

## Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2025, 4pm-5:30pm Missoula Public Library; Blackfoot Room (455 E Main St, Missoula, MT 59802)

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attendees: Peter Lesica (LRNCLT), Dave Morris, Melissa (office of n'hoods), Jeani Adams (URNCLT), Marta Meengs (LRNCLT), John Wolverton (Northside Westside resident, ProHousing Missoula), Judy Stack, Dan Doyle, John Beltrone, Randall Frey, Dave Everingham, Bob Giordano (RTC chair).

### Public Comment:

-Dan Doyle expressed support for some of the safety improvements made near Syringa Park on Lower Lincoln Hills Drive, yet strongly believes more needs to be done, for safety of all modes. The RTC has long supported a safety plan and will continue to advocate for safety changes.

-it was suggested that raised pedestrian crossings should be installed near Syringa Park.

-John Wolverton spoke about the danger of the Vine/Greenough intersection as that is the bike/ped entrance to Greenough Park. Drivers routinely block the entrance to the park and there are visibility issues too. The Parks Department has suggested moving or adding an entrance to the park about 50' to the east on Vine street. Bob mentioned that he recently saw in the police crash reports that there was a 'bike/ped injury' at the Vine/Greenough intersection.

### Agenda:

-The committee had a discussion about future growth in the Rattlesnake Valley. Overall, the committee sees need and support for: increased density, retaining neighborhood character, gaining some height while retaining views and open space, becoming more walkable, bikeable and transit friendly, adding some small scale commercial services, reducing the need to drive, making driving a safer activity, adding single lane roundabouts, honoring nature and wildlife, addressing emergency evacuations such as fire or train issues, supporting transit oriented development, connecting trails, and other topics.

-The future of Prescott school was briefly discussed. There is support for retaining some open space, the sled hill, and the trail head while also considering some housing or a neighborhood center. It has been noted that this location is the only flat field in the lower Rattlesnake and that play areas are essential for health and vitality.

Adjourned at 530pm. Next meeting on Dec. 9th, 4pm, Library.