

Upper & Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Minutes

January 12, 2021

6:00 PM Mountain Time

Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Introductions -
Kelly Elam (City Office of Neighborhoods) Bob Giordano (Co-Chair) Emily Jensen (Co-Chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Dan Doyle, Bill Ruediger, Leslie Vaculik
2. Approval of [December 15, 2020](#) meeting minutes - *Approved with no changes*
3. Continue the update to the Rattlesnake Transportation Plan

Emily reported that she had reviewed the Motor Vehicle public comments from the questionnaire and everything on the motor vehicle section looked accurate except for a possible discrepancy with the scoring for the Van Buren Ave. and Missoula Ave. intersection. Some of the comments may have been submitted before the city reconstructed the intersection in the fall of 2019.

Bob and Tom explained their review of the Bicycle comments and the process for determining the Overall Score for each project. The committee then reviewed the Transportation Priorities table (draft 1/9/21) and made the following changes:

- *Rattlesnake Drive/Lincolnwood/Creek Crossing intersection improvement - Change the overall score to 4.*
- *Add a section or notes to recommend more painted and signed crosswalks for high traffic streets and intersections.*
- *Add an issue for snow and road gravel in bus stops.*
- *Re-order the table to rank projects by overall score*
- *Add trails projects*

The committee reviewed the 1/3/21 draft Outline for updating the 2011 Transportation Summit Study and generated the following needs:

- *Add an appendix to list city planning processes and project lists with timelines for committee input (Tom)*
- *Include photos to illustrate projects*
- *Add a map with projects located*
- *Set up an open access document on Google docs or similar for posting committee work on the update (Emily)*
- *Prepare the following sections (see Outline):*
 - *Introduction and Mission (Emily)*
 - *Changed and Existing Conditions (Bob)*

- *Process: Public Questionnaire and Criteria Checklist (Dan), updated table or spreadsheet displaying ranked projects along with locations, number of public comments, overall score, possible solutions (Tom)*
- *Trails appendix with narrative of current system and gaps/needs (Bill)*
- *Crosswalk appendix with narrative and list of major roads and intersections without painted and signed crosswalks (Tom)*

4. Update on the comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Bob reviewed a draft letter to the city MPO describing two priority projects for the neighborhood:

- *Rattlesnake Drive (Missoula Ave. to Lincolnwood/Creek Crossing) complete street*
- *Greenough/Duncan drive complete street*

The committee reviewed the draft letter and discussed whether to add input on preferred scenario but decided to send the letter as drafted without the addition.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Leslie identified a concern for inadequate bike lanes and space blocked by parked cars at two locations along Rattlesnake Drive (just south of the Lincoln Hills intersection and between Herbert and Richard Streets). The safety hazard has been increased due to recent new construction that added curbs and sidewalks and reduced the shoulder area available for bike travel. She had previously spoken to Ben Weiss about the issue.

Bill reviewed need for bike/ped path in the borrow pit (or somewhere) along upper Rattlesnake Drive from Lincolnwood/Creek Crossing to the FS trailhead. He has information on history of project and right-of-way.

Tom said he received a complaint via Nextdoor Neighborhood website from a bicyclist describing the bumpouts near Rattlesnake School as dangerous and suggesting the committee propose a solution to better accommodate vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Bill asked if other neighborhoods had or were in the process of preparing transportation plans. Kelly stated that both the Rose Park and Lewis and Clark neighborhoods had completed plans recently.

6. Identify the next meeting date & time and prioritize discussion items:

February 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm via Zoom

7. The following items may be discussed:- *not 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
- e. Vine/Greenough trail entry safety

- f. Updating the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study
- g. Pentachlorophenol safety issue on Greenough Bridge
- h. Madison pedestrian bridge to Greenough Park connection
- i. Bulbouts and bicycle safety at Rattlesnake School
- j. Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Lincoln Hills.
- k. Lack of parking for the Syringa Park bike park and the soccer fields along Lincoln Hills Drive
- l. Winter walkway and bikeway maintenance, and transit service improvements, including snow issues at bus stops
- m. Moving of the railway yard out of its present location
- n. Need for Griz game day parking restrictions
- o. Need for roundabout at the intersection of Lolo Street and Rattlesnake Drive
- p. Driver confusion with the three-way stop at the Rattlesnake Drive/Lincolnwood intersection

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