



LOCKWOOD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DISTRICT



ABOUT THE DISTRICT

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% 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

Meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month at 7PM at the Lockwood School Administration Building. Currently seeking to fill positions, please inquire if interested.

CONTACT

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2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EDUCATION

- ▶ Develop and distribute PSA's regarding safe bicycling & walking with Lockwood students as well as on social media and via press releases. *On-going.*

ENFORCEMENT

- ▶ The Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department & Lockwood Fire District partnered with LPSD & the school on the Safe Walk to School Day. Law enforcement donated two bicycles to give away to two students. *May 2017.*
- ▶ Participated on the Suburban Subdivision Regulations committee in order to develop an ordinance requiring the construction of sidewalks along all roads within the LPSD. The outcome received an award from the Montana Association of Planners.

ENCOURAGEMENT

- ▶ Recognize businesses who installed sidewalks; 3G's Convenience Store Appreciation Event, *November 2017.* ACE Hardware, *November 2016.*
- ▶ Used PILT fund dollars to distribute 150 Velcro reflective bands at various locations.
- ▶ Gave away 150 reflective slap-bands, 36 bike helmets (PILT funded) and safety information to Lockwood 3rd graders on Bike/Walk To School Day. *May 2017.*





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FROM THE ARCHIVES

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.

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

- Conducting pedestrian and bicycle counts.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED...

ENGINEERING

- ▶ Commenced the design phase of the construction project, Old Hardin Road sidewalk from Highway 87 to Piccolo Lane.
- ▶ Commenced the design phase for the Becraft Lane Sidewalk from Old Hardin Road to Noblewood Drive project with MDT. Provided match funds for the transportation alternatives grant.

EVALUATION

- ▶ Received data from MDT. No fatalities from bicycle/pedestrian crashes with vehicles in Lockwood in the past year.
- ▶ Won an award from the ID/MT ASLA for planning & analysis of the Lockwood Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.
- ▶ Purchased & installed three infrared trail counters throughout Lockwood. Monitor the counts monthly.
- ▶ Partners with RiverStone Health as they are conducting a Safe Routes to School Assessment in Lockwood.
- ▶ Participate in the Billings Area Bike/Trail Master Plan Update.

PARTNERSHIPS AND FUNDING SOURCES

- ▶ Participated in TEDD meetings and provided a letter of support for the Lockwood TEDD contingent on the multi-use trail and sidewalks constructed along roads.
- ▶ Requested \$3,000 in PILT funds, used most of it, see previous uses!
- ▶ A Lockwood business approached the LPSD to help fund an infrastructure project. *Spring 2017.*

