

Meeting Minutes

Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, June 1, 2026

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

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

☐ Seat 1: Vacant

☒ Ryan Lancaster

☒ Jared Smith

☐ Seat 2: Vacant

☒ Stephen Lewis

☒ Tom LeClaire

☐ Seat 3: Vacant

☒ Tracy Hopkins

☒ Advik Bansal

EX-OFFICIO

☒ Rebecca Phillips (ACHD)

☒ Kate Dahl (VRT)

☒ Austin Miller (COMPASS)

☒ Mark Wasdahl (ITD)

☒ Miranda Carson (WASD)

OTHERS PRESENT

☐ Sgt. Morgan Carter (Police)

☐ Caleb Hood (Com. Dev.)

☒ Tishra Murray (Legal)

☒ Craige Bergman (Com. Dev.)

☒ Brian McClure (Com. Dev.)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Action: Motion for the adoption of the agenda by Commissioner Hopkins, with second from Commissioner Lewis

Action: Approved, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Monday, May 4, 2026

Chair LeClaire noted that the May meeting minutes indicated there had been no official motion regarding approval of the April minutes and requested that both sets of minutes be considered for approval.

Chair LeClaire also requested an amendment to the May minutes to include his comment made during the Transportation Commission End of Year Report discussion regarding the ongoing challenge of preserving right of way identified in the ACHD Master Street. Specifically, he requested language stating that reserving for arterial roadways within the ACHD Master Street map would remain an ongoing challenge for both the Meridian Transportation Commission and City Council.

Action: Motion for the approval of the minutes for April 6th and May 4th made by Commissioner Hopkins, with second from Chairman LeClaire

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

2. INFORMATION: Staff Transportation Project Tracking

- Craige Bergman reported that there were no major updates to the Transportation Project Tracking report. He noted that paving and completion of the Rails with Trails pathway segment was anticipated by the end of June.

- Commissioners discussed a recent ACHD Master Street Map amendment involving the Stratford to Touchmark corridor. Chair LeClaire inquired about the alignment selected by ACHD. Staff explained that ACHD approved a central alignment that preserves a future corridor connection while also identifying potential future frontage road opportunities. Staff noted that the ACHD Master Street Map serves primarily as a corridor preservation tool and does not establish final roadway alignments.

3. INFORMATION: ACHD FYP 27 – 31 Prioritization

- Craig Bergman provided an update regarding development of ACHD's 2027–2031 Five-Year Prioritization Plan. Staff reported that recent public outreach identified the Linder Road, Chinden Boulevard, and State Highway 44 corridor reaching the top three of public commented projects. Meridian's top project priorities continue to focus on improvements along the Locust Grove corridor.
- Staff also noted that ACHD's Bicycle Advisory Committee recommended that the Fairview/Five Mile Creek Bikeway be included among the highest priority bicycle projects within the Five-Year Plan. Commissioners were informed that ACHD is expected to review a draft plan in July, with a presentation anticipated before the Transportation Commission later in the summer.

4. ACTION: Temporary Traffic Controls

- Commissioner Ryan Lancaster presented concerns regarding ACHD's use of temporary stop signs and speed humps in neighborhoods adjacent to major construction projects.
- Commissioner Lancaster stated that the Commission had discussed the issue during previous meetings and expressed concern that the practice represented a departure from previous ACHD guidance. He stated that stop signs are intended to serve as traffic control devices rather than speed control measures and referenced provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which prohibit the use of stop signs solely for speed reduction purposes. He also questioned the legality of the practice, the associated project costs, and the rationale for discouraging use of otherwise public roadways.
- Commissioner Lancaster moved that the Transportation Commission recommend that Meridian City Council take a position with ACHD requesting discontinuation of the practice of installing temporary stop signs and speed humps in neighborhoods adjacent to major ACHD capital projects.
- During discussion, Commissioner Hopkins expressed support for the motion and stated that the practice added unnecessary project costs through installation of temporary traffic control devices. Commissioner Smith stated that he would like ACHD to provide additional explanation regarding the policy basis for the practice, noting that it appeared inconsistent with guidance previously provided to the Commission.

- Following approval of the motion, staff requested additional direction regarding the preparation of a recommendation letter to City Council. Commissioners discussed several points they believed should be included in the correspondence, including concerns regarding legality, consistency with previous ACHD guidance, project costs, and discouragement of travel on public roadways.
- **Motion by Commissioner Lancaster:** Recommend that Meridian City Council take a position with ACHD requesting discontinuation of the practice of installing temporary stop signs and speed humps in neighborhoods adjacent to major ACHD construction projects.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

5. INFORMATION: Ex-Officio Updates

- **ACHD** – Rebecca Phillips reported that ACHD continues development of the 2027–2031 Five-Year Plan and anticipates presenting a draft to the ACHD Commission during a July work session. The draft is expected to be released publicly on July 1.
 - **COMPASS** – Austin Miller reported that Communities in Motion 2055 remains under development and that several regional planning efforts are nearing completion, including the Regional Waterway Pathway Plan and the Resilience Improvement Plan. Miller also provided an update on the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, explaining that the draft project list would be reviewed by the COMPASS Board before being released for public comment in July. He announced a public open house scheduled for July 7 and encouraged commissioners to attend.
 - **West Ada School District** – Miranda Carson reported that the West Ada School District is preparing for the upcoming school year and continues coordinating with regional transportation partners regarding school transportation issues. Chair LeClaire suggested that the Commission consider a school transportation-focused field trip for its annual September tour. Potential options discussed included observing school traffic circulation during dismissal periods, participating in a school bus ride-along, or touring the West Ada School District transportation facility
 - **VRT** – Kate Dahl reported that Valley Regional Transit plans to suspend Route 30 service in October due to low ridership and budget constraints. She explained that riders have increasingly transitioned to Route 45 following previous route modifications. Dahl also announced a youth ride for free summer program for riders under the age of 18. The program is being supported through partnerships with the City of Boise and St. Luke's and is intended to encourage youth transit use and independent travel.
- ITD** – Mark Wasdahl provided an update regarding upcoming Idaho Transportation Board activities and development of the Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP). Wasdahl reported that the Transportation Board would be visiting District 3 in June and noted that the draft ITIP would be released for public review during July. He explained that the state budget remains stable for maintenance and operations

but that fewer expansion and capacity projects may advance due to reduced legislative funding compared with previous years.

- **Meridian Police Department** – No representative present.
- **Meridian Legal** – No updates from Legal

6. INFORMATION: Staff Communications

a. Staff Communication: Linder Rd, Overland to Franklin

- No discussion

b. Staff Communication: Lake Hazel Rd

- Commissioners discussed a property near Lake Hazel Road and Eagle Road and reviewed its location relative to Meridian city limits and surrounding county jurisdiction. Staff clarified that the property remains within Ada County and is located near the Meridian city boundary.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

7. Pine Ave, Black Cat to Ten Mile – Speeding Concerns

8. Union 93 development project on Broadway Ave across from Meridian City Hall.

9. ACHD Master Street Map Changes – Arterial Corridor Preservation (Cherry Lane)

10. East 3rd Street Extension Alignment

11. ACHD Five-Year Plan Update

12. Woodbridge Neighborhood Requests (cross-walks, traffic calming, gates)

NEXT MEETING - July 6, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hopkins, seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

Action: Approved, all ayes

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)