

Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 9, 2018

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: City Council Chambers

140 W Pine

Missoula, MT 59802

1. Introductions – Bob Giordano (co-chair), Emily Jensen (co-chair), Tom Carlson (secretary), Dan Doyle, Fred Rice, Katherine Auge, Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods), and Nick Garcia (KECI reporter)
2. Van Buren Street Soil Wall – Katherine Auge: *Emily is preparing a grant application for funding to create artwork for the soil retaining wall to be located near the eastbound entrance ramp to I-90. Letters of support from neighborhood residents and the committee would be helpful for the grant process. A motion to support the grant process was passed and Tom agreed to write a letter for the committee to the Office of Neighborhoods.*
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - *none*
4. Approval of September 11, 2018 meeting minutes. – *approved without modification*
5. Approval of Agenda – *approved with a priority for items 6-14.*
6. Mountain View Drive/Woodland Drive – make path at the west end of Mountain View a permanent pedestrian-only right-of-way or conversion to an official city “trail” – *See notes from September 11 committee meeting regarding lack of permit application by the developer and Bryan von Lossberg's response that any future driveway would access the property from Woodland Ave.*

The committee is not certain whether the existing section of Mtn. View Drive that is used as a trail has a road right-of-way. Fred will research this question and the committee will continue to monitor the progress of the proposed development.
7. Speed Study on Lolo Street – *Chad Pancake (city Traffic Services) has indicated that vehicle counters will be installed after the Van Buren/I-90 interchange project is completed in order to more accurately measure traffic on Lolo Street.*
8. Van Buren Street Interchange – *There is a need to monitor for bike/ped. safety concerns after construction is complete. Ben Weiss (city Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator) agrees with monitoring need and suggested that the project could be incorporated into the bi-annual bike/ped. census already being conducted. The committee approved a motion to follow-up with Ben and explore the opportunity to develop survey questions.*
9. Van Buren Street Construction Phase III, improve the turnoff onto Missoula Avenue – *After construction was completed there were pavement markings that created an unsafe constraint for southbound bicyclists and vehicles that did not appear on the designs previously reviewed by the committee. Just today a portion of the pavement markings were removed but the unsafe condition had not been remedied. The committee edited and approved a draft letter written by Dan Doyle to be sent to the Ben Weiss, city engineers, and City council representatives expressing concern for this situation. The committee also agreed to continue monitoring and members were urged to inspect the site prior to the next meeting.*
10. Missoula Ave. one-way to Lolo and one-way to Van Buren at Richard Street – *no new information or discussion*

11. Removing Double Yellow Center Lines on Low Volume Streets, to Decrease Speeding and Increase Safety – *The committee approved a motion to invite city staff to the next meeting to discuss a pilot project.*
12. Bringing Plans Together (this includes a proposal to update the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study, item #14g) – *The committee identified a need to coordinate with Ben Weiss and Aaron Wilson (city transportation lead) to determine how to move this effort forward. The committee also determined that this item should be a priority for discussion at the next meeting. Jane will invite Aaron Wilson to attend.*
13. Brainstorm ways to increase awareness of this committee – *Jane will work with a work study student to increase emphasis on the city Facebook page. Tom will post the meeting on the Next-door Rattlesnake website.*
14. Identify next meeting date, place and time and prioritize discussion items. – *Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2018 in the Jack Reidy Conference Room, 200 West Pine Street, Missoula, MT, 5:30 – 7:00pm. Priorities for discussion will be a discussion of how to update existing plans, the Missoula Ave./Van Buren Street bike and turn lane conflict, and I-90/Van Buren Street interchange updates.*

There was no discussion of the items listed below except as indicated.

15. The following items may be discussed:

- a. Connecting trails, Clark Fork to Recreation Area
- b. Bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety – Broadway/Van Buren
- c. Concerns for traffic during the 2018 summer reconstruction of Van Buren Street and the I-90 interchange
- d. Alvina to Lolo Street (on Greenough Drive) bike and walkways
- e. Van Buren/Front intersection safety – *Fred informed the committee that Ben Weiss indicated that the city is considering redesigning the intersection.*
- f. Vine/Greenough trail entry safety
- g. Updating the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study
- h. Psyllium and sustainable paving Greenough Park
- i. Pentachlorophenol safety issue on Greenough Bridge
- j. Madison pedestrian bridge to Greenough Park connection
- k. Bulbouts and bicycle safety at Rattlesnake School
- l. Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Lincoln Hills.
- m. Lack of parking for the Syringa Park bike park and the soccer fields along Lincoln Hills Drive
- n. Winter walkway and bikeway maintenance, and transit service improvements, including snow issues at bus stops
- o. Moving of the railway yard out of its present location
- p. Need for Griz game day parking restrictions
- q. Need for roundabout at the intersection of Lolo Street and Rattlesnake Drive
- r. Driver confusion with the three-way stop at the Rattlesnake Drive/Lincolnwood intersection

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