Montana Transportation Commission
August 27, 2026 Minutes
Montana Department of Transportation
2701 Prospect Avenue
Helena, Montana

IN ATTENDANCE
Loran Frazier, Transportation Commission Chair (District 3)
Shane Sanders, Transportation Commissioner (District 2)
Kody Swartz, Transportation Commissioner (District 1)
Noel Sansaver, Transportation Commissioner (District 4)
Scott Aspenlieder, Transportation Commissioner (District 5)
Chris Dorrington, Director, MDT
Larry Flynn, Deputy Director MDT
Jess Bousliman, Commission Secretary
Dustin Rouse, Chief Engineer, MDT
Valerie Balukas, Chief Legal, MDT
Doug McBroom, Statewide Planning and Modal Operations Program Manager, MDT
Dave Gates, Construction Engineer, MDT
Ryan Dahlke, Preconstruction Engineer, MDT
Geno Liva, MDT District 2
Jim Wingerter, MDT District 3
Brenden Borges, MDT
Ben Slakley, MDT
Paul Johnson, MDT

Online
Mitch Buthod, MDT
Shane Mintz, MDT District 4
Mike Taylor, MDT District 5
Aaron Wilson, Missoula MPO
Devin Filicicchia, Missoula MPO
Garrick Swanson, Missoula MPO
Zac Covington, Missoula MPO

08:30 OPENING – Commissioner Loran Frazier

Commissioner Frazier called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

08:33 Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sansaver moved to approve the minutes for the Commission Meetings of April 30, 2026, May 12, 2026, June 4, 2026, June 16, 2026, June 30, 2026, and July 7, 2026. Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

08:34 Agenda Item 1: Construction Project on State Highway System
Mountain Gateway Subdivision – Gallatin County

Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the Construction Project on State Highway System - Mountain Gateway Subdivision – Gallatin County. Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

08:35 Agenda Item 2: Interstate Maintenance Program
Additions to IM Program (1 New Project)

Commissioner Sansaver moved to approve the Interstate Maintenance Program - Additions to IM Program (1 New Project). Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

08:37 Agenda Item 3: National Highway System Program
Additions to NH Program (3 New Projects)

Commissioner Aspenlieder moved to approve the National Highway System Program - Additions to NH Program (3 New Projects). Commissioner Sansaver seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

08:39 Agenda Item 4: Primary System Program
Additions to STPP Program (2 New Projects)

Commissioner Sansaver moved to approve the Primary System Program - Additions to STPP Program (2 New Projects). Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

08:40 Agenda Item 5: Highway Safety Improvement Program
Additions to HSIP Program (11 New Projects)

Commissioner Aspenlieder moved to approve the Highway Safety Improvement Program - Additions to HSIP Program (11 New Projects). Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

08:42 Agenda Item 6: Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Projects
Additions to TA Program (2 New Projects)

Commissioner Swartz moved to approve the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Projects - Additions to TA Program (2 New Projects). Commissioner Sanders seconded the

motion. Commissioners Swartz, Sanders, Frazier, and Sansaver voted aye. Commissioner Aspenlieder voted nay.

The motion passed.

08:44 Agenda Item 7: Tentative Construction Plan (TCP) Projects
Candidate Projects for Redistribution Funding in FFY 2026

Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the Tentative Construction Plan (TCP) Projects - Candidate Projects for Redistribution Funding in FFY 2026. Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

08:55 Agenda Item 8: Performance Programming Process – Px3
2026 Px3 Analysis - Funding Distribution Recommendations

Commissioner Aspenlieder moved to approve Performance Programming Process – Px3 - 2026 Px3 Analysis - Funding Distribution Recommendations. Commissioner Sansaver seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

08:57 Public Comment

Chairman Frazier paused presentation of Agenda Item 8 to call for public comment. There was none.

Speed Zones

9:41 Agenda Item 9: Speed Limit Recommendation
US 191 / US 12 – Harlowton

Agenda Item 10: Speed Limit Recommendation
MT 41 / MT 287 / Main Street – Twin Bridges

Agenda Item 11: Speed Limit Recommendation
Huffine Lane (N-50) – Bozeman

Agenda Item 14: Speed Limit Recommendation
Secondary 300 (S-300) – Ryegate

Agenda Item 15: Speed Limit Recommendation
MT 1 (P-19) – Anaconda

Commissioner Sansaver moved to bundle agenda item numbers 9, 10, 11, 14, and 15 for discussion. Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sansaver moved to approve agenda item numbers 9, 10, 11, 14, and 15. Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

09:50 Agenda Item 12: Speed Limit Recommendation Interstate 90 (I-90) – Bozeman

Commissioner Sanders moved to approve Speed Limit Recommendation - Interstate 90 (I-90) – Bozeman. Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

10:02 Agenda Item 13: Speed Limit Recommendation East Valley Center (U-1211) – Bozeman

Commissioner Sanders moved to table Speed Limit Recommendation - East Valley Center (U-1211) – Bozeman until after the planned traffic signal for Davis Lane is installed and data can be gathered. Commissioner Aspenlieder seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Business

10:19 Agenda Item 16: Certificates of Completion – May & June 2026

Commissioner Aspenlieder moved to approve the Certificates of Completion – May & June 2026. Commissioner Sansaver seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

10:21 Agenda Item 17: Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes Change

Commissioner Aspenlieder moved to approve the Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes Change. Commissioner Sansaver seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

10:29 Agenda Item 18: Access Control – Belgrade – Urban Improvements – NH 0699(3) – 9057-000 – Gallatin County

Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the Access Control – Belgrade – Urban Improvements – NH 0699(3) – 9057-000 – Gallatin County. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. Commissioner Sanders and Frazier voted aye. Commissioners Swartz, Sansaver, and Aspenlieder voted nay.

The motion failed.

Informational Items

10:45 Agenda Item 19: Director's Discussion

10:53 Agenda Item 20: Change Orders – April, May & June 2026

10:53 Agenda Item 21: Letting Lists

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.