

Meeting Minutes

Meridian Transportation Commission

February 7, 2022

Council Chambers – Meridian City Hall • 33 East Broadway Ave., Meridian, Idaho

Virtual Meeting Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89550478252>

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(Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m.; YouTube started and roll taken)

Roll Call

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Ballard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Lewis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shawn Martin (ex-officio-ACHD)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zachary Shoemaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jared Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Miller (ex-officio-COMPASS)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Lancaster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom LeClaire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RD Huntley (ex-officio-WASD)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Steed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joseph Leckie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alissa Taysom (ex-officio-VRT) (zoom)
<input type="checkbox"/> Tracy Hopkins	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justin Price (ex-officio-ITD) (zoom)
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Others Present: Ted Baird, Caleb Hood, and Miranda Carson

Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Steed called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Ballard motioned to adopt; second by Commissioner Lewis - all-ayes – motion carried.

Introduction of New COMPASS Ex-Officio Carl Miller

Chairman Steed invited Carl Miller to introduce himself. Mr. Miller introduced himself, and he noted he will be the new Ex-Officio representing COMPASS.

Old Business Items

I. Transportation Projects Update (M. Carson)

Ms. Carson noted that new updates are in bold and she will highlight a few of the items from the Memo in the packet, but not all. If the Commission has questions regarding any of the information in the packet Ms. Carson will stand for questions at the end of the update.

Ms. Carson began on page 3 with the ACHD Integrated Five-Year Work Plan and highlighted that the plan was adopted with no changes to the Meridian City projects.

The next item Ms. Carson noted was that the Scope of Work and Interagency Agreement for Linder, Overland to Franklin project is continuing to be worked on.

Ms. Carson continued to page 4 with an update that the McMillan/Black Cat intersection project that was planned to be interim will instead be designed for the most appropriate permanent intersection. It is programmed for design in 2022 and construction in 2024.

Ms. Carson noted that construction of the Locust Grove to Meridian section of the ChindenWest project will begin Spring 2022.

The final item Ms. Carson covered was that the Transportation Action Plan was scheduled to go before the County Board of Commissioners on February 9th for final adoption.

Ms. Carson stood for questions; there was some discussion.

New Business Items

2. Fields Subarea Plan (Brian McClure)

Brian McClure provided a presentation on the intent and vision of the City's Fields Sub Area Plan adopted by City Council in December 2021. The plan is a continuation of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. McClure explained the extent of the plan is the four square miles in Northwest Meridian bordered by Chinden, McDermott, Ustick, and Can Ada.

Mr. McClure stood for questions; there was some discussion.

3. Meridian Police Department Update (J. Dance)

Sergeant Dance did not have any update beyond his presentation on Eagle Road.

4. Eagle Road Variable Speed Limits (J. Dance)

Lieutenant Ford and Sergeant Dance presented information on Eagle Road from Overland to McMillan. Eagle Road being a state highway the speed limit is currently 55 mph. Sgt Dance discussed the current land use characteristics adjacent to the road and opened a conversation on whether the speed limit should remain 55mp or be reduced. Data on reported collisions and other traffic incidents was presented and discussed. There was lengthy discussion of the history, possible solutions, and challenges between the Commissioners, Lieutenant Ford, Sergeant Dance, and Caleb Hood.

Commissioner Ballard motioned to recommend a speed study on Eagle Road with consideration for variable speed as one solution and a second by Commissioner LeClaire. Commissioner Lancaster abstained; all others were ayes. Motion passed.

5. Ustick Road, Ten Mile to Linder Center Median Options (C. Hood)

Caleb Hood provided a presentation on a potential partnership with ACHD on non-transportation elements (landscaping center medians) on the Ustick, Ten Mile to Linder project.

The cost of installation and maintenance was noted. Mr. Hood also noted that center medians with vertical elements may be installed as a traffic calming measure. Mr. Hood explained the opportunity to improve the aesthetics of the median along the Ustick corridor.

Mr. Hood stood for questions; there was discussion on the topic. Commissioner Smith made a motion supporting landscaping with a preference toward lower maintenance landscaping if possible; second by Commissioner Leckie. All ayes; motion passes.

6. Review of Duties and Powers (M. Carson and C. Hood)

Ms. Carson presented on City Code Title 2 Chapter 7 to clarify the authority and responsibilities of the Commission. It was noted that for speed study requests the Commission can make those requests directly to ACHD. The simplified guidelines were presented. The Transportation Commission can move forward on recommendations and requests being made to the staff level at either ACHD or ITD without any City dollars attached to the action. Any requests the Commission desires to go to an elected official or board should be made as recommendations to City Council. Any action with City dollars attached would need to be made as a recommendation to City Council.

Ms. Carson stood for questions; there was discussion on the item.

7. Staff Communications (M. Carson)

Ms. Carson will highlight a few of the items in the Memo that starts on page 43 and will stand for questions at the end of the update.

Ms. Carson noted that COMPASS held an I-84 Corridor Operations Plan stakeholders meeting. Some in depth notes came out of that, and link to those is provided in the packet.

Ms. Carson noted that there was a citizen inquiry on a Stoddard pathway project.

Ms. Carson highlighted that is a ChindenWest newsletter in the packet.

Lastly, it was noted that sections of the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance newsletter were included.

Ms. Carson concluded and stood for any additional questions; there was some discussion.

8. Ordinance & Development Subcommittee Update (T. LeClaire)

Commissioner LeClaire provided an overview of the Ordinance & Development Subcommittee meeting that took place just before the meeting. The subcommittee discussed their role for reviewing Development and determined that those reviews will be done on an as needed basis.

In the future, the subcommittee would also like to follow up on the effectiveness of the new Handsfree Ordinance to discuss any enforcement issues or code change considerations.

Future Meeting Topics

Chairman Steed reviewed the Future Meeting Topics and asked for any additional items or any needed changes to the list. Items 14-17 were added.

- 9. **January 3, 2020 Minutes (March)**
- 10. **I-84, Eastbound Off-ramp at Eagle Road**
- 11. **Harvest Transit and VA Ridership Updates**
- 12. **Field Trip 2022**
- 13. **Downtown Street Cleanings**
- 14. **Annual Report to City Council March 8th**
- 15. **ACHD Pedestrian Advisory Group Enhanced Crossing Needs List**
- 16. **ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee update**
- 17. **ACHD Capital Investment Citizens Advisory Committee Update**

Next Meeting Date: March 7, 2022

Adjourn

A motion by Commissioner Lewis to adjourn; second Commissioner Ballard – all ayes - motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

WALTER STEED, CHAIR

DATE

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

DATE