

Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024; 3:30-5pm

Missoula Public Library, Blackfoot Room

Attendees: Bob Giordano, co-chair RTC, Marta Meengs, Jeanie Adams (URNC leadership team), Eric Melson (City Council representative), Ken Brown (LRNC leadership team), Sue Pileggi, Dan Doyle, Fred Rice

Public Comment:

- Sue wondered if the committee has addressed evacuation routes. It was noted the RTC has addressed the topic, and that a public meeting will happen on April 3rd at Rattlesnake elementary school.

-another comment requested sidewalks on Rattlesnake Dr. near the school, for the safety of kids. It was noted that this is an urgent project in the Rattlesnake Transportation Plan and the committee is waiting for the City to implement the project.

-another comment asked for better safety on Lower Lincoln Hills Dr., especially for people walking and biking. It was noted that the committee has sent a proposal on this topic to the City and the schools.

-another comment asked for safety for walkers and bikers on Upper Lincoln Hills Dr. It was noted that this section of road has challenges with slopes, mountain sides and constrained spaces.

Minutes were approved, from the 12-12-23 meeting.

Main agenda item: discussing needed parks and trails in the Rattlesnake Valley.

A strong desire was expressed for a connected, safe and accessible walk and bike path connecting the Clark Fork river to the Rattlesnake Wilderness area.

Other key connections throughout the valley were discussed, such as the PEAS farm to the end of Duncan Dr, a possible walk bridge at Creek Crossing, a walk path from Lolo St to Alvina on Greenough, a path along N.2nd St., an undercrossing of the railroad trestle at Greenough/Spruce, The idea of a public park at Prescott school was also discussed. The committee will continue the discussion at the March meeting, with a goal to submit a list of desired projects to the City in the current PROST planning process, in the next few months.

Also discussed was the need to balance the desire for safe walk and bike paths, with the issue that neighbors will need to be talked with and support gained for projects.

Meeting was adjourned just before 5pm.



Rattlesnake Transportation Committee – Mission and Purpose:

The Rattlesnake Transportation Committee is a subcommittee of the Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Councils. Members of the committee are residents of the neighborhood who volunteer their time to gather monthly (September – June) in public meetings to promote safe, efficient, equitable and accessible transportation options for residents and visitors of the Rattlesnake Valley. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings and participate to discuss issues and identify potential solutions to be considered by the neighborhood, the City of Missoula, Missoula County and others as appropriate. The committee can be contacted at: rattlesnaketransportationplan@gmail.com

Rattlesnake Transportation Plan:

In 2019 the committee began work to update the 2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study. Working alongside the Missoula City Office of Neighborhoods, a process was put in place to gather input and feedback from residents of the adjoining upper and lower Rattlesnake neighborhoods and to identify priority issues and potential solutions. In November of 2021 the Rattlesnake Transportation Plan Update was completed and it can be found here: <https://rattlesnaketransportation.org/>

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