

SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 27th, 2026

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Members Present: Adam Stuart, A.W.A.R.E., Inc.
Elizabeth Wehling, Mountain Line
Tami Hoar, Summit Independent Living
Tom Thompson, Consumer Advocate
Brandon Viall, Missoula Vocational Rehab
Charlie Menefee, Missoula MPO
Chris Hightower, Missoula Aging Services
Paige Kerwin, ASUM Transportation
Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living
Glenn Ingram, Missoula MPO

Guests: Hoyle McCallum, Mountain Line
Olga Kreimer, Mountain Line

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

10:33 AM Hoar called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.

2.0 Public Comment

None.

3.0 Regular Business

3.1 Approval of February 27th, 2026 meeting Minutes

Viall mentioned that Vocational Rehab can take applications, but they will be put on a waitlist until further notice. Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes with edits for February 27th, 2026, seconded by Viall. The motion carried unanimously.

3.2 Mountain Line ADA Paratransit Rider Guide Updates & Review

Kreimer gave an overview of the changes to the Rider Guide, including updates to language, flow, and formatting. Hoar and Hoffman suggested clarifying the Companions and Personal Care Attendants section. Viall asked if the guide would be available in a screen reader-friendly format. Kreimer said it would. Hoar made a motion to approve the rider guide with edits. Viall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3.3 Transportation Alternatives Grant Program

Menefee gave an overview of the MPO Transportation Alternatives Program discretionary grant. The program is accepting applications until April 30th, including non-profits with a sponsoring agency. Project proposals should focus on bike, pedestrian, or ADA accessibility within the urbanized area and include cost estimates and construction timelines. Wehling asked for examples, which Menefee provided.

3.4 Mountain Line Update

Wehling provided an update on their operator training for upcoming service changes. The Farmer's Market Trolley will run from May through October from the X's Downtown to the Fairgrounds. The Marshall Mountain shuttle will begin in May and run throughout the Summer, weather dependent. McCallum shared that the Paratransit vehicles failed inspections again, and the vendors have been contacted and given a timeline to rectify the issues.

3.5 Summit Update

Hoar shared that they are waiting on contractors for exterior construction timelines. Hoffman shared that they finished the Missoula County ADA and disability etiquette training. The ADA picnic will be this summer, and Summit is exploring potential tabling options.

3.6 Update on city planning efforts & current projects

Menefee shared that the MPO had adopted the Reserve Street Action Plan and the Public Participation Plan. Initial decisions for the capital improvement program and budgeting are in progress. The Downtown Safety Access and Mobility Grant is in the final stages of design. Components could begin later this year.

3.7 ASUM Update

Kerwin shared an update on the fee increase campaign that will begin in early April. Students will vote in the third week of April, and Kerwin will provide an update of the results at the next meeting. If the fee does not pass, ASUM Transportation will have staff and service reductions. Kerwin also gave an update on current staffing changes.

3.7 Other business & announcements

Wehling commented on the committee's participation and on the impact of advocating for individuals across various projects. Viall asked about micro-transit options that Mountain Line does not serve. McCallum shared that there has not been any progress on that project.

Next meeting April 24th, 2026