

MAIN STREET MONTANA PROJECT

A BUSINESS PLAN

For Montana by Montanans

Main Street Montana Project (MSMP) Transportation KIN

Friday May 26, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

301 S. Park – Department of Commerce – Room 228

Helena MT 59601

Agenda

- 9:30 AM** **Welcome and Introductions**
Co-Chairs, and KIN members- Jason Matheny, Tom Walsh
- 9:40 AM** **Presentations related to Action Plan Items A: Access to Private and Public Capital and Tax Policy, B: Workforce, Education, and Training, C: Innovation in the Transportation Sector, D: Cross-KIN opportunities, and E: Business Climate Improvements**
Note: depending on the availability of presenter, order of presentations may change
- *Items B and E: Update on Transportation worker development safety programs, and upcoming college projection release: Department of Labor & Industry, (MTDLI): Commissioner Pam Bucy*
 - *Item B and D: Update on Workforce Recommendations under State Workforce Innovation Board (SWIB) and on Cross-kin collaborative opportunities: Shannon Lewis (MTDLI) via phone*
 - *Items B, C and E: Update on national requirements, CDL and other licensing, hazmat and other training offerings, fingerprinting locations, and enhanced/streamlined services for transportation industry: MT Department of Justice (DOJ), Patrick McJannet*
 - *Item A: Update on Financial Services KIN - Access to Capital and 2017 Legislation: Tom Kaiserski, Department of Commerce (MT DOC) and Mary Craigle (MTDLI)*
 - *Item C and E: Discussion on Transportation Sector Innovation, Infrastructure and Business Climate Department of Transportation (MDOT): Director Mike Tooley, Director Pam Haxby-Cote (DOC), Lynn Zanto (MDOT), Tom Kaiserski (DOC)*
- 11:00 AM** **Break**
- 11:10 AM** **Presentations continued**

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- 12:30 AM** **Lunch and Discussion with Lt. Governor Mike Cooney**
- 1:00 PM** **Prioritization and Next Steps for Transportation KIN Action Plan**
Review of Action Items and Development of KIN Recommendations
Discussion Facilitated by Mary Craige, MTDLI
- 2:30 PM** **Break**
- 2:40 PM** **Prioritization and Next Steps Continued**
- 3:45 PM** **Where Do We Go from Here?**
- 4:00 PM** **Adjourn**

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Action Plan

KIN Action Plan Items Group A: Access to Private and Public Capital and Tax Policy

Better Access and Awareness of Capital including:

- Enhanced, Flexible and Stable State & Federal Funding
 - Funding beyond existing levels and requirements of state programs for local communities, industries in distress
 - Educate businesses on capital options

Tax Policy

- Review tax treatment of transportation
- Employer Tax Incentives
 - Local Option / City & County Funding
 - Gas Tax – innovative ideas as fuel efficiency lowering returns

KIN Action Plan Items Group B: Workforce, Education, and Training

Workforce Development

- Attracting and retaining employees
- Partnership among Private, Public, Unions

Trainings

- Safety Training needed (ready mix, big haul, etc.)
- Frequency and Availability of Licensing Trainings Needs Improvements (Hazmat, Trucking Licensing)

KIN Action Plan Items Group C: Innovation

Technological opportunities within Transportation Sector

- Strengthen networks
- Increase exports types and amounts
- Teaming opportunities ideas for improving infrastructure
- Public communication on the benefits of transportation developments to combat vocal minority / misinformation

KIN Action Plan Items Group D: Cross-Kin Working

- Keep sectors strong and growing as markets change
- Increase community cooperation on attracting business and workforce
- Provide a common forum for information and resources

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KIN Action Plan Items Group E: Business Climate Improvements

- Regional outreach to other states to build coalitions especially northern corridor
- Coordination of transportation in shipping especially for smaller companies and pulse crops
- Air service research leading to more viable intra/interstate flights
- Research into what industries are growth areas to increase product shipping that drive transportation
- Develop a Statewide capital improvement plan (TranPlanMT provides broad goals)
- Identify and mitigate legal barriers /disincentives that hamper transportation growth including employment laws, Railroad compensation Law