

Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14th, 2019

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Location: Hal Fraser Conference Room, 140 W. Pine

Attendees: Karen Gasvoda (City of Missoula, Office of Neighborhoods), Bob Giordano (co-chair), Emily Jensen (co-chair), Fred Rice, Dan Doyle, Ike Moody

1. Introductions of all present. - *Tom Carlson (Secretary) was unable to attend so Emily will be taking minutes.*

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items – *Emily updated the committee that the art mural on the soil wall at the Van Buren Interchange will be completed in July. Fred mentioned that although MDT added a keep left sign before the Van Buren I-90 westbound on-ramp, people do not seem to be paying attention. The new sound wall that was added creates many blind spots and combined with a short on-ramp seems to be very dangerous. It was suggested that the emergency lane/shoulder may be widened in the area, because it is very narrow, however is unsure of the highway standards.*

3. Approval of Minutes of April 9th, 2019 – *Minutes were approved.*

4. Approval of Agenda – *Approved with no modifications.*

5. Bringing Plans Together (this includes a proposal to update the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study, item #14g) – *Dan put together a draft questionnaire. Bob suggested we finalize it and then talk about how to disperse it.*

Bob thinks the mission statement is great, but wonders if we should add the word enjoyable to the sentence “The mission of this committee of volunteers is to promote safe, efficient, and accessible transportation...” We all agreed we like short and concise the questionnaire is. Dan explained that the formatting looks much different on the online version. He explained he put the motor vehicle section first to attract people who drive. He also explained that he thought about adding school buses to the public transit section but Ben Weiss suggested not to. Emily asked if the examples, such as (Corner of Lolo St. and Duncan Dr.) skews peoples input. Ike thought it was a good idea to have potential examples to spark people’s thoughts. We decided to add a sentence to the second intro paragraph that says “This questionnaire will help guide future projects in the Rattlesnake Valley.” Karen said she would make that edit. We talked about if we should add contact info for people who may have questions irrelevant to the questionnaire and decided that there will be a link for people to email the committee and other non-digital questions will be sent to the Office of Neighborhoods. Bob suggested we change the second sentence in the second paragraph to read “...in the Rattlesnake Valley on streets, sidewalks, and trails...”

Bob made a motion to adopt the version of the questionnaire. Fred seconded the motion.

Karen said she will send the questionnaire to the list serves. She also mentioned that there will be postcards going out already during the Candidate Forums in the fall, and it would not be hard to separate the message on the post card from the Grant Creek Office of Neighborhood.

The committee discussed that hard copies would be available at the Office of Neighborhoods due to challenges and difficulties with dispersing or having them in stacks at businesses. We also discussed there is no need to put an end date on the questionnaire but that we will spread the word that we will be collecting all input until the end of the calendar year.

The next meeting will be in the Hal Fraser Conference Room on Tuesday, June 11th from 5:30pm-7pm.