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MACo TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Downtown, Missoula, MT: September 18, 2018

1. **Roll Call & Introductions:** The meeting was called to order, and roll call was conducted via introductions. A quorum was present.
2. **Appoint Temporary Secretary for Duration of Meeting:** Commissioner Richard Dunbar, Phillips County, was appointed temporary secretary.
3. **Approval of Minutes (2018 Midwinter Conference):** There was a motion by Commissioner David Strohmaier, Missoula County, to approve the minutes; Commissioner Tom Berry, Musselshell County, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Review Assigned Resolutions:** The committee had two resolutions assigned for review and recommendation to the membership:
 - **Setting Speed Limits, Missoula County:** Commissioner Jean Curtiss, Missoula County, presented the resolution to the committee and proposed amendments to clarify that the resolution is to allow counties to set speeds at less than 35 MPH on paved roads in suburban subdivisions when warranted by an engineering investigation.
 - Commissioner Strohmaier made a motion to pass the resolution as amended; there was a second. The motion passed unanimously.
 - **Setting Speed Limits in School Zones, Gallatin County:** Commissioner Steve White, Gallatin County presented the resolution to the committee.
 - Commissioner Dunbar made a motion to pass the resolution; Commissioner Strohmaier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Review/Approve Committee Policy Statements:** The committee approved the policy statements with the language suggested by MACo's Community, Economic Development & Labor Committee's regarding airports:
 - *MACo supports airport infrastructure funding that addresses the needs of both primary and non-primary airports due to the economic importance of a strong system of airports.*
 - Commissioner Tony Cox, Sanders County, moved to approve the committee's policy statements as amended. Commissioner George Real Bird III, Big Horn County, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Montana Weed Control Association Update, Karen Laitala, MWCA Representative**
 - Miss Laitala spoke to the committee about the MWCA legislation and MACo's proposed resolution to support the legislation. The resolution was presented in MACo's Agriculture Committee, and it passed so will be in front of the membership for final approval during Wednesday Business Session.

7. Updates from the Montana Department of Transportation

- Gas Tax Revenue, County Compliance & Federal Update: Lynn Zanto, Administrator, MDT Rail, Transit & Planning Division
 - Rules implemented in 2017
 - Local governments need to request by November 1st
 - <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/roadbridge/>
 - New allocations will be made March 1st of each year
- Secondary Roads, Off-System Bridges and FLAP, Wayne Noem, Secondary Roads Engineer
 - Two programs: Highways and Transit Rail
 - Montana receives about 1% of federal funding (approximately \$400 million)
 - Secondary Roads: \$30.8 million, full funding
 - Off-system Bridges: Eleven bridges put on the list
 - FLAP: One year out for all new projects; \$16 million in federal dollars plus match per year

8. Adjourn: There being no further business, the committee adjourned.