



Missoula Neighborhoods

## Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025, 3:30pm-5pm,

Missoula Public Library, Blackfoot Room

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Attendees: Peter Lesica (LRNCLT), Marta Meengs (LRNCLT), Mary Shaffer and Cathy Heffernan (North Duncan Drive Neighborhood Association), Jeani Adams (URNCLT), Bob Giordano (chair), Dan Doyle, Lucas Moody, Adam Cook, Fred Rice

### Public Comment:

-Cathy spoke of the need and support for a trail along Duncan Drive, for the safety of walkers. It was suggested that neighbors could make a simple natural trail, working together. Volunteers are needed.

Continue discussion on the upcoming code reform addressing density, parking, building heights, mixed use development, set backs, walkability, street standards and more

-General comments on the new growth policy and code included the need to: not have trains blocking the west side for so long; be able to evacuate in case of fire or train crash, slow down speeding drivers, live in harmony with wildlife, reduce car traffic, have a bike/ped underpass at the train trestle, allow more density without overcrowding and not blocking views of the mountains, have basic services in the neighborhood, and improving the walk/bike/transit system while improving driver flow and safety.

Continued discussion on neighborhood priorities for 2025.

-priorities include connecting trails, safer walk and bike infrastructure, slowing drivers, neighbors working together on projects, safety at Syringa Park, and better safety at both Front/Van Buren and Broadway/Van Buren intersections.

Moving away from asphalt in Greenough Park.

-the committee favors a more natural surface in the park, such as decomposed granite, pine resin, road mix or other alternatives to asphalt. A pilot project could be implemented where the tree roots are buckling the asphalt which causes a walk and bike hazard. Natural surfaces would allow tree roots to have more water, reduces toxic runoff into the creek, and is more affordable.

### Public comment

- none; all had their say at the public comment period at the start of the meeting

Next meeting day and time- Tuesday, June 10th, 4pm to 5:30pm, Blackfoot rm, Public Library

Adjourned at 5pm

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