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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor & City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Dave Miles, Chief of Staff   
**DATE:** April 12, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Linder Rd. Overpass Budget Amendment

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Meridian prioritizes citizen desires for a more connected and safe community by working in partnership to advance various priority transportation infrastructure projects. During last year's 2020 Citizen Survey, Linder Road Overpass was identified as a high priority project by the community, and subsequent conversations with other agency stakeholders have produced a path forward to have Linder Road Overpass built.

In November 2020, the City Council, Ada County Commissioners and Ada County Highway District (ACHD) Commissioners signed a joint letter of support encouraging the Idaho Transportation Department Board to add the Linder Road Overpass project into the current State Transportation Infrastructure Plan (STIP) for planning, funding and construction of this regionally important bridge.

Recently, ACHD completed a preliminary scoping summary for the project and evaluated the estimated total costs of the project to be approximately \$21M to \$22.5M, including the overpass itself and additional travel lanes between Franklin Rd. and Overland Rd. In additional conversations it has been recommended that the City identify the level of financial participation it is committed to in order to advance the project efforts.

This request is to allocate City funds in proportionate share as Meridian's contribution to the project and its completion. The City is seeking to allocate \$2.5M from its general fund toward the Linder Road Overpass project. This amount represents approximately 11 percent of the total costs, and it is an essential step to advance the project onto the COMPASS Regional Transportation Infrastructure Plan (TIP) and Idaho STIP lists. These funds are currently identified in Meridian's CFP for FY2022 planning. There are several opportunities arising now for transportation funding that this FY2021 amendment will prepare the City for, and this money would only be spent when the project moves forward at ACHD or ITD.

**Recommendation:**

**To approve a budget amendment for FY2021 in the amount of \$2.5 million to be allocated to the design and construction of a Linder Rd. overpass.**

Encl: ACHD Project Scoping Summary, Project ID #200399  
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