

Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 2017

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: Rattlesnake Market & Café, 2501 Rattlesnake Dr., Missoula, MT 59802

Attendees: Karen Gasvoda (City of Missoula, Office of Neighborhoods), Bob Giordano (c-chair), Emily Jensen (co-chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Eric Edlund, Fred Rice, Robin Poole, Hans Hoffman

1. *Introductions of all present.
2. *Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – *No comments received*
3. *Approval of Minutes of [May 9, 2017](#) and [May 15, 2017](#) meeting minutes – *Approved with no modifications.*
4. *Approval of Agenda – *Items marked with * were designated as priority for discussion. Items without minutes were not discussed.*
5. * Van Buren roundabouts safety and landscaping – *A meeting was held on May 15, 2017 with representatives from MDT, members of the committee, and Missoula City Council members Bryan von Lossberg and Heidi West . Meeting minutes are posted at: rattlesnaketransportation@missoula-neighborhoods.org. The discussion tonight focused on what additional measures the committee can take to ensure or improve safety for bicycle and pedestrian travel and a possible process for monitoring after the project is completed. The committee also wishes to keep city council members von Lossberg and West in the loop.*

Tasks -

All: Identify other design options.

Fred: Write a letter to MDT to request a post-construction monitoring plan/proposal.

Karen: Check with city engineers about fall neighborhood grant cycle regarding funds to support monitoring.

Bob: Contact MDT to inquire about any design changes incorporated since May 15 meeting (i.e bicycle/pedestrian crossing signs, curb cut to allow access to path from northbound Van Buren Street, pavement striping to delineate north bound bicycle travel through southern roundabout on Van Buren Street).

6. Discuss ways to communicate and share information effectively between Committee members

7. * Connecting trails from the Clark Fork River to the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area – *Fred Rice and Tom Javins rode the existing trails and identified gaps in the route. A sub-committee was identified at the last committee meeting and the plan is to meet with Donna Gaulkner of the Parks and Recreation Department (or her representative) prior to the next committee meeting to identify current trail plans, need for rights of way, barriers to implementation, etc. Here are the links to the 2011 Rattlesnake Transportation Plan: <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/5525> and a link to the CIP funding list: <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/DocumentCenter/View/21994>*

Tasks –

Fred will contact Donna Gaulkner to set up meeting.

Hans will contact Ben Weiss about right or way grant process.

Karen will identify any existing plans for this route.

8. * Transit service improvements, including snow issues at bus stops – *The discussion focused on the current 5-year Mtn. Line planning process.*

Tasks –

Emily will draft a letter listing neighborhood concerns (see May 9 meeting minutes).

Hans will attend a Mtn. Line planning meeting in September.

9. I-90 sound wall – *The committee identified a need to include monitoring of the noise control effectiveness post-construction.*

10. Alvina to Lolo Street (on Greenough Drive) bike and walkways

11. Missoula Avenue, Monroe Street, and Duncan Drive speeding and safety

12. Deer on Greenough Drive

13. Van Buren/Front intersection safety

14. * Vine/Greenough trail entry safety – *The committee reiterated concerns for the safety of bikers and peds. who are attempting to enter the trail traveling northbound on Greenough at Vine Street. Vehicles often pull forward to gain visibility of on-coming traffic unaware of the need for bikers and peds. to access the Greenough Park trail.*

Tasks –

Tom C. will contact Ben Weiss to discuss a long term solution (i.e. move the trail entrance east of the intersection) as well as possible short-term improvements (i.e. signing and pavement markings).

- 14a. Water ponding under bridge on Greenough – *During wet weather there is a safety hazard for bicyclists who must ride through deep water and potholes. The area needs to be re-engineered and have proper drainage installed.*

Tasks –

Bob will contact city engineers and possibly draft a letter to get the long term project included in the city plans.

15. Psyllium and sustainable paving Greenough Park
Tasks –
Bob will check with Morgan Valiant on progress to repair damaged trail segments.
16. Pentachlorophenol safety issue on Greenough Bridge
17. Madison pedestrian bridge to Greenough Park connection
18. * Improve the turnoff for northbound bikes from Van Buren onto Missoula Avenue – *This is a reconstruction project included with Van Buren Street repairs scheduled for 2018. The committee would like to provide input for the design related to safety concerns for bicyclists. Potential input could include: relocation of the 25 mph speed limit sign to north of the intersection and north of the curve and hill, a left turn lane for northbound Van Buren traffic, and bike route signs indicating that the route turns onto Missoula Ave. from Van Buren Street (especially important for southbound vehicles).*

Tasks –
Karen will check on the timeline for design
19. Bulbouts and bicycle safety at Rattlesnake School
20. * Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Lincoln Hills – *Hans has contacted Donna Gaulkner about a proposal for a neighborhood grant for construction of bike lane along road by Syringa Park. There is also a longer term concern for the lack of sidewalk or shoulder past Syringa Park to the top of Lincoln Hills Road.*

Tasks –
Hans will write a letter to city contacts Drew Larson and Ben Weiss regarding need for pathway for peds. and bikes.
Eric will gather info. related to bike/ped. pathway along Lincoln Hills Road east of Syringa Park.
21. Discussion of Long Range Transportation Plan and Bicycle Facilities Master Plan letters
22. Winter walkway and bikeway maintenance
23. Madison Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project
24. Moving of the railway yard out of its present location

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