

LOCKWOOD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DISTRICT



FAST FACTS

Authority: The Special Improvement District was created by Yellowstone County as allowed under MCA 7-11-1001 through 7-11-1029. A 2014 referendum was presented to voters living within the Lockwood School District, in which they voted 61% to 39% in favor to create the District.

Purpose: Enhance pedestrian safety and provide for alternative means of traffic transportation in the (unincorporated) Lockwood area.

Citizens Affected: Over 7,750 people live in the Lockwood Census Tract 8.

Activities: Construct and maintain improvements to enhance pedestrian safety and provide for alternative means of nonmotorized transportation in the area.

Funding: The District is allowed to be funded with up to 10 mills, estimated annual revenues is \$212,697.

Administration: Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners.

Citizen Guidance: Lockwood
Pedestrian Safety District Advisory
Board consists of 10 members who live
within the District.

Advisory Board: Meets, first
Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at
the Lockwood School Administration
Building. Currently seeking to fill
positions, please inquire if interested.

Contact:

For more information contact the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners at (406) 256-2701 www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/LockwoodSafety www.Facebook.com/doitfordustin



2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Education

- Prepared a non-motorized transportation plan that was adopted by the Billings Area MPO.
- Distributed pamphlets to local businesses and at events outlining Montana bicycle and pedestrian laws.
- Distributed public service announcements regarding safe bicycling and walking tips through the Lockwood School newsletter.
- Established a presence on the Yellowstone County website so that the public is aware of the District's activities.

Enforcement

- Collaborate with City-County Planning on the Growth Policy Update with issues related to Lockwood and the District.
- Began the procurement of a maintenance strategy for District-installed facilities.
- Began collaboration with the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department on opportunities to enhance pedestrian safety.
- Reviewed new developments in the Lockwood area and provided comments on issues related to bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Encouragement

- Installed street lights at school bus stops to increase visibility of waiting students.
- Distributed reflective materials to the public, businesses and students to be more visible while active at night.
- Reached out with RiverStone Health to determine ways to encourage walking as an essential part of community health.

Engineering

- Designed and constructed a new sidewalk from Cherry Street to Peters Street along US Highway 87.
 This further extends sidewalks from Lockwood School.
- Applied for and received a Transportation
 Alternatives grant from the Montana Department
 of Transportation for the Becraft Lane Sidewalk.

Evaluation

- Participated in the County's annual budget setting process.
- In May, the District will be conducting pedestrian and bicycle counts.

Partnerships and Funding Sources

 Participated in meetings regarding projects that affect the implications to taxing entities.

