



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

From: Hether Hill

Meeting Date: June 2, 2025

Topic: Staff Communications

Below are summaries of relevant correspondences received by City Staff since the last TC meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE #1:

From: Hether Hill

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 8:29 AM

To: aaron@3idaho.com

Subject: RE: School Zone - Pedestrian Crossing

Hi Aaron,

I apologize for the phone tag - I see that you left me a voicemail. I'm working on gathering feedback from our partner agencies to get some information for you.

I have been contacted by the Meridian Police Department. They had one documented citizen complaint regarding speeding on the stretch of Pine you describe last year, in March of 2024. As a result, two motor officers spent some time out there and had not found any issues during that time. The Traffic Sergeant I spoke with also spoke with the School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to Chaparral Elementary who indicated that there shouldn't be walkers approaching the school from the south, as the crow flies, due to landscape boundaries (canal, shrubbery, fencing, etc). The SRO advised it's designed for all student walkers and parent drop offs to be done in front of the school accessed via W Park Creek Dr to the north of the school. They stated some parents do use Fuller Park as a drop off due to traffic congestion, but the students do not enter the rear of the school. Lastly, the SRO pointed out the West Ada School District boundary for student walkers ends at Pine, so students who live south of Pine should be bussed and not crossing Pine.

Nevertheless, I have an email out to the school district and ACHD for further information and clarification and wanted to keep you in the loop.

Hether Hill | Long-Range Associate Coordination Planner

City of Meridian | Community Development Department

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From: Hether Hill
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:58 AM
To: aaron@3idaho.com
Cc: Josha Iverson <jiverson@meridiancity.org>
Subject: RE: School Zone - Pedestrian Crossing

Aaron,

I'd love to have an opportunity and speak with you about your concerns if you'd like, my phone number is in my email signature below. I placed a call to you just a few minutes ago, however, your voicemail inbox is full.

I will share your concerns with the Meridian Transportation Commission during their next meeting on June 2nd. These meetings consist of ex-officio members from ACHD, Police and West Ada School District (WASD), as well as several other partner agencies. In the meantime, I will make contact with ACHD, WASD and Police to determine the best course of action, as this is the first time this has been brought to my attention.

I appreciate you reaching out and sharing your concerns. Pedestrian safety and traffic matters are important to us and I will be in touch.

Thank you,
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From: Josha Iverson <jiverson@meridiancity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:31 AM
To: aaron@3idaho.com
Cc: Jacob Cluff <jcluff@meridiancity.org>; Robert Simison <rsimison@meridiancity.org>; Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>
Subject: RE: School Zone - Pedestrian Crossing

Good morning Aaron,

Thank you for your email, it has been received by the Mayor's Office, we appreciate you contacting us and sharing your concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety.

Our Transportation Commission and supporting staff review these types of concerns and issues. I have copied Hether Hill, the Long-Range Associate Coordination Planner, and ask that she reach out to you to discuss the issues and get some additional details so she can help determine the best path forward.

Thank you,

Joshua Iverson | Executive Assistant

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From: Aaron Real Estate <aaron@3idaho.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:55 PM

To: Robert Simison <rsimison@meridiancity.org>

Cc: Joshua Iverson <jiverson@meridiancity.org>; Jacob Cluff <jcluff@meridiancity.org>

Subject: School Zone - Pedestrian Crossing

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To Whom it May Concern,

I have brought this issue to ACHD multiple times. They deflect saying that it needs to be a request submitted by the "higher-ups" from the City of Meridian.

Pine Ave between 10 Mile and Black Cat is now a through street. It is almost exactly equidistance from Chaparral Elementary to 10 Mile Road as it is from Chaparral Elementary to Pine. 10 Mile has a school zone with flashing lights and a pedestrian light. Pine should also have a school zone with flashing lights and a pedestrian light. I would be willing to bet that there are almost as many students crossing Pine as are crossing 10 Mile. Pine goes largely unpoliced and yet we have many individuals that use it as a drag strip. It's also becoming more popular as a through street to Black Cat instead of using Franklin or Cherry.

I am documenting all of my requests to ACHD and now the City of Meridian. Once someone is killed I will go to the media and show them that I have been advocating for pedestrian/student safety on Pine for years only to be ignored by ACHD and the City of Meridian.

Thank you

Aaron Edwards

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PLAN AHEAD: Ustick Road Summer Closure Begins May 27

The Idaho Transportation Department is starting major work next week on the future SH-16 and Ustick Road Interchange. **Starting Tuesday, May 27, Ustick Road will be closed from Owyhee Storm Avenue to McDermott Bypass until late August.** This full closure will allow crews to widen Ustick Road immediately around the interchange and connect the on- and off-ramps for the future interchange.

Starting Tuesday, May 27:

- Ustick Road will be closed between Owyhee Storm Avenue and McDermott Bypass until late August.
- Motorists will be detoured around the work zone.
- Access to homes within the closure will be maintained.
- Temporary traffic signals will be installed at the Cherry/McDermott and Ustick/Can-Ada intersections as requested by ACHD, and the city of Nampa.



*All work is contingent on weather and other conditions.
Dates are subject to change.*

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