MVD)**

### **Administrator Update**

13:05:31 Laurie Bakri, Administrator, MVD

[EXHIBIT 16](#)

### **Committee Questions/ Discussion**

13:20:48 Rep. Kerns

13:23:11 Rep. Loge

13:24:01 Rep. Kerns

13:27:17 Rep. Baum

13:30:48 Rep. Loge

## **COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL) REQUIREMENTS TOPIC**

### **History and Overview of Federal and State CDL Requirements**

13:31:43 Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney

[EXHIBIT 17](#)

### **Public Comment**

13:43:14 None

### **Committee Questions/ Discussion**

13:43:38 Rep. Loge

## **AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE TOPIC**

### **Review of Study 2021-2022 Study Materials**

13:43:59 Sara Hess, Research Analyst

[EXHIBIT 18](#)

13:54:01 Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney

[EXHIBIT 19](#)

[EXHIBIT 20](#)

[EXHIBIT 21](#)

### **Committee Questions/ Discussion**

14:06:26 Rep. Loge

14:10:43 Rep. Baum

14:12:14 Rep. Loge

### **Public Comment**

14:12:46 Malcolm "Mack" Long, Director, MDT

### **Committee Questions/ Discussion**

14:13:36 Rep. Baum

14:16:21 Sara Hess

**RECESS**

14:17:27      Reconvened at 2:31 PM.

**Public Comment on any item in TIC's subject matter jurisdiction**

14:32:00      None

**COMMITTEE WORK SESSION****Adopt Final Work Plan - Action Item**

14:32:31      Sara Hess, Research Analyst

**Committee Questions/ Discussion**

14:34:23      Sen. Manzella  
14:34:37      Joe Carroll, Staff Attorney  
14:36:50      Rep. Loge  
14:37:35      Rep. Kerns  
14:39:05      Sen. Manzella  
14:40:24      Rep. Kerns  
14:41:55      Sen. Vance  
14:43:30      Sen. Manzella  
14:43:36      Joe Carroll  
14:44:50      Rep. Loge  
14:46:28      Sen. Manzella  
14:47:40      Sen. Vance  
14:48:30      Sen. Manzella  
14:49:43      Sen. Vance  
14:50:43      Rep. Loge  
14:52:06      Sara Hess  
14:52:49      Sen. Manzella  
14:53:34      Rep. Baum  
14:54:09      Rep. Loge  
14:54:50      Sara Hess  
14:55:18      Rep. Wirth  
14:56:07      Sen. Manzella  
14:56:45      Sara Hess  
14:57:07      Rep. Kerns  
14:58:11      Sara Hess  
14:59:54      Rep. Baum  
15:00:22      Rep. Loge

**Motion**

15:01:09      Rep. Kerns moved to adopt the work plan as put forward.

**Vote**

15:01:17      The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Usher was not present for the vote and did not leave a proxy.

**Committee Questions/ Discussion**

15:01:45      Sara Hess

15:02:27      Rep. Kerns

15:02:45      Rep. Loge

**ADJOURNMENT**

15:03:41      Sen. Manzella adjourned the meeting at 3:03 PM.