

# Meeting Minutes

## Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, February 3, 2025

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

☐ Lilly Miller

#### EX-OFFICIO

☐ John Wasson (ACHD)

☒ Alissa Taysom (VRT)

☒ Lila Klopfenstein (COMPASS)

☒ Justin Price (ITD)

☒ Miranda Carson (WASD)

#### OTHERS PRESENT

☒ Cpl. Trevor Weitzel (Police)

☒ Hether Hill (Comm. Dev.)

☒ Tishra Murray (Legal)

☒ Caleb Hood (Comm. Dev.)

### Adoption of the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hopkins, 2nd by Commissioner Lancaster - all ayes.

### Approval of Minutes

#### 1. January 6, 2025

Motion to approve by Commissioner Lancaster, 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 12. Ms. Hill noted ITD provided several updates for their projects.

### New Business Items

#### 3. Valley Regional Transit – Quarterly Report for Meridian

Kate Dahl, Principal Planner with VRT, discussed the newly formatted quarterly report for the City of Meridian. The report provided an illustration of ridership on a month-to-month basis, a comparison year over year, as well as quarterly for transportation services throughout the City. The report began on page 13 of the packet. Following Ms. Dahl's presentation, the Commissioners engaged in discussion with VRT staff about ridership, routes and funding.

#### 4. 2025 Roadway, Intersection and Community Program Prioritization

The Prioritization Subcommittee of the Transportation Commission met on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, to review and prioritize projects. Commissioner Jared Smith serves as the Subcommittee

Chair and thus provided an update on the prioritization ranking process for the 2026-2030 FYP to the Commission. Kristy Inselman, ACHD, was also present for the discussion and engaged the Commission on several questions they had about road and intersection projects in Meridian, priorities and rankings. There was lengthy discussion about the Amity/Locust Grove intersection and the request for an “interim” signalized intersection until full build out. Overall, the list is very similar to last year’s, with the exception of grouping a couple intersection projects with the road corridor projects. After an in depth discussion, the chair entertained a motion to approve the list of recommended projects. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lewis - all ayes. The recommended list of projects will be presented to City Council by Ms. Hill in late February.

## **5. Ex-Officio Updates**

Cpl. Trevor Weitzel – 9 officers will be graduating on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Lila Klopfenstein – Discussed upcoming education workshops provided by COMPASS.

Kate Dahl – Kate Dahl will be taking over as the VRT liaison moving forward; Valley Connect 3.0 update is underway; VRT is creating an inventory of bus stops to build out construction packages for improving bus stops; budget requests for FY26 are forthcoming.

Miranda Carson – First snow day for WASD went well; ridership counts are similar to the fall semester.

Justin Price – No updates.

## **6. Staff Communications**

None.

## **FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

- 7. ACHD Master Street Map Changes – Arterial Corridor Preservation (Cherry Lane)**
- 8. Capital Investments Citizens Advisory Committee (CICAC) Update**
- 9. Baraya Subdivision**
- 10. Transportation Commission Bylaws**
- 11. ACHD Queuing Analysis**

**Next Meeting Date: March 3, 2025**

**Adjournment; 4:59pm** – Motion by Commissioner Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Smith - 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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