

# Upper and Lower Rattlesnake Transportation Committee

## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Date: December 10, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Location: Hal Fraser Conference Room 140 W. Pine

Missoula, MT 59802

1. Introductions – *Bob Giordano (Co-chair), Tom Carlson (Secretary), Marley Merchen (city Office of Neighborhoods), Fred Rice, Ike Moody, June Siple, Dan Doyle*
2. Approval of Agenda – *Prioritized items 4,5,7,8,9, for discussion.*
3. Approval of [October 8 and November 12, 2019](#) meeting minutes. - *Approved with no changes.*
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items -
  - *June will draft a letter to the city for committee review asking for curb cuts on the newly constructed path at the Jackson Street and Vine Street intersection. The letter will also ask for the removal of newly planted conifer trees and replacement with deciduous trees to increase sunlight and minimize ice on the path in the winter.*
  - *Tom attended the Upper Rattlesnake Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Meeting Dec. 2 and provided a summary of the committee's work to gather public input as part of the process to update the 2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study. The leadership team requested that someone from the committee attend the March 1 or 8 (to be determined) general meeting to provide an update.*
5. Bringing Plans Together (this includes a proposal to update the Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study, item #14g)
  - *Emily has been working to categorize and organize the public responses to the questionnaire. She e-mailed preliminary results today (Dec. 10) and should complete her work in time for the committee to review the results prior to the January committee meeting.*
  - *Tom provided the committee with a summary of discussions taken from the minutes of previous meetings regarding how to assess public input and the work done to review and revise the project criteria checklist.*
  - *The committee discussed using the public input to identify projects and then using the revised project criteria checklist to score projects.*
  - *The committee also identified the need to obtain and incorporate available crash data into the project scoring.*

6. Mountain View Drive/Woodland Drive – make path at the west end of Mountain View a permanently pedestrian-only right-of-way or conversion to an official city “trail”.

*Tom contacted the listing agent for the property for sale just to the north and east of Mtn. View Drive who stated that access from the lower property will be via a driveway onto Woodland Ave. that does not require opening the section of Mountain View drive that is currently closed to motor vehicles.*

7. Speed Study on Lolo Street -

- *At the request of the committee Karen requested an hourly report of vehicle speeds from the recent study from Chad Pancake (city Traffic Services), That report was provided and Karen e-mailed that information to the committee on 11/26/19.*
- *The 11/26 e-mail also contained information from Chad Pancake in response to an inquiry from the committee about the recently installed electronic speed monitoring sign on Duncan Drive north of Lolo Street. Chad indicated that the recommended guidelines for the installation of the speed radar feedback signs are:*
  1. *people are driving consistently at least 5mph above posted speed limit,*
  2. *AADT exceeds 500 vehicles,*
  3. *crash history shows speed-involved and/or ped-related crashes,*
  4. *near schools and parks, in transition zones (either speed limit, or jurisdiction or both),*
  5. *work zones.*
- *The committee discussed the issue of speeding on Lolo Street and questioned why a speed radar feed back sign wasn't recommended for addressing the problem. Marley will e-mail Chad for an explanation.*
- *Marley will invite council members to attend either the January or February committee meeting to hear an update on the work being done to revise the 2011 Rattlesnake Valley Transportation Summit Study and allow for discussion of concerns for vehicle speeding on Lolo Street and the Missoula Street/Van Buren Avenue intersection (see #9 below).*

8. Van Buren Street Interchange -

*The committee will continue to monitor drainage, ice, and bicycle and pedestrian issues through the winter.*

9. Van Buren Street Construction Phase III, improve the turnoff onto Missoula Avenue

- *The recent reconstruction widened the intersection and restored the southbound approach lanes to facilitate bicycle travel but now that winter is here the paint striping used to delineate the northbound left turn lane is frequently hard to see and often ignored by motorists.*
- *Chad Pancake had previously advised the committee that Traffic Services will not relocate the southbound 25 mph speed limit sign to a location across from the northbound 30 mph sign nor will a sign be installed to help advise southbound motorists to stay right and avoid driving through the northbound left turn lane.*

10. Missoula Ave. one-way to Lolo and one-way to Van Buren at Richard Street
11. Removing Double Yellow Center Lines on Low Volume Streets, to Decrease Speeding and Increase Safety
12. Brainstorm ways to increase awareness of this committee
13. Identify next meeting date, place and time and prioritize discussion items.
  - *January 14, 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Hal Fraser Conference Room, 140 West Pine Street.*
  - *Marley will check to be sure that the room is reserved for meetings of this committee the first Tuesday of each month.*
14. The following items may be discussed:
  - 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/Madison pedestrian bridge to Greenough Park connection
  - h. Bulbouts and bicycle safety at Rattlesnake School
  - i. Bicycle and pedestrian safety along Lincoln Hills.
  - j. Lack of parking for the Syringa Park bike park and the soccer fields along Lincoln Hills Drive
  - k. Winter walkway and bikeway maintenance, and transit service improvements, including snow issues at bus stops
  - l. Moving of the railway yard out of its present location
  - m. Need for Griz game day parking restrictions
  - n. Need for roundabout at the intersection of Lolo Street and Rattlesnake Drive
  - o. Driver confusion with the three-way stop at the Rattlesnake Drive/Lincolnwood intersection

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