

# Upper & Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2020

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Virtual Zoom

1. Introductions – *Bob Giordano (Co-Chair) Emily Jensen (Co-Chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Dan Doyle, Elena Santogade, Colin Woodrow (City of Missoula, Missoula Neighborhoods)*
2. Approval of [March 10, 2020](#) meeting minutes - *Approved*
3. Continue the update to the Rattlesnake Transportation plan (2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study)

### *Process:*

1. *Prepare draft plan*
2. *Public review*
3. *Revised plan to neighborhood council*

*There is potential for the plan to be used by city council to amend growth policy.*

*Bob suggested that if bicycle and pedestrian safety is the focus and/or catalyst of the plan then motor vehicle issues will also be addressed.*

*When the committee met last, a task was identified to gather, review, score, and compile responses to the 2019 public questionnaire. That work produced a spreadsheet that divides comments, number of responses, scoring, and suggested remedies into four transportation modes (pedestrian, public transit, bicycle, motor vehicle).*

*The committee had previously reviewed the scoring for the pedestrian comments and identified a need to review scoring of the bicycle, public transit, and motor vehicle comments to help eliminate unintentional bias that could occur if only one person did the scoring. The committee then reviewed the shared spreadsheet to review the scoring and identify any potential revisions that were noted in the spreadsheet. One revision was made to change the score from a 2 to a 4 on the lack of public transit on the west side of Rattlesnake Creek due to the number of comments and other factors.*

*The committee also noticed that the initial scoring work resulted in multiple High Priority scores for each transportation mode and identified a need to review and better rank the projects for prioritization in the revised plan.*

Those present identified three tasks to complete prior to the next meeting and agreed to share the results of their work and make it publicly accessible using the Rattlesnake Transportation Committee ListServ ([RattlesnakeTransportation@missouls-neighborhoods.org](mailto:RattlesnakeTransportation@missouls-neighborhoods.org)):

- Finalize review of public comment scoring for Bicycles (Bob and Tom), and Motor Vehicles (Emily).
- Identify opportunities to combine identified projects by location.
- Review the 2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study to help determine how to create the updated plan.
- Find out from Aaron or Ben how it might be most helpful to "categorize" the responses in a final product (Emily).

4. Rattlesnake neighborhood involvement in the comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update.

*The committee identified one neighborhood project that is listed in the draft LRTP Regional Equity Scenario: #81 Mountain View Drive Multimodal Improvements-Install pedestrian, bicycle, and streetscape improvements to create Safe Route to School.*

*The city wants input from the committee to help identify neighborhood projects and priorities for the LRTP as well as projects for other programs and funding sources.*

*The LRTP projects will be evaluated using the scenarios identified on the city website at <https://www.missoulampo.com/long-range-transportation-plan> and considering neighborhood equity criteria to insure that all neighborhoods have an adequate transportation infrastructure.*

*The committee identified the following tasks:*

- Review information, including planning scenarios on the city website.
- Use the public comment responses and scoring to help identify a few strong priorities (possibly including corridor projects) and rank them with sensitivity to neighborhood equity.
- Share project lists and priority ranking on the ListServ soon (within the next 4-5 days if possible).
- Be prepared to help draft a letter as committee input to the LRTP at the January 12 meeting.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - *Elena commented about the Van Buren/East Broadway intersection being a very terrible place to navigate when walking her dog.*

6. Identify the next meeting date & time and prioritize discussion items – *Virtual Zoom Meeting, January 12, 2021, 6:00 – 7:30 pm.*

7. The following items may be discussed: - *No discussion occurred except as noted above.*

- 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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