

Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: Hal Fraser Conference Room

140 W Pine

Missoula, MT 59802

1. Introductions – *Karen Gasvoda (Office of Neighborhoods), Bob Giordano (Co-Chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Fred Rice, Dan Doyle, Ike Moody,*
2. Approval of Agenda - *Approved*
3. Approval of [March 13, 2019](#) meeting minutes – *Approved with no modifications*
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items –

Sawmill Gulch Road Maintenance – Residents are requesting that the county take over management of the road leading to the Sawmill Gulch Trailhead. The committee decided to take no action at this time.

City trail closure – City Parks and Recreation will bring to city council a proposal to modify the existing ordinance that closes primary unlighted trails at 11pm. The new ordinance would allow primary trails to be open 24 hours each day. Conservation land trails currently close at 11pm. The commenter spoke in favor of allowing all public trails to be open 24 hours.

Greenough Drive Design Plan – Ben Weiss previously indicated that he would lead a public process during spring or early summer of 2019. Karen will inquire.

5. Bringing Plans Together (this includes a proposal to update the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study, item #14g) -

Criteria Checklist for prioritizing projects: The checklist was discussed and modifications were proposed at the March 2019 committee meeting. A draft was included with the minutes of that meeting. Clarifications on the risk and density factors were obtained from city staff. The committee took no action on whether to utilize the original checklist contained in the 2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study or the revised version from the March 2019 meeting.

Public Input Process for updating the 2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study:

- *The city has a web based questionnaire format and data management system that can be used to solicit input in response to specific questions.*
- *The committee's goal is to collect public input during the summer and early fall of 2019.*

- *The questionnaire can be marketed using a variety of methods including the city e-mail list for the neighborhood, the Nextdoor Neighborhood website, posters at the Rattlesnake Market and Café and elsewhere, personal surveys, announcements at the Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council general meetings, and possibly the candidate forum postcard.*
- *The questionnaire should include an introduction that describes the intended use (to update the 2011 study), explains that it applies to all modes of transportation (vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian, bus), identifies the priorities of safety and accessibility (the ability of people to utilize a transportation system) and that it applies to all purposes (i.e. commuting, recreation, getting to school, etc.).*
- *The questionnaire will be designed to gather information that allows the committee to identify specific situations and concerns by location.*

Dan will review the city format and data system and draft a questionnaire for review by the committee at the May, 2019 meeting.

There was no discussion of any of the following items except as noted:

6. Mountain View Drive/Woodland Drive – make path at the west end of Mountain View a permanently pedestrian-only right-of-way or conversion to an official city “trail”
7. Speed Study on Lolo Street

Lolo Street speed study – City Traffic Services previously indicated that a speed study would be conducted soon after the snow melted this spring but it has not yet begun. Karen will inquire.

8. Van Buren Street Interchange
9. Van Buren Street Construction Phase III, improve the turnoff onto Missoula Avenue

Van Buren Ave. /Missoula Ave. intersection - The city plans for reconstruction have been made available. The city has not yet relocated the 25mph speed limit sign for southbound Van Buren Ave. to match the location of the northbound 30 mph sign.

10. Missoula Ave. one-way to Lolo and one-way to Van Buren at Richard Street
11. Removing Double Yellow Center Lines on Low Volume Streets, to Decrease Speeding and Increase Safety
12. Brainstorm ways to increase awareness of this committee
13. Identify next meeting date, place and time and prioritize discussion items.

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14. 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
- 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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