

Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2017

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: Rattlesnake Market & Café
2501 Rattlesnake Dr.
Missoula, MT 59802

Attendees: Bob Giordano (Co-chair), Emily Jensen (Co-chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Hans Hoffman, Dan Doyle, Karen Gasvoda (Office of Neighborhoods), Ben Weiss (Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager)

NEXT MEETING: November 8, 2017, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, at the Rattlesnake Market and Cafe

1. Introductions of all attendees
2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – *none received*
3. Approval of [June 14, 2017](#) and [September 12, 2017](#) meeting minutes - *approved*
4. Approval of Agenda - *approved*
5. Bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety – Broadway/Van Buren – Ben Weiss, Bicycle/Ped Program Manager ([Note – see summary of city proposal to modify pathways along Van Buren Street and crossing at East Broadway in minutes of Sep. 12 meeting](#)) - *Ben Weiss described the proposal to widen the shared use path on the west side of Van Buren, south of I-90 for two-way bike/ped. travel by eliminating the existing on road bike lane on southbound Van Buren Street, adding a bump-out on the NW corner of the Van Buren/East Broadway intersection to decrease crossing distance and increase visibility of bikers and peds., and installing a painted box on the southwest side of the intersection for bikers heading east on Broadway. Rapid flashing lights and signage would be installed where the shared use paths cross the I-90 entrance and exit ramps.*

The committee voted to support the proposal for right-sizing the paths, streets, and intersection for the benefit of all users. Hans will work with Ben to draft a letter from the committee to MDT, the City Engineer, and City Council reps.

6. Concerns for traffic during the 2018 summer reconstruction of Van Buren Street and the I-90 interchange – *Discussed possible effects of street closures and detours. Karen will determine who the committee should contact in the city organization with questions or input.*
7. Discuss ways to communicate and share information effectively between Committee members ([Note - this item may be deleted from future meeting agendas.](#)) – *Clarified that e-mail may be used by the committee for information sharing but may not be used for discussion or decision making.*

8. Connecting trails – Clark Fork to Recreation Area – *The committee would like to meet with Donna Gaulkler (Parks and Recreation) or staff to inquire about process of needed easements. Karen will invite Donna/staff to the next meeting.*

Potential easements include: Alvina Drive to Cales Court, Carcass Corner (Old Duncan Drive) to the trailhead at the end of Duncan Drive, and others.

9. Transit service improvements, including snow issues at bus stops – *Currently Mtn. Line responds to snow removal needs on a request based system. Bob will draft a letter from the committee to request a policy change to ensure regular snow removal at bus stops.*

10. I-90 sound wall - *no discussion* – [Note](#) - remove this topic from future agendas

11. Alvina to Lolo Street (on Greenough Drive) bike and walkways – *Ben Weiss had previously offered to hold a design charrette to discuss ideas, possible designs, and need for surveys, rights of way, etc. Tom C. will draft a letter from the committee to Ben Weiss to initiate the process.*

12. Missoula Avenue, Monroe Street, and Duncan Drive speeding and safety. [Note](#) – remove this topic from future agendas

13. Deer on Greenough Drive – *no discussion* [Note](#) – remove this topic from future agendas

14. Van Buren/Front intersection safety – *Discussed a related issue at the intersection of Front Street and the new bike/ped. trail between the Double Tree Inn parking lot and Madison Street. Better signage and cross-walk identification is needed to alert drivers of bike/ped. traffic.*

15. Vine/Greenough trail entry safety – *At the September 12 meeting Ben Weiss had introduced a plan to move the trail entry east on Vine Street. Some committee members have concerns for safety with this design as drivers will not be expecting a mid-block crossing. There is potential for a below grade under-crossing to alleviate conflicts with Vine Street vehicle traffic. More discussion and input to Ben W. is needed.*

16. Psyllium and sustainable paving Greenough Park – *No response yet from Parks and Recreation to Bob's inquiry and the need to re-do a portion of work that was done incorrectly.*

Note – There was no discussion of any of the following agenda items due to time constraints:

17. Pentachlorophenol safety issue on Greenough Bridge

18. Madison pedestrian bridge to Greenough Park connection

19. Improve the turnoff for northbound bikes from Van Buren onto Missoula Avenue

20. Bulbouts and bicycle safety at Rattlesnake School
21. Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Lincoln Hills.
22. Lack of parking for the Syringa Park bike park and the soccer fields along Lincoln Hills Drive
23. Discussion of Long Range Transportation Plan and Bicycle Facilities Master Plan letters
24. Winter walkway and bikeway maintenance
25. Madison Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project
26. Moving of the railway yard out of its present location
27. Need for Griz game day parking restrictions
28. Need for roundabout at the intersection of Lolo Street and Rattlesnake Drive
29. Driver confusion with the three-way stop at the Rattlesnake Drive/Lincolnwood intersection

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