

Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Minutes,

Dec. 12, 2023

Public comment: there were several general public comments on the need for safety for people walking and biking in the neighborhood. There seems to be an increase in driver speeding and aggression. There were also comments on parked cars being too close to intersections which makes visibility difficult. Another comment questioned the need for the extra roundabout bypass lane onto eastbound I-90, as the extra lane makes the bike/ped crossing more dangerous. It was noted that the roundabouts on Van Buren seem to be performing well, with no reported injury crashes since installation, yet some improvements could still be made.

-Safety on Lincoln Hills Drive: The committee submitted a proposal to the City, and is waiting to hear back on any progress.

-Lolo St. Bridge design: The committee submitted comments and is waiting to hear about next steps and final design decisions.

-Trail connections: The committee will continue to develop a list of desired and needed walk/bike trails for the Rattlesnake Valley, especially with the opportunity to give input into the City master parks and trails planning process. The February meeting will focus on parks and trails. An overall goal, as expressed in the Rattlesnake Transportation Plan, is to have a continuous and connected walk/bike trail from the Clark Fork River trail system to the Rattlesnake Wilderness Area trail system. This goal generates much excitement and support from the committee and others.

-Missoula Growth Policy, Zoning, Code reform: The committee is encouraged to think about future growth in the Rattlesnake Valley and to submit input on the Engage Missoula website.

Meeting adjourned.