

Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee

Final Meeting Minutes – Approved April 10, 2018.

Date: March 13, 2018
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM
Location: Jack Reidy Conference Room
140 W Pine
Missoula, MT 59802

NEXT MEETING: April 10, 2018, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, at the Jack Reidy Conference Room, 130 West Pine Street.

1. Introduction of Meeting Attendees: *Bob Giordano (co-chair), Emily Jensen (co-chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Fred Rice, Hans Hoffman, Tom Javins, Ike Moody, Dan Doyle, Ari ?, Karen Gasvoda (City of Missoula, Office of Neighborhoods), Shane Stack (MDT), Katie Klietz (Big Sky Public Relations).*
2. Approval of [February 13, 2018](#) draft meeting minutes - *Approved*
3. Approval of Agenda – *Approved with priorities for discussion of items: 1-13*
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items –
 - *Lolo Street speeding concern has been addressed with the installation of two temporary speed monitoring signs just east of the Rattlesnake Creek bridge. Crosswalk still needs better marking and signage. Suggestion for the committee to work through city council members to achieve desired outcome. Police response to speeding is that they cannot use radar to check vehicle speeds because Lolo Street east of the bridge is not flat. Bob G. had previously suggested to the city via e-mail) that the yellow center lines should not be repainted based on study that it may help slow traffic and that the stripe is not needed per MUTCD standards.*
 - *Reconstruction of street, sidewalk, and bike lanes is needed on Greenough Drive under the I-90 bridges due to poor drainage and narrow roadway. Decision to address this item at the next meeting.*
 - *Better train avoidance measure needed for Madison Street/Greenough Drive crossing. A flashing light at the intersection of Lolo Street and Greenough Drive to inform drivers of the presence of a train was suggested.*
5. Van Buren Street/I-90 Interchange –
 1. *Katie Klietz, Big Sky Public Relations – Project timeline handout and information pamphlets were provided. Public communication strategy includes website, e-mail (sign-up list circulated), social media and possible public meetings. Input to final communications plan is welcome.*
 2. *What bike/ped will look like and planning considerations – Shane Stack, MDT Missoula Project Engineer – The final construction plans were presented and the committee expressed the following concerns:*
 - *Realignment of vehicle and bike lanes on northbound Van Buren just north of Broadway may conflict with bus stop location.*
 - *An RFP (pedestrian activated light) may be installed on northbound shared use path where it crosses I-90 entrance ramps. No RFP is planned for southbound shared use path at entrance ramp crossing. No bike symbol sign is in the plans for this crossing, despite previous request/recommendation from the committee.*

6. Mountain View Drive, proposal to convert east end, currently closed to motor vehicles, into a street – *Tom Javins will draft a letter to the city and council members opposing opening of this route to motor vehicles.*
Note – This item was amended by the committee to correct an error at it's April 10, 2018 meeting. The minutes shown here is the corrected text.
7. Van Buren Phase III turn lane in relation to Missoula Ave. Concerns for speeding and increased traffic –
 - *A left turn lane for vehicles on northbound Van Buren is currently in the construction plans. If Missoula Ave. traffic flow changes are implemented this could become a turn lane for bicycles.*
 - *Options include: 1) changing vehicle traffic flow on Missoula Ave. at the Richard Street intersection to one way northbound and one way southbound from there, 2) lowering speed limit (25mph existing), 3) stop signs at Richard and Herbert, 4) 2 way traffic with a bike lane between Richard and Herbert, 5) two-way traffic along entire length of Missoula Ave. (if there is sufficient width).*
 - *City has been contacted before about speeding concerns. Petitions currently circulating in the neighborhood by Ari and Curt Tweedy (see 3/13/18 e-mail from Emily Jensen to the committee).*

Next step is to finish petition efforts, consolidate results, and formulate letter to the city from the committee with request for action.

8. Connecting trails, Clark Fork to Recreation Area – *Hans and Tom J. have worked on preparations to establish a rattlesnake area trails non-profit (501c3) organization. Draft mission, vision, and goals statements were distributed for review. Draft articles of incorporation have been developed. Incorporators and reviewers are needed prior to development of by-laws, board, etc. Tom J. Hans, Emily, and Fred volunteered.*
9. Bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety at Broadway/Van Buren intersection – *See #4 above. No additional discussion.*
10. Concerns for traffic during the 2018 summer reconstruction of Van Buren Street and the I-90 interchange – *No discussion*
11. Alvina to Lolo Street (on Greenough Drive) bike and walkways – *No discussion*
12. Van Buren/Front intersection bicycle and pedestrian safety – *The committee previously drafted a letter to the city requesting re-installation of the stop sign for eastbound Front Street vehicles. No discussion*
13. Vine/Greenough trail entry safety – *No discussion*
14. Updating the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study - *This item was identified at the February 2018 committee meeting and will be prioritized for discussion during the April 2018 meeting. The plan is available at: <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/6511> Karen provided hard copies of the existing plan to the committee.*

NOTE – There was no discussion of any of the following items except #30:

15. Psyllium and sustainable paving Greenough Park

16. Pentachlorophenol safety issue on Greenough Bridge
17. Madison pedestrian bridge to Greenough Park connection
18. Improve the turnoff onto Missoula Avenue
19. Bulbouts and bicycle safety at Rattlesnake School
20. Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Lincoln Hills.
21. Lack of parking for the Syringa Park bike park and the soccer fields along Lincoln Hills Drive
22. Discussion of Long Range Transportation Plan and Bicycle Facilities Master Plan letters
23. Winter walkway and bikeway maintenance, and transit service improvements, including snow issues at bus stops
24. Moving of the railway yard out of its present location
25. Need for Griz game day parking restrictions
26. Need for roundabout at the intersection of Lolo Street and Rattlesnake Drive
27. Driver confusion with the three-way stop at the Rattlesnake Drive/Lincolnwood intersection
28. Missoula Ave. one-way to Lolo and one-way to Van Buren at Richard Street
29. Right of way on Mountain View
30. Identify next meeting date, place and time and prioritize discussion items.

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