

# Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: Hal Fraser Conference Room

140 W Pine

Missoula, MT 59802

1. Introductions – *Bob Giordano (Co-chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Dan Doyle, Ike Moody, Fred Rice, Karen Gasvoda (Office of Neighborhoods)*
2. Approval of Agenda - *Prioritized for discussion items # 5, 7, 8,9,13.*
3. Approval of [June 11, 2019](#) meeting minutes – *Approved with no changes*
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – *Comments generated by those present:*
  - *Complaints from residents of vehicles speeding on Poplar Street between Monroe and Van Buren when train backs up traffic.*
  - *Missoula Avenue bike lanes north of Herbert Street are in disrepair and mostly unusable.*
  - *Applications for large grants (\$6000 or more) are due October 29. There is a workshop scheduled for September 16.*
  - *Applications for small grants (less than \$500) may be submitted anytime.*
  - *Phase 1 of the Syringa Bike Park has been completed.*
5. Bringing Plans Together (this includes a proposal to update the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study, item #14g)
  - *Questionnaire will be available for public response until Oct. 31.*
  - *Currently there have been almost 500 responses from approximately 120 people.*
  - *Discussion of how to make people aware of opportunity to respond:*
    - *Post on Nextdoor Neighborhood website (Tom)*
    - *Re-post as needed at neighborhood trailheads and Rattlesnake Market and Café (Tom)*
    - *Post at Hellgate High School (Fred).*
    - *Post at Black Coffee Roasting Co. and The Break (Bob)*
    - *Post at Orange Street Food Farm and The Good Food Store (Bob)*
    - *Post at Missoula International School and Rattlesnake Elementary School (Tom)*
    - *Include in Candidate Forum postcards if possible (Karen)*
    - *Talk with neighbors to make them aware (All)*
    - *Provide info. at Sunday Streets Missoula (Bob)*
    - *Produce additional posters and small hand out cards (Karen)*

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 – *This hasn't yet happened as promised by city Traffic Services. Karen will follow-up with Chad Pancake.*
8. Van Buren Street Interchange –
  - *No knowledge of crash reports since winter when vehicles caused damage to signs.*
  - *Last winter water ponded and froze on sidewalks causing at least one pedestrian to fall and sustain injury. MDT was consulted and reportedly addressed drainage issue. Also, no de-icer is used on new construction during first year.)*
  - *Merging traffic on west bound entrance ramp continues to be challenging due to short steep ramp with limited sight distance. MDT installed a sign for westbound I-90 traffic that reportedly is poorly placed (too close to entrance ramp merge zone.)*
9. Van Buren Street Construction Phase III, improve the turnoff onto Missoula Avenue –
  - *Reconstruction of intersection allows more room for bike travel southbound but requires vehicles to jog right to avoid northbound left turn lane. Traffic control is currently accomplished by pavement paint only. Flexible delineators may be needed especially during periods when paint is no longer visible.*
  - *The existing 25 mph sign for southbound traffic was to be relocated to match the 30 mph for northbound traffic per Ben Weiss, but this has reportedly not yet occurred. Karen will follow-up.*
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 –

*October 8, 2019, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, Hal Fraser Conference room, 140 West Pine Street.*

*Suggestions for future meetings:*

  - *Invite Ben Weiss to October meeting to discuss I-90 and van Buren Ave. issues.*
  - *Invite city and state transportation staff to a future meeting to discuss I-90 and van Buren Ave. issues.*
  - *Focus on questionnaire responses and building draft plan at November meeting.*
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 (*DELETE from agenda*)
  - 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 binder and sustainable paving in Greenough Park – *City plans to reconstruct washed out trail sections and will use decomposed granite or gravel without a binder, according to Morgan Valiant. (DELETE from agenda)*
- 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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