

# Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2018  
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM  
Location: Jack Reidy Conference Room  
140 W Pine Street  
Missoula, MT 59802

Attendees: Bob Giordano (Co-chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Tom Javins, Ike Moody, Dan Doyle, Fred Rice, Cathy Stewart, Jane Kelly (Missoula Office of Neighborhoods)

Next Meeting: May 29, 2018, 5:30 – 7:00 pm, City Council Chambers, 140, W. Pine Street.

1. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – *Concern for Lolo Street speeding issues and number of violations of speed limit during monitoring period in March 2018. The committee agreed to add this item to the agenda for the May, 2018 meeting and to invite a representative of Traffic Services to the meeting.*
2. Approval of [March 13, 2018](#) meeting minutes – *Approved with requirement to modify item #6 to state that the committee opposes converting the current non-motorized vehicle portion at the east end of Mtn. View to a street useable by all types of vehicles.*
3. Approval of Agenda – *Approved with priorities for discussion of items 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, and 14.*
4. Meeting in City Council Chambers beginning in June or July. – *The committee is agreeable to meeting in either the Jack Reidy Conference Room or in the city council chambers. Jane will confirm availability after conclusion of Doodle Poll to determine best date for the meeting.*
5. Van Buren Street Interchange – *MDT will make a presentation to the Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council at their next meeting. The neighborhood council will request that the designed side of the sound wall be installed to face the neighborhood and not I-90.*

*There is also a concern for the lack of user activated flashing light at bike/ped. crossing for west bound entrance ramp for I-90 in the final MDT plans. A mountable/roll over curb could be installed on the approach to this ramp to allow large truck access but reduce the angle of the curve to discourage higher speeds by vehicles through the crossing.*

6. Mountain View Drive, proposal to convert east end, currently closed to motor vehicles, into a street – *No discussion except to correct the minutes from the March 13, 2018 meeting minutes. The committee is opposed to converting the current bike/ped. path to a street open to motor vehicles.*
7. Van Buren Phase III turn lane in relation to Missoula Ave. concerns – *Items 18 and 28 will be deleted and combined with this agenda item.*
8. Connecting trails, Clark Fork to Recreation Area – *Tom J. and Hans have worked on drafting Mission/Vision/Goals statements, developing articles of incorporation for a non-profit organization (Rattlesnake Area Trail System), and developing a website. Next step is development of trail proposals*

*and maps and making presentations to interested groups. Tom J. asked for help in moving things forward and Cathy volunteered to assist, especially with need for an easement for the route north of Greenway and west of creek. Other venues for recruitment of neighborhood residents to assist include the Nextdoor Rattlesnake website/listserv, the upcoming Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council meeting, and possibly a postcard notice to all residents.*

*Tom J. is using the Walk –to-School map to help guide planning and there is also a need to review existing CIP projects and plans and begin process of working with a city transportation planner. The table previously developed by the committee to identify projects from the existing city plans (2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study, 2011 Missoula Active Transportation Plan, 2017 Activate Missoula 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, and the 2017 Bicycle Facilities Master Plan) was copied and distributed for use in this effort. Tom will continue to pull existing information together. Jane will identify existing funding available and provide access to city 2014 – 2018 CIP list for the committee. There is also a need to investigate current planning and funding with the city Parks and Recreation Dept.*

9. Bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety – Broadway/Van Buren – *no discussion*
10. Concerns for traffic during the 2018 summer reconstruction of Van Buren Street and the I-90 interchange – *no discussion*
11. Alvina to Lolo Street (on Greenough Drive) bike and walkways – *no discussion*
12. Van Buren/Front intersection safety – *The committee previously sent a letter requesting reinstallation of a stop sign for east bound Front Street vehicles. This item is also listed in the 2017 Bicycle Facilities Master Plan (spot improvement #36). The stop sign has not been reinstalled and Fred will contact Ben Weiss for an update.*
13. Vine/Greenough trail entry safety – *no discussion*
14. Updating the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study –
  - The current 2011 plan was led by then council members Dave Strohmaier and Jason Weiner with support from city staff.
  - The entire current plan may need to be updated with accomplishments and new priorities or possibly there could be an amendment addressing only the project list could be done.
  - The updating process may be beneficial to the Rattlesnake Area Trails System planning process.
  - There is a need to identify projects for next round of the CIP and budget processes.
  - Bob will discuss this with council member Brian Von Lossberg.
  - Fred will contact Ben Weiss to help determine best city contacts and process.
15. Psyllium and sustainable paving Greenough Park– *no discussion*
16. Pentachlorophenol safety issue on Greenough Bridge– *no discussion*
17. Madison pedestrian bridge to Greenough Park connection– *no discussion*

18. Improve the turnoff onto Missoula Avenue – *Delete this item and combine with #7.*
19. Bulbouts and bicycle safety at Rattlesnake School – *no discussion*
20. Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Lincoln Hills. – *no discussion*
21. Lack of parking for the Syringa Park bike park and the soccer fields along Lincoln Hills Drive– *no discussion*
22. Discussion of Long Range Transportation Plan and Bicycle Facilities Master Plan letters – *The committee decided to delete this item.*
23. Winter walkway and bikeway maintenance, and transit service improvements, including snow issues at bus stops – *Bob will contact Mountain Line about using new grant funding to improve maintenance at city bus stops.*
24. Moving of the railway yard out of its present location– *no discussion*
25. Need for Griz game day parking restrictions– *no discussion*
26. Need for roundabout at the intersection of Lolo Street and Rattlesnake Drive– *no discussion*
27. Driver confusion with the three-way stop at the Rattlesnake Drive/Lincolnwood intersection– *no discussion*
28. Missoula Ave. one-way to Lolo and one-way to Van Buren at Richard Street – *Delete this agenda item and combine with item #7.*
29. Right of way on Mountain View– *no discussion*
30. Identify next meeting date, place and time and prioritize discussion items - *As determined by a Doodle poll after the meeting: May 29, 2018, 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Meeting to be held in city council building, either the Jack Reidy Conference Room of city council chambers.*

*Priorities for the next meeting include: 1) discussing Lolo Street speeding with representative of city traffic Services, and 2) understanding the city planning and budget process and whom to work with for what purposes.*

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