

# Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2020

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: Hal Fraser Conference Room 140 West Pine Street, Missoula, MT 59802

1. Introductions (present) – *Bob Giordano (Co-Chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Dan Doyle, Ike Moody, June Siple, Bill Ruediger, Jane Kelly (Office of Neighborhoods), Kelly Elam (Office of Neighborhoods)*
2. Approval of Agenda – *Approved the agenda and prioritized items# 3, 4, 5, and 13. There was no discussion of other items.*
3. Approval of [February 11, 2020](#) meeting minutes - *Approved*
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items -
  - *At the recent Upper rattlesnake Neighborhood Council meeting Bill asked for and received 4 volunteers to work on a proposal for a trail paralleling upper Rattlesnake Drive (north and east of the Lincolnwood intersection). The 2010 engineering report (available from Jane) and other files will be reviewed in the process of working with city Development Services (streets).*
  - *Bob has been asked to join a transportation planning effort for Hwy. 200 (East Broadway) from East Missoula to Van Buren Ave.*
  - *June contacted the Missoula Police Department to report her pedestrian injury while walking through the I-90 roundabouts and was informed that the [police do not track pedestrian accidents.*
5. Bringing Plans Together (this includes a proposal to update the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study, item #14g)
  - a. Identifying data gaps – *not discussed*
  - b. Reconfirming scoring criteria – *The Criteria Checklist was discussed in terms of whether to rate identified problems using a simple 0-5 scale or a more complicated weighted rating system that would result in a number that reflects the total of all elements. The group decided to use the 0-5 scoring system for each identified issue or problem.*
  - c. City staff input to the planning process – *The group considered whether to ask city staff to add input to discussion of specific problems as part of the planning process or whether to proceed with a process using the issues identified in the public questionnaire to identify projects for ranking. The group decided to not ask for city staff input at this point in the process.*

- d. Problem locations – *The group identified that, in some cases, there may be a need to break streets into segments to help identify specific problem areas. For example, Greenough Drive could be divided into the segment from Vine Street north to the end of the sidewalks, and from there north to Lolo Street.*
  - e. Quadrants – *The group discussed the use of quadrants in the 2011 plan and decided to drop that concept from the current planning effort.*
  - f. Transportation mode – *The group discussed how to divide the descriptions of identified problems to best match the city planning and budgeting system. It was decided that keeping projects separate by transportation mode (i.e. pedestrian, bike, motor vehicle, bus, etc.) would be best.*
  - g. Maintenance and administration issues – *The group decided to list and rate all issues identified in the questionnaire including maintenance or administrative issues such as pothole repair or speed enforcement.*
  - h. Analysis format – *Dan presented his work to identify and rank issues related to pedestrians and the group decided to mimic that format for the other transportation modes. The categories used in Dan's spreadsheet to display input from the questionnaire are: Location, Issue, Mentions (the number of times the problem was reported), Score (the rating that resulted from using the Criteria Checklist), and Justification (an explanation of the rating score).*
  - i. Process – *The group decided that those working on identifying and rating issues will forward their work to the group using the neighborhood e-mail list at: **[RattlesnakeTransportation@missoula-neighborhoods.org](mailto:RattlesnakeTransportation@missoula-neighborhoods.org)**. Tom will re-format the work into Dan's spreadsheet format if needed and send it back out to the group using the neighborhood e-mail list in time for discussion at the April 14 meeting.*
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”
  7. Speed Study on Lolo Street
  8. Van Buren Street Interchange
  9. Van Buren Street Construction Phase III, improve the turnoff onto Missoula Avenue
  10. Missoula Ave. one-way to Lolo and one-way to Van Buren at Richard Street
  11. [Removing Double Yellow Center Lines on Low Volume Streets, to Decrease Speeding and Increase Safety](#)
  12. Brainstorm ways to increase awareness of this committee
  13. Identify next meeting date, place and time and prioritize discussion items.

*Next meeting: April 14, 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Hal Fraser Conference Room, 140 West Pine Street.*

14. The following items may be discussed:

- a. Connecting trails, Clark Fork to Recreation Area
- b. Bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety – Broadway/Van Buren
- c. Alvina to Lolo Street (on Greenough Drive) bike and walkways
- d. Van Buren/Front intersection safety Vine/Greenough trail entry safety
- e. Updating the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study
- f. Pentachlorophenol safety issue on Greenough Bridge
- g. Madison pedestrian bridge to Greenough Park connection
- h. Bulbouts and bicycle safety at Rattlesnake School
- i. Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Lincoln Hills.
- j. Lack of parking for the Syringa Park bike park and the soccer fields along Lincoln Hills Drive
- k. Winter walkway and bikeway maintenance, and transit service improvements, including snow issues at bus stops
- l. Moving of the railway yard out of its present location
- m. Need for Griz game day parking restrictions
- n. Need for roundabout at the intersection of Lolo Street and Rattlesnake Drive
- o. Driver confusion with the three-way stop at the Rattlesnake Drive/Lincolnwood intersection

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