

Upper/Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Meeting

December 7, 2021
Via ZOOM

Introductions: Bob Giordano (Co-chair), Emily Jensen (Co-chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Dan Doyle, Ike Moody, Bill Ruediger and Kathy Gaskill (Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team), Kelly Elam (Missoula Neighborhoods)

Approve meeting minutes for August 8, 2021 – Held until January meeting.

Public Comment –

Lolo Street/Missoula Ave. intersection: Ike shared that he and his wife have been monitoring the crosswalk on Lolo Street and the vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic Monday – Thursday during heavy use periods when kids are going to and from Rattlesnake School. The advisory speed limit is 15 mph through the crosswalk but they observed many vehicles that appeared to be speeding. The crosswalk was not repainted this past summer. Both Ben Weiss and a city engineer have been contacted.

The committee will place this item on the agenda for the next meeting and also ensure that the issue is addressed in the transportation plan.

Posting the draft Rattlesnake Transportation plan and promoting the need for public comments, with the public comment period running from 12/7/21 to 2/7/22

Emily has created a website at: rattlesnaketransportation.org that allows review and downloading of the draft Rattlesnake Transportation Plan and provides a system for leaving comments. The comments will be sent to: rattlesnaketransportationplan@gmail.com for review and dispersal.

The public will be informed of the opportunity to comment on the draft plan through the following:

Contacts:

- Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Leadership Team (Bob)
- Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Leadership Team (Kathy)
 - Both teams could help publicize the opportunity for comment and endorse the plan with a letter (Bill and Bob).
- City Council Ward 1 – Heidi West and Jessica Savage (Emily)
- City planning, engineering, public works (Bob)

Actions:

- Post a message on the Upper/Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Transportation Committee listserv (Bob)
- Post a message on Nextdoor Neighborhood (Dan)
- Develop a poster announcing the draft plan and comment period (Tom) and place at neighborhood trailheads and other locations (Dan and Ike).
- Prepare and distribute a news release to local media such as the Missoulian, Missoula Current, Kaiman, etc. (Kathy)
- Check in on the public review process during January meeting (All).
- Review public comment and develop a process to incorporate it into final plan as needed during the February meeting (All).

Looking ahead for improvements during the 2022 City of Missoula construction season

The Lolo Street/Missoula Ave. intersection safety issue including the possible use of speed tables, traffic calming circles, rumble strips, caution signs, etc.

Public comment

Bill mentioned that positive progress has been made with most of the property owners along the route of the Borrow Trail (Upper Rattlesnake Drive from Creek Crossing to the city limit). Two owners near the curve are not yet on board due to concerns over trash and parking.

Identify the next meeting date & time and prioritize discussion items

- January 11, 2022, 5-6pm via Zoom
- February 8, 2022

Adjourn