



# *Executive Leadership Team Meeting*

## **Statewide Impaired Driving Plan**

June 27, 2023

### Attendees:

Lauri Bakri, Motor Vehicle Administrator, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
Mark Wlazlak, Department of Corrections  
Sgt Ryan Janes, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)- DOJ  
Director Mack Long, ELT Chair, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)  
Dwight Nelson, Traffic Education, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
Senator Barry Usher  
Pam Langve-Davis, CHSP Manager & ELT secretary, MDT  
Invited:  
Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, MDT  
Rob Stapley, Administrator, Rail Transit & Planning Division, MDT

**Meeting purpose:** Approval of the Statewide Impaired Driving Plan. The Executive Leadership Team (ELT) serves as the Statewide DUI Task Force and is responsible for approving the Statewide Impaired Driving Work Plan.

Following introduction there were no public stakeholders logged in to the virtual meeting and as such there was no public comment.

Kevin Dusko, Impaired Driving program coordinator provided a recap of the ELT's May 24, 2023, meeting and Statewide Impaired Driving Plan documents. Dusko reiterated that Montana is classified as a high-range state for alcohol-impaired driving fatalities. High-range classification are for states that have a .60 or higher for alcohol-impaired driving fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled. Montana was at .64 for the calendar years of 2018-2020 (Fatality Analysis Reporting System Data).

There are extra federal requirements for high-range states to receive Impaired Driving Counter Measure funding from the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA). In addition to having a Statewide Impaired Driving Task Force with Authority (Executive Leadership Team), the extra requirements include:

- Impaired Driving Statewide Plan that adheres to the NHTSA's Programmatic Guide for Impaired Driving.
- Conduct an Impaired Driving Assessment & provide the State's Responses to assessment recommendations.
- Projects that will be Implemented with NHTSA funding related to Impaired Driving Activities.
- Description of spending and projects implemented for impaired driving activities contribute to the State's performance targets.

All requirements have been included in Montana's Statewide Impaired Driving Plan.

The May meeting material and approved minutes were distributed June 8, 2023. The documents that make up the Statewide Impaired Driving Plan, including the impaired driving projects document were distributed on June 20, 2023, to the Executive Leadership Team for review.

Neither Dusko or ELT secretary Pam Langve-Davis received any comments, questions, concerns or disapproval of any portion, section, or the plan as a whole.



Director Long called for approval of the Plan with an eye sign or show of hands. The ELT members in attendance all agreed in favor of approving the Statewide Impaired Driving Plan as written.

Before and immediately after the meeting the ELT secretary received emails from members that had meeting conflicts and sent their approval of the Statewide Impaired Driving Plan as written.

Before the meeting an email was received by Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys Association stated review of all documents and if “not substantially or substantively changed, voted to approve the Statewide Impaired Driving Work Plan.”

David Gerard, Deputy Director, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services sent an email in advance stating, “DPHHS concurs with the recommendations as outlined – the Department approves the Impaired Driving Work Plan provided.”

Following the meeting, Judge Mary Jane Knisely sent an email stating, “I have reviewed the plan and I approve.” Under Sheriff Scott Van Dyken, Montana Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association (MSPOA) representative provided an email of approval of plan as written.

The ELT members that responded provided a quorum in approving the Statewide Impaired Driving Plan.

#### **Next Meeting**

The 2023 Annual Transportation Safety Planning meeting is scheduled for October 4 & 5, 2023, at the Delta Colonial Hotel in Helena was shared with the group.

The ELT was asked if meeting following the second day would work for their schedules. All responded the date would work. The next ELT meeting will be scheduled for October 5, 2023, to discuss what was heard and compare notes, including program implementation and merging trends; to determine potential collaboration on efforts to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries on Montana’s roads.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.