

# Meeting Minutes

## Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, October 7, 2024

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

### Roll Call

#### MEMBERS

David Ballard

Ryan Lancaster

Jared Smith

Walter Steed

Stephen Lewis

Tom LeClaire

Zach Shoemaker

Tracy Hopkins

#### EX-OFFICIO

John Wasson (ACHD)

Alissa Taysom (VRT)

Lila Klopfenstein (COMPASS)

Justin Price (ITD)

Miranda Carson (WASD)

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Sgt. Tara Smith (Police)

Hether Hill (Comm. Dev.)

Tishra Murray (Legal)

Caleb Hood (Comm. Dev.)

### Adoption of the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda by staff or commissioners. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ballard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hopkins - all ayes.

### Approval of Minutes

#### 1. August 5, 2024

Motion to approve by Commissioner Ballard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hopkins - all ayes.

### Old Business Items

#### 2. Transportation Projects Update – Hether Hill

Ms. Hill began on Page 6 of the packet and recommended the Commission review the updates provided in bolded text through page 13. Ms. Hill noted there were no significant updates month over month and mentioned ITD will provide project updates for November's meeting. There were no further questions or comments from the Commission.

#### 3. Traffic Impact Study Overview – Mindy Wallace (ACHD)

Ms. Wallace provided an overview of the Traffic Impact Study process at ACHD via PowerPoint. Following Ms. Wallace's presentation, there were questions and discussion ensued.

## **New Business Items [ACTION ITEM]**

### **4. Corporate Dr. / S. Progress Ave.**

John Wasson (ACHD) requested to address this topic at the November meeting and Chair Steed agreed. This item will be continued in November.

### **5. Tree Farm Way / Chinden Blvd.**

John Wasson (ACHD) and Justin Price (ITD) requested to address this topic at the November meeting and Chair Steed agreed. Coordination with Meridian Police may also be required. This agenda topic will be continued in November.

### **6. VRT Ridership Update – Alissa Taysom (VRT)**

Ms. Taysom provided a verbal summary of Meridian ridership following the June 2024 Service Change the demographics of riders on fixed route bus services. The agenda packet much of the content and a report of Ms. Taysom's discussion topics. Following the presentation, the Commissioner's had questions and discussion ensued.

### **7. Ex-Officio Updates**

Justin Price – ITD is compiling feedback and comments received from the open houses held for the Eagle Road Safety Pilot Project. A summary will be shared when available.

Alissa Taysom – Valley Connect 3.0 update has launched.

Miranda Carson – WASD is working with campuses to improve traffic flow; the new school bus badge system is up and running; student ridership is up.

Lila Klopfenstein – The public comment period is open for the Let's Ride Treasure Valley transit study and COMPASS has recently launched the "Good Move" campaign.

John Wasson – Mr. Wasson has been working on traffic assessments and discussion ensued between the Commission and Mr. Wasson regarding the traffic calming process.

### **8. Staff Communications**

Ms. Hill provided three updates not included in the packet: 1) ACHD adopted the IFYWP on September 25th; 2) ACHD also adopted the Linder Road Concept Study #2 at the same public hearing on September 25th; 3) a youth commissioner will be appointed to the Transportation Commission by resolution at the October 15th City Council Meeting.

Staff Communications began on page 75 of the packet. Chair Steed went through each of the correspondence items (eight total), which prompted discussion with the Commission, Ex-Officios and City staff.

## **FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

### **9. Franklin, McDermott to Black Cat Project Update**

### **10. ACHD Master Street Map Changes – Arterial Corridor Preservation (Cherry Lane)**

### **11. Capital Investments Citizens Advisory Committee (CICAC) Update**

- 12. Baraya Subdivision
- 13. Transportation Commission Bylaws

**Next Meeting Date: November 4, 2024**

**Adjournment; 5:24pm** – Motion by Commissioner Ballard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lewis - all ayes.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

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WALTER STEED, CHAIR

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CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

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