

Upper/Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Agenda

October 10th, 2023 | 3:30pm

Missoula Public Library, Blackfoot Room

1. Public Comment:

- a. Jennie Adams is concerned about kids safely crossing Rattlesnake Drive in order to get to school, and thinks improvements are needed.
- b. Ike Moody thinks that not having the double yellow lane lines in the middle of Lolo St. has been good for safety, slowing down drivers and making for a more pleasant neighborhood street.
- c. Marta Meengs said that crossing Broadway, at the Van Buren signal, is dangerous and that drivers are distracted and speeding. She thinks improvements are needed. She also sees a need for safety improvements at Spruce/Madison and has almost been hit by turning cars there.
- d. Judy Stack has almost been hit by speeding cars while riding her bike, and thinks raised crosswalks and other solutions need to be installed in the Rattlesnake and on Greenough Drive.
- e. Dan Doyle sees a need for safety improvements at Broadway/ Van Buren.
- f. Kirk Henderson thinks that people parking their cars close to street corners poses danger as sight lines are limited.

2. Agenda:

a. Lower Lincoln Hills

- Dan Doyle presented a safety proposal for Lower Lincoln Hills drive, including pathways, crosswalks, bike lanes and other safety measures. The committee agreed and unanimously supported the safety proposal. Everyone agreed this topic is very important as the Syringa Bike Park is starting to get a lot of use. Other issues discussed included drivers making too quick of a right turn from Rattlesnake drive onto Lower Lincoln Hills, and the need for tighter turning radii; encourage more walking, biking and transit so more car parking does not have to be built; using natural vegetation and wood fences to separate pathways from the street (instead of expensive and ugly concrete barriers).

b. Front/Van Buren Intersection

- The committee thinks that safety improvements are needed at this intersection as there are many people walking and biking in the area and too many drivers are distracted and speeding. Solutions could be stop signs, roundabouts, raised crosswalks or a pedestrian plaza.

c. Lolo St. Bridge

- The committee generally supports the bridge design that includes a 10' wide shared path on each side of the bridge, and would like to see safe and accessible walk and bike routes connected along Lolo Street.

Meeting adjourned by committee co-chair Bob Giordano at 4:45pm

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