BIG SKY ROAD ASSOCIATION

MONTANA HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION

Member Services Guide

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MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK · 2026 EDITION

Connecting Public & Private Transportation Leaders

The Big Sky Road Association represents the combined expertise of highway general contractors, engineering consultants, materials manufacturers, and public agency partners across Montana and the northern Rocky Mountain region. Our mission is to advance safer, smarter, and more resilient highway development through technical cooperation.

This guide details available association services, committee rosters, safety training programs, and market intelligence publications. Member firms receive priority access to specialized certifications, regulatory alerts, legislative updates, and technical roundtables held throughout the year.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

- Prime Contractors & Heavy Civil Builders
- Consulting Engineers & Surveying Firms
- Materials Suppliers, Aggregates & Asphalt Producers
- Public Transportation Agency Partners
- Technology Vendors & Roadside Systems
- Academic & Research Affiliates

MEMBER PRIVILEGES & VALUE

40+
Annual Technical Sessions

100%
ATSSA Accredited Training

6
Technical Working Groups

CORE INITIATIVES

Member Programs & Services Directory

Advocacy & Legislative Representation

Policy Division

- Helena Legislative Monitoring: Real-time tracking of transportation appropriations and gas tax reform.
- Agency Liaison Meetings: Bi-monthly alignment roundtables with MDT district administrators.
- Environmental & Permitting Assistance: Navigating NEPA, clean water, and cultural resource clearances.

Safety Training & Workforce Certifications

Safety Division

- Work Zone Traffic Control: Certification for flaggers, supervisors, and design engineers.
- Winter Driving Operations: Practical training on anti-icing fluids and mountain passes.
- Roadway Departure Countermeasures: High-friction treatments and rumble strip installation standards.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

Innovation Division

- Corridor Telemetry: Field deployment standards for solar-powered camera poles and sensors.
- Connected Vehicle Pilots: Dedicated short-range roadside radios for emergency vehicles.
- Market Data & Benchmarks: Quarterly construction cost indexes and heavy civil labor statistics.

ANNUAL BIG SKY ROAD SUMMIT

Every February, over 400 highway engineers, general superintendents, and equipment distributors gather in Bozeman for technical tracks coverin

Registration opens each October with special complimentary admission passes for all voting member organizations.

MEMBER INQUIRIES

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: How do I become a member?

Prospective members can apply online or contact our Bozeman office directly. Membership tiers are tailored for heavy civil contractors, engineering consultants, materials suppliers, and equipment dealers operating throughout Montana and the Rocky Mountain region.

Q: Do you represent individual contractors or firms?

Our primary membership consists of corporate firms and contracting organizations. However, individual licensed professionals, independent consulting engineers, and academic researchers may join through specialized associate memberships.

Q: Can public agencies join?

State, tribal, and local transportation agencies participate as non-voting agency partners. This partnership allows agency engineers and maintenance superintendents to take part in technical working groups, safety roundtables, and research initiatives alongside private contractors.

Q: How can a technology vendor partner with you?

Technology providers offering roadside sensors, dynamic signage, software analytics, or winter operations hardware can join as technology partners. Partners have opportunities to demonstrate systems in field pilots, sponsor technical committees, and present at the Big Sky Road Summit.

NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE?

Our member services desk is staffed Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Mountain Time.

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