

**Montana Transportation Commission  
Minutes  
January 27, 2026**

The Montana Transportation Commission met via Zoom on January 27. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Frazier at 9 a.m. with the following participants:

Kody Swartz, Commissioner (District 1)  
 Shane Sanders, Commissioner (District 2)  
 Loran Frazier, Commissioner (District 3)  
 Noel Sansaver, Commissioner (District 4)  
 Scott Aspenlieder, Commissioner (District 5)  
 Chris Dorrington, MDT Director  
 Larry Flynn, MDT Deputy Director  
 Dustin Rouse, MDT  
 Valerie Balukas, MDT  
 Dave Gates, MDT  
 Doug McBroom, MDT  
 Jess Bousliman, MDT  
 Mike Taylor, MDT  
 Geno Liva, MDT  
 Jim Wingerter, MDT  
 Shane Mintz, MDT  
 John Schmidt, MDT  
 Brandon Jones, MDT  
 Erik Martini, MDT  
 Tyler Moss, MDT  
 Erika Wimmer, MDT  
 Aubrey Yerger, MDT  
 Wade Salyards, MDT  
 Michele Morgenroth, MDT  
 Paul Johnson, MDT  
 Brooklyn Bennett, MDT  
 Kylee Hughes, MDT

Dave Gates presented information regarding the staff recommendations for the following projects:

**1. Letting: January 15, 2026**

Call	Project Number	UPN	Project Description	Working Days	District	Bid Amount	Contractor
101	SSS-NHFP-IM-NHPB 90-1(251)0	9487001	LOOKOUT PASS - EAST	320 WORKING DAYS	Missoula	\$48,680,000.00	KNIFE RIVER CORPORATION - MOUNTAIN WEST
102	STPP-FLA 3-2(102)34	9343000	CHOTEAU - SOUTH	180 WORKING DAYS	Great Falls	\$17,597,869.00	M.A. DEATLEY CONSTRUCTION, INC.
103	IM 90-9(148)54 4	10221000	WYOMING LINE - NORTH	60 WORKING DAYS	Billings	\$2,969,462.70	RIVERSIDE CONTRACTING, INC.

104	STPB 543- 1(3)2	9779000	VAIL CREEK - 2M N JORDAN	100 WORKING DAYS	Glendive	\$1,066,402.73	TCA GROUP INC
105	TA 22(49)	10447000	SIDEWALKS PHASE II- WHITEHALL	35 WORKING DAYS	Butte	\$387,109.10	HOFFMANS R & M SERVICES, LLC
106	HSIP 78- 1(27)16	9599000	SF 179 CURVES S OF ROSCOE	30 WORKING DAYS	Billings	\$140,443.80	MONTANA LINES, INC. - GFLS

Commissioner Sansaver moved to approve call numbers 101-106 as recommended by staff. Commissioner Swartz seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted aye.

**2. Minutes: December 11, 2025**

Commissioner Aspenlieder moved to approve the December 11, 2025 minutes. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted aye.

**3. UPN 10276001: DAR CP1: Award Recommendation Memo**

Commissioner Aspenlieder moved to approve UPN 10276001: DAR CP1: Award Recommendation Memo. Commissioner Sansaver seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted aye.

**4. SBE/DBE Update – Informational Only**

**5. Informational Only**

An informational only item was added to update the Commissioners on the Johnson Lane Billings Bypass CMGC project. The project will now be administered as a Design/Bid/Build project instead of a CMGC project.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.