

Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2017

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Location: Rattlesnake Market & Cafe, 2501 Rattlesnake Dr., Missoula, MT 59802

Attendees: Karen Gasvoda (City of Missoula, Office of Neighborhoods), Ben Weiss (City of Missoula, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manger), Bob Giordano (co-chair), Emily Jensen (cochair),

Fred Rice, Hans Hoffman, Bill*, Tom *

1. Introductions of all present. - *Tom Carlson (Secretary) was unable to attend so Emily will be taking minutes.*
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items – *No comments received*
3. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2017 – *Agreed to approve at next meeting, we did not have the minutes with us.*
4. Approval of Agenda – *Approved with no modifications. The committee agreed to only address the most pressing agenda items as follows.*
5. Bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety – Broadway/Van Buren – Ben Weiss, Bicycle/Ped Program Manager – *Ben Weiss explained a proposal he has for the Broadway/Van Buren intersection as a part of the interchange project. He discussed removing the Southbound bicycle lane on the west side of roundabouts to create more space for the shared used path and crosswalk facility. He believes that most people not comfortable riding through the roundabouts will take the shared used path on the west side of the roadway and thus people who are comfortable to ride through the roundabouts will also be comfortable to stay in the vehicle lane to get through the interaction. This design would allow the curb line to extend to the East and further pronounce the crosswalk. This would create a better line of sight for the right turn lane. Ben believes this design would lower the level of traffic stress, especially for pedestrians. He suggested the reduction in crossing distance would be decreased by about 7 to 14 ft. Part of the project would also widen the sidewalk in front of the Press Box to make it an actual trail. MDT has voiced to Ben they would not consider making this this change without the Rattlesnake Transportation Committee's blessing. Ben also discussed he would encourage eliminating Northbound bike lanes to take away the 2 crossings for people on bikes. He is also working on installing a rapid flashing beacon on the Northwest side of the **Park for people on bikes and foot to be able to cross Van Buren safely. Our group did not endorse anything discussed and agreed to talk about it at the next meeting.*
6. Concerns for traffic during the 2018 summer reconstruction of Van Buren Street and the 1-90 interchange – *The group did not discuss this topic.*
7. Connecting trails – Clark Fork to Recreation Area – *We specifically discussed with Ben the Greenough Park entrance at Vine St. Ben brought a visual of a design that would move the entrance to Greenough further east on Vine St. The trail from Park would be extended along the South side of Vine St.*

The next meeting will be at Rattlesnake Market & Cafe on Tuesday, October 10th from 5:30pm-7pm