



RISC
Roberts hwy 212 Improvement & Safety Committee

"Committed to advocating for the Roberts community's needs and requests for a safe, functional and aesthetic result from MDT's Hwy 212 re-construction improvements"

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and Safety Committee**

Minutes for meeting #8

Monday, January 27, 2020 at 4:30 PM

Roberts Fire Hall

- There were 7 people (total) in attendance= 7 of 9 committee members: Michael Gebhardt (Chair), Frank Jarvenpaa, Steve Keebler, Sanford Langager, Chris White, Jon Milligan, Alex Ator and Marco Larowe

1. Mike compiled an email as planned to update Glenn Oppel of RISC's on-going efforts. The email became lengthy so Frank moved it into a letter format, which has been shared on-line with committee members. Frank brought hard copies for final editing.

Minor edits were finalized: a) under the 'Water Drainage to Irrigation Ditches section, RISC will request MDT to present the overall drainage design of the Roberts area to the community when MDT addresses them; b) 'In Conclusion' section, RISC will request an estimated time frame of when MDT will be ready to present their alternatives to the community at large so that RISC can plan and prepare accordingly.

Frank will add these edits and send out again the next day for final review, then drop a hard copy off at Mike's for gathering signatures from the committee. Mike will then scan and send via email with attachments to Glenn Oppel as soon as possible.

Alex raised the question if requesting a 3rd crosswalk is a function of vehicle traffic volume and/ or how does MDT base their determination of how many cross walks. We'll look for any national standards in an effort to educate ourselves how this is determined and on what basis.

Mike raised the question if anyone recalls what the stated traffic volume is through Roberts and how that might compare to the 10,500-16,200 recommendation for a center turning lane. He and Steve recall seeing a much lower number in the range of 4,000-5,000. We'll try to find a tangible reference as background knowledge.

Mike is requesting Commissioner Bullock to formally request a temporary speed reduction to 35 MPH during the speed study, as provided for in Montana Code Annotated 61-8-309 (d).

2. Chris's flyer design was finalized. Everyone is extremely pleased with it. They are ready for printing. Frank priced printing and folding at EconoPrint in Billings and was quoted \$1.14 per copy. Instead, Alex will make copies at the school and get volunteers to do the folding. He will try to have 200 folded copies ready by the end of the week. Alex left with about 15 copies to distribute at the church dinner right after this meeting.

Alex suggested one edit, that the survey incorporate a question or check box to identify if the person being surveyed owns property along Hwy 212 and how this project has impacted their property. Frank will send some words for Chris to work with for this addition. The idea is to identify in RISC's data gathering those surveys that are speaking from a direct project impact perspective.

Alex will also place our survey on GoogleForms (similar to SurveyMonkey) for on-line survey takers, which could possibly be linked to other sites such as the RCF for greater exposure (to be determined afterward). He also suggested that when we have our next community meeting and distribute surveys and flyers (probably in the gymnasium), he will have 6 or more computers available in the library for folks to quickly take the survey before they leave.

- Target the next community meeting for the end of February.
- Next committee meeting will be planned as soon as we receive a response from Glenn indicating when MDT will be ready to address the community. RISC needs to plan for its community meeting ahead of MDT's. The committee expects to meet again within a couple weeks, if not sooner.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm