

Meeting Minutes

Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, May 5, 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

☒ Kelly Bruner (ACHD)

☒ Kate Dahl (VRT)

☒ Lila Klopfenstein (COMPASS)

☒ Justin Price (ITD)

☒ Miranda Carson (WASD)

OTHERS PRESENT

☒ Cpl. Trevor Weitzel (Police)

☒ Tishra Murray (Legal)

☒ Hether Hill (Comm. Dev.)

Adoption of the Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

1. April 7, 2025

Motion to approve by Commissioner Lancaster, 2nd 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 called attention to updates on the Eagle Road, Lake Hazel to Amity and Ustick, Black Cat to Ten Mile projects, as well as updates on segments of the Meridian Downtown Pedestrian Improvements Project.

New Business Items

3. MIPS Project Updates

Ms. Hill provided updates on the progress of previously presented crosswalks identified in the MIPS report. Three crosswalks on private approaches off Overland Road were painted with thermoplastic paint. Additional projects in road rights-of-way are currently out to bid and are being managed by ACHD – expected Notice to Proceed is late mid to late June.

4. Ex-Officio Updates

Lila Klopfenstein – 1) public comment opportunity - change to a new project being added to the Transportation Improvement Program; 2) upcoming education series events – topics include road

safety audits and census tools; 3) COMPASS' estimated population forecast is 147,340 people by 2045.

Kate Dahl – VRT continues working with the City of Nampa on preparing four scenarios to inform the City's budget discussions and funding available to support VRT services; Routes 40 and 45 may be impacted in the City of Meridian depending on what comes of conversations with Nampa; VRT is hosting Canyon County Transit Day on May 6th – 2 open houses.

Miranda Carson – WASD continues successful implementation of school bus badges; planning for the next school year.

Kelly Bruner –ACHD is still working through impacts of legislation; the new Traffic Management Center has opened; Five Year Plan draft will be available in August.

Justin Price – ITD activated a new traffic signal on SH-55 at Banks Lowman Road (not Meridian specific); a contractor has been selected for the Eagle Road safety project – schedule should be available soon.

5. Staff Communications

Staff Communications began on page 14 of the packet. Chair Steed went through each of the correspondence items (three total), which prompted a lengthy and comprehensive discussion with the Commission, Ex-Officios and City staff. The 4th item was an ACHD press release related to recent maintenance efforts and number of potholes filled.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- 6. ACHD Master Street Map Changes – Arterial Corridor Preservation (Cherry Lane)**
- 7. Capital Investments Citizens Advisory Committee (CICAC) Update**
- 8. Transportation Commission Bylaws**
- 9. ACHD Queuing Analysis**
- 10. SH-69, Kuna to Meridian – Corridor Traffic Study**

Next Meeting Date: July 7, 2025

Adjournment; 4:37pm – Motion by Commissioner Hopkins, 2nd by Commissioner Ballard - all ayes.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

WALTER STEED, CHAIR

DATE

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

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