

Meeting Minutes

Meridian Transportation Commission

May 2, 2022

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

Virtual Meeting Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83136458810>

Or join by phone: Dial 669-900-6833 and enter Webinar ID: 831 3645 8810

Roll Call

(Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.; YouTube started and roll taken)

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| <u>x</u> David Ballard | <u>x</u> Stephen Lewis | <u>o</u> Shawn Martin (ex-officio-ACHD) |
| <u>o</u> Zachary Shoemaker | <u>x</u> Jared Smith | <u>x</u> Liisa Itkonen (ex-officio-COMPASS) |
| <u>x</u> Ryan Lancaster | <u>x</u> Tom LeClaire | <u>x</u> RD Huntley (ex-officio-WASD) |
| <u>x</u> Walter Steed | <u>x</u> Joseph Leckie | <u>x</u> Alissa Taysom (ex-officio-VRT) |
| <u>x</u> Tracy Hopkins | _____ | <u>x</u> Justin Price (ex-officio-ITD) |

Others Present: Ted Baird, Meg McCarty, Sgt, Dance, Caleb Hood

Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Steed opened this for discussion; there was none. Per the Chair, the agenda was considered adopted as published.

Approval of Minutes

1. **March 7, 2022** – Motion by Lewis; 2nd by Hopkins-All ayes

Old Business Items

2. Transportation Projects Update (C. Hood)

Beginning on page 6, we will be inviting Gary Inselman and Tom Laws from ACHD to discuss the project prioritization stakeholder updates and the CIP ACHD, under the future meeting topics as well. They may be at the June meeting.

Page 7, At the McMillian and Black Cat Intersection the ACHD consultant has recommended a dual lane roundabout. Design is on the ACHD Commission agenda for this week.

Page 10 ITD Projects- Regarding the Idaho 16 project, the next phase of that has been broken up into three phases. The Phase between I-84 and Franklin-the bid opening is 5/3/22 for that

construction. And Ustick to Chinden will be 5/17/22. North and South are proposed to be done first. I-84 and Franklin is first, and second is Ustick and Chinden. The third will be the middle segment between Franklin and Ustick.

Update-not in the packet. I-84 interchange to the Eagle road interchange, ITD is working on a PSNE adding an auxiliary lane on the shoulder of I-84 East bound between Meridian and Eagle interchanges, along with constructing a new shoulder there. Anticipated there will be 2 lanes on I-84 Eastbound from Meridian interchange and 2 lanes off at Eagle interchange. ITD is currently working with TO engineers. ITD still plans to restripe for a dual lane on the current exit ramp off of I 84 and Eagle.

Page 10, Meridian/Kuna traffic study through ITD will hold a technical meeting on Thursday.

Page 11, Valley Regional Transit discussions are beginning for FY23 budget and services. Budget starts 10/1/22.

Mr. Hood opened for questions. There was some further discussion.

3. September ACHD Operations Center Tour (tentative 9/12) - C. Hood

C. Hood proposed moving the meeting up 30 minutes. There was discussion of riding in a Parks Departments van for those who would like to use that option. 3:00pm start time and riding in the City van were agreed on by the Commission. There was some further discussion of logistics.

New Business Items

4. ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee (Meg McCarthy)

Meg McCarthy is the ACHD bicyclist and pedestrian program coordinator. Ms. McCarthy presented on the organization of ACHD. The various plans related to bicyclist and pedestrian facilities were outlined. There was some discussion about the Advisory Council History and Membership. The members serve 2-year terms, which need to be approved by the commission prior to becoming a member. Ms. McCarthy stood for questions; there was some discussion.

5. Meridian Police Department Update (Sgt. Dance)

Sgt. Dance to talk about the hands-free law effectiveness. There were 8 crashes in 2021 attributed to texting and driving; this is likely too low as it is hard to prove that the cause of a crash was due to texting and driving. It is proving to be a hard law to enforce. The law does allow for officers to pull over the vehicle if they see them using a mobile device. There was some further discussion.

6. Staff Communications (C. Hood)

Mr. Hood began discussion on Page 12 in the staff communications memo. There are concerns with the school crossing on S. Stockenham Way for Hillsdale Elementary. It was decided it was best to convene the School Zone Subcommittee to discuss the best solutions for crossing to Hillsdale Elementary.

Page 12-15 have the analysis from ACHD on the Bri community concerns with speed on N. Records Way. ACHD is not recommending a speed reduction or a crosswalk. Anything further would need to go through the Mayor. There was some discussion on various solutions.

Page 17, there was a citizen concern about compression brakes on Linder. ACHD is willing to put up a compression break prohibited sign to coincide with a welcome sign. The current "Welcome to Meridian" sign needs to be moved, but it should be moved further south than the top of the hill. There was some further discussion about this concern and the signage for compression breaks.

7. July Meeting Date/Cancellation

Due to the Independence Day holiday, the meeting was proposed to be moved to July 11, 2022 or cancel the meeting. It was decided to move the meeting to July, 11th and confirm at the June meeting.

Future Meeting Topics

- 8. State of Transportation Review-Mayor Simison (June)**
- 9. ACHD Capital Improvement Plan Update**
- 10. Integrated Five-Year Work Plan Prioritization Methodology**
- 11. I-84 Eastbound Off-Ramp at Eagle Road**
- 12. ACHD Capital Investment Citizens Advisory Committee Update (Chair)**

Next Meeting Date: June 6, 2022

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

WALTER STEED, CHAIR

DATE

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

DATE