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 7:00 PM 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 walkingtips 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.