

Upper & Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Zoom

Introductions – Bob Giordano (co-chair), Emily Jensen (co-chair), Tom Carlson (secretary), Dan Doyle, Bill Ruediger, Ike Moody

Approval meeting minutes for March 9, 2021

Approved with no changes

Public Comment

Ike talked about a survey being conducted by residents to identify options to improve safety along Missoula Ave., which is scheduled for re-paving this summer. A number of options including bike and pedestrian lane enhancement or separation, no parking on east side of the street, and a trail to Bugbee Natural Area could be considered. Bob mentioned that the city has said they would involve the committee soon.

Ike also informed the committee that safety for pedestrians at crossings along Lolo Street is still an issue. Vehicles speeding and hard to see crosswalks where paint has worn off contribute to the problem.

Ike and Dan have both noticed crumbling sidewalk concrete along the bridge.

Continue the update of the Rattlesnake Transportation Plan-

The committee is working to complete a draft of the plan update in time for a last review during the May meeting. Steps in the process include:

Complete draft plan in the next week (by April 20) – document to be posted on Google docs for review and editing)

Send draft plan for review to everyone (i.e. neighborhood council, list serv, Next Door Neighborhood, media? etc.) requesting comments by May meeting

Review comments at May meeting

Convert draft into final plan update by June meeting.

Content edits needed

Finish compiling all separate documents into one draft plan – by April 20 (Emily)

Edit entire plan for formatting, grammar, etc.- by April 20 (Tom)

Edit content to reflect meeting discussion about 2021 status:

Add Lolo Street sidewalk condition (Emily)

Add parks expansion and addition along lower Lincoln Hills Drive (Emily)

Add number of questionnaire respondents and survey locations (Tom will try to find and send to Dan)

Add narrative to introduce table in Road System section (Tom)

Finish Maps section (Emily)

Add Bob and Bill's edited Trails section with Dan's comments about access to other trails such as the Powerline Trail and lower Lincoln Hills Trail (Emily)

Revise Table of Contents to reflect new Appendix list (Tom)

Delete Appendix A – 2011 Study and add link to the text for the Introduction and Summary sections for where it can be found on city website (Tom)

Drop Appendix C – Questionnaire responses (file these with the city for posting)

Delete or keep Appendix F -Schedule of City Planning Programs Note – This was not discussed or decided. The table is incomplete due to a lack of response from city staff. The committee needs to decide if it is valuable and worthy of completing.

Opportunity with City paving projects this summer: - not discussed

Rattlesnake Drive (Lolo to Creek Crossing)

Missoula Avenue (Van Buren to Lolo)

County project to widen Sawmill Gulch Rd, discussion – not discussed

May is 'Bike Month'; anyone want to organize an activity? – not discussed

Public Comment – no additional comment

Identify the next meeting date & time and prioritize discussion items

Next meeting Tuesday May 11, 6pm.