

Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes -

Date: January 14, 2020

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: Rattlesnake Café

2501 Rattlesnake Dr

Missoula, MT 59802

1. Introductions: *Emily Jensen (Co-Chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Dan Doyle, June Siple, Ike Moody*

2. Approval of Agenda: *Approved with items 5,7, and 8 as priority for discussion. There was no discussion of any other agenda items.*

3. Approval of December 10, 2019 meeting minutes: *Approved with no changes.*

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: *The 25 mph speed limit sign and the 25 mph speed ahead signs for southbound motorists on Van Buren Ave. have been relocated further north to match the northbound 30 mph speed limit sign as previously requested by the committee.*

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

- *Emily had placed all public responses from the 2019 questionnaire into a spreadsheet using Google Drive. She will re-send the spreadsheet and allow access to committee members.*
- *The committee decided to work with the public response spreadsheet using the locations identified by the questionnaire and used in the spreadsheet rather than the four quadrant approach used in the 2011 study.*
- *Committee members will review the public responses by transportation type (motor vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, etc.), consolidate similar responses, and assign a rating to rank the identified projects for priority based on the “Criteria Checklist for Road Sections” that was previously reviewed and edited. (Tom will re-send the checklist to committee members.)*
- *Committee members will present and review the ratings at the February meeting using the electronic display screen in the Hal Fraser Conference Room. Committee members should bring their work on a memory stick for use with the city lap top.*
- *Committee members present agreed to review and rate public responses as follows:*
 - *Public Transportation – Ike*
 - *Pedestrians – Dan*
 - *Bicyclists – June (I-90 to Mid-Rattlesnake, Emily (from Middle Rattlesnake north).*
 - *Motor vehicles – Tom*
 - *Random comments – Ike*

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

- *Ike reported that recent winter road conditions have caused another crash near the bridge.*
- *The committee members present were not aware of any response to the following items identified at the December 2019 meeting and Tom will follow up with Marley and Jane:*

- *The committee discussed the issue of speeding on Lolo Street and questioned why a speed radar feed back sign wasn't recommended by the city for addressing the problem. Marley will e-mail Chad for an explanation.*
- *Marley will invite council members to attend either the January or February committee meeting to hear an update on the work being done to revise the 2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study and allow for discussion of concerns for vehicle speeding on Lolo Street and the Missoula Street/Van Buren Avenue intersection. Note – The committee requested that Tom ask that this invitation be changed to the March meeting so that the committee can better report on progress towards revising the transportation plan.*

8. Van Buren Street Interchange

- *June presented, for committee review, a draft letter to the mayor that describes previous meetings with MDT to discuss and find solutions to problems with drainage and icy conditions. The letter also identifies problems and solutions for curb access and trees planted along the new bike/ped. path east of the roundabouts and north of I-90.*
- *After discussion a motion was approved to add a suggestion for an "Icy Conditions" sign for bikes and peds. near the alley that intersects with the southbound lane of Van Buren Ave. just north of the north roundabout. A reminder that MDT promised to install a trench to address drainage issues will also be added to the letter.*
- *The committee suggested copying the letter to Bob Vossen at MDT.*
- *Committee members agreed to forward review comments on the letter to June by no later than tomorrow (Jan. 15)*

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

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

Brainstorm ways to increase awareness of this committee

13. Identify next meeting date, place and time and prioritize discussion items:

February 11, 2010, 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Hal Fraser Conference Room, 140 West pine Street.

14. The following items may be discussed:

- Connecting trails, Clark Fork to Recreation Area
- Bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety – Broadway/Van Buren
- Alvina to Lolo Street (on Greenough Drive) bike and walkways
- Van Buren/Front intersection safety
- Vine/Greenough trail entry safety
- Updating the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study
- Pentachlorophenol safety issue on Greenough Bridge
- Madison pedestrian bridge to Greenough Park connection
- Bulbouts and bicycle safety at Rattlesnake School
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Lincoln Hills.
- Lack of parking for the Syringa Park bike park and the soccer fields along Lincoln Hills Drive
- Winter walkway and bikeway maintenance, and transit service improvements, including snow issues at bus stops

- m. Moving of the railway yard out of its present location
- n. Need for Griz game day parking restrictions
- o. Need for roundabout at the intersection of Lolo Street and Rattlesnake Drive
- p. Driver confusion with the three-way stop at the Rattlesnake Drive/Lincolnwood intersection

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