

# Upper and Lower Transportation Committee Rattlesnake

## Meeting Minutes

Date: December 11, 2018

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chambers  
Hal Fraser Conference Room  
140 W Pine Street  
Missoula, MT 59802

1. Introductions – *Bob Giordano (co-chair), Emily Jensen (co-chair), Tom Carlson (secretary), Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods), Ike Moody*
2. Bringing Plans Together (this includes a proposal to update the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study, item #14g):

*The committee reviewed the updated (December 2018) table that displays Rattlesnake Neighborhood projects identified in the various city plans (including the latest CIP Plan).*

*Jane explained that the city fiscal year is July 1 – June 30 and that the budget process for CIP projects occurs in March and April.*

*The committee members present agreed to review the 2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study to identify projects that have been completed, potential needs for re-prioritization, and any additional projects for a possible update and prioritize this discussion for the January 8 meeting.*

*Karen will convert a copy of the Study to Word doc. to facilitate the editing process.*

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: *None*
4. Approval of [November 13, 2018](#) meeting minutes - *Approved*
5. Approval of Agenda – *Approved. Identified items # 2, 8, and 9 as priority for discussion.*
6. Mountain View Drive/Woodland Drive – make path at the west end of Mountain View a permanently pedestrian-only right-of-way or conversion to an official city “trail”  
– *No discussion*
7. Speed Study on Lolo Street – *no discussion*
8. Van Buren Street I-90 Interchange – *A concern was expressed about a close call involving a vehicle rapidly exiting the roundabout to the west bound entrance ramp while a bicyclist was approaching the cross-walk. This crossing does not have a user activated signal similar to the one on the east bound ramp.*
9. Van Buren Street Construction Phase III, improve the turnoff onto Missoula Avenue:

*Note - See Minutes of November 13, 2018 committee meeting for background. The intersection was reconstructed as part of the Van Buren Phase III project to create a narrow shared route and potentially an unsafe condition for southbound bicyclists.*

*The committee suggested identifying this issue at the next meeting of both the Upper and Lower Neighborhood Councils to help prioritize a possible remedy.*

10. Missoula Ave. one-way to Lolo and one-way to Van Buren at Richard Street – *no discussion*

11. [Removing Double Yellow Center Lines on Low Volume Streets, to Decrease Speeding and Increase Safety](#) – *no discussion*

12. Brainstorm ways to increase awareness of this committee – *no discussion*

13. Identify next meeting date, place and time and prioritize discussion items:

*January 8, 2019, in the Hal Fraser Conference room, City Council Building, 140 West Pine Street, 5:30 – 7:00 pm.*

*Priorities for discussion will be a review and potential update of the 2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study and the potential for committee involvement with the upcoming downtown planning process prior to the scheduled meetings in January 2019..*

14. The following items may be discussed – *no discussion of the following items except as noted below:*

- a. Connecting trails, Clark Fork to Recreation Area
- b. Bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety – Broadway/Van Buren
- c. Concerns for traffic during the 2018 summer reconstruction of Van Buren Street and the I-90 interchange
- d. Alvina to Lolo Street (on Greenough Drive) bike and walkways – *Bob will contact Ben Weiss about his offer to conduct a design charrette.*
- e. Van Buren/Front intersection safety
- f. Vine/Greenough trail entry safety
- g. Updating the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study
- h. Psyllium and sustainable paving Greenough Park
- i. Pentachlorophenol safety issue on Greenough Bridge
- j. Madison pedestrian bridge to Greenough Park connection
- k. Bulbouts and bicycle safety at Rattlesnake School
- l. Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Lincoln Hills.
- m. Lack of parking for the Syringa Park bike park and the soccer fields along Lincoln Hills Drive
- n. Winter walkway and bikeway maintenance, and transit service improvements, including snow issues at bus stops
- o. Moving of the railway yard out of its present location
- p. Need for Griz game day parking restrictions
- q. Need for roundabout at the intersection of Lolo Street and Rattlesnake Drive

- r. Driver confusion with the three-way stop at the Rattlesnake Drive/Lincolnwood intersection

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