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MEETING MINUTES

MACo TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Billings, MT | Billings Hotel & Convention Center | September 27, 2022

1. Roll Call & Introductions

The meeting was called to order and roll call was conducted—a quorum was present, and staff from Senator Daines, Senator Tester, and Congressman Rosendale’s offices introduced themselves.

2. Review & Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Macdonald made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting as presented, and Commissioner McCormick seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review of Assigned Resolutions

→ Clarify That State & County Utility Corridors, Easements & ROWs May be Utilized for Broadband Deployment

The resolution was discussed—no recommendation was needed as it was simply informational.

→ Revise Statutes Related to Abandonment of County Roads

Commissioner Rost, Fallon County, gave the history of and Karen Alley gave clarification and answered questions. Commissioner Rost moved to “do pass” the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion carried.

4. Review/Update/Approve Committee Policy Statements

A motion made by Commissioner Collins to move forward to the membership. Motion seconded by Commissioner Real Bird. Motion carried.

5. Montana Department of Transportation Updates

→ Infrastructure Bill, Kevan Stone, Executive Director, National Association of County Engineers

→ Purpose & Guidelines of the Functional Classification of Roadways, Jeff Streeter, MDT

→ Off-System Bridge Project, Tim Erickson, Project Manager, HDR

→ Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority, David Strohmaier, Missoula County Commissioner

→ Encroachment Permit Draft, Karen Alley, Associate General Counsel, Montana Association of Counties

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MACO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Ostlund, Co-chair, Yellowstone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darrel Folkvord, Broadwater	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roy Rost, Fallon
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Collins, Garfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim McCormick, Lewis & Clark	<input type="checkbox"/> John Anderson, MACRS Rep., Fergus
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<input type="checkbox"/> Doug Crachy, Powell	<input type="checkbox"/> John Olson, Powder River	<input type="checkbox"/> Karen Laitala, MWCA Rep., Powell
<input type="checkbox"/> Frank DePriest, Blaine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Real Bird III, Big Horn	