

Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024; 3:30pm to 5pm

Missoula Public Library- Blackfoot Room

1- Public Comment:

-Ike reviewed a talk he attended by local doctor, Brett Bell. Dr. Bell spoke about the importance of city design and saving lives, such as 20mph speed limits, day lighting intersections, crosswalks, neighborhood greenways, and protected bike lanes.

-Bob added that single lane roundabouts and 3-lane streets (one lane in each direction with a center turn lane) are two other key design factors for a healthy city.

-Jack emphasized that vegetation management was important for safety. Sometimes branches hang into sidewalks and bike lanes and cause obstruction. The committee will address this topic at a future meeting.

-Jeanie remarked that citizens can take part in vegetation management. It was suggested that it might be good to get the word out to the entire neighborhood to help keep vegetation trimmed. It was also noted that vegetation is needed and valued and can also help calm traffic.

-Fred noted that slower speeds greatly help with safety and we need better speed management.

2- Approve minutes from March 12, 2024 - approved.

3- Update and action on transportation safety for Lower Lincoln Hills Drive- Bob agreed to send a letter from the committee to the City, and Jeanie agreed to send a letter from the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council, both in support of the committee proposal to increase safety and accessibility.

4- Update and action for Lolo Street Bridge design and construction project- the committee is in general support for rebuilding the bridge with better walk and bike facilities.

5- Needed parks and trails in the Rattlesnake Valley, to be advocated for in the City parks and trails master planning process- the committee agreed that the trail additions and improvements in the Rattlesnake Transportation Plan can be submitted to the current PROST planning process.

6- Next meeting day and time- June 11, 2024, 4:30pm-6pm, Blackfoot Rm. Public Library

meeting was then adjourned.



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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