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Subject: Re: Transportation Commission

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Craige,

Thank you! I believe I have the option to download and send the petition to whomever, so I will send it your way on Wednesday to meet the deadline.

Also, if it would be more helpful for you, I will write my own written testimony here:

E River Valley Street is becoming increasingly more hazardous as our population grows. The Village, Meridian's largest, most popular shopping center, sits directly across the street from The Regency Apartments -- home to a significant amount of residents who frequent this shopping center. Because of its closeness, this complex is even considered a residential portion of the Village itself. However, the only way one can walk to the Village from these apartments is by taking a detour either to Records Ave, or Eagle Rd, which is an unnecessary distance to walk to simply cross the street.

Many residents are elderly or have physical disabilities that make it difficult to walk to these locations, and as a resident myself as well as an employee of the Boise Co-op, I witness residents such as these crossing the middle of the street in wheelchairs and walkers -- daily. Parents are seen pushing strollers across the street. Drivers on this road have expressed concern, as they recognize not all who drive are always aware of their surroundings, that a collision involving a pedestrian is likely. The store director of the Boise Co-op as well as the property management for the Regency Apartments have both shared these concerns and agreed with my testimony.

Better accessibility for residents should be provided, especially for those with disabilities that limit the distance they can walk. A crosswalk in this location isn't just a convenience -- it is a necessary safety precaution.

If I may, I can also include testimony from others:

Christina Potts, a resident of the Regency Apartments, said,

"I have lived in these apartments for the almost seven years, and my children and I regularly walk to the businesses located directly across the street. Unfortunately, there is no safe way to cross. I have significant back issues that limit how far I can comfortably walk. While I am able to walk short distances, having to travel all the way to the existing crosswalk at Eagle Road or Records Avenue adds a substantial amount of extra walking. As a result, many residents, including myself, are left with the choice of either making a long detour or crossing the street where there is no designated crosswalk. I am also concerned

about the safety of children and families in our community. My own children often walk to the businesses across the street with their friends, and I worry every time they cross. Even as a driver, I have seen people crossing at this location, and it makes me nervous because not all drivers are paying close attention. A designated crosswalk with flashing lights would help protect pedestrians and provide drivers with a clear indication that people may be crossing. I believe a marked pedestrian crosswalk is needed at this location, along with a pedestrian-activated flashing beacon similar to the one on Village Drive between Marshall's and Big Al's. A flashing signal would make drivers more aware of pedestrians and significantly improve safety. Adding a safe crossing at this location would improve accessibility for individuals with mobility limitations, increase pedestrian safety, and better connect our neighborhood with the businesses that many residents use every day."

Taylor Hiltz, also a resident, said,

"Having a crosswalk from The Regency at River Valley complex to the shops across the street would be a huge benefit to the community. There's a lot of car and foot traffic in this area every day, especially when there are events at Kleiner Park, and it's dangerous to cross the road here. A crosswalk would make it safer for pedestrians and easier to access the shops. There are also 2 bus stops right in front of the complex and on the side of the Boise Co-Op, and being able to cross the road safely to access them would be helpful as well."

Vanessa Buck, also a resident, said,

"I think the river valley crosswalk is clearly needed for the safety of our community. I have seen many people cross this road to access the village but there is no crosswalk despite the high foot traffic. Many Boise Co-op customers walk across this street to access the shopping center and risk their safety when crossing."

I can include anything else you might find helpful. Thank you for all of your help!

Travis Stitzel

On Mon, Jun 29, 2026, 09:34 Craig Bergman <cbergman@meridiancity.org> wrote:

Good morning Travis,

I apologize for the delay in responding. Yes! You are welcome to attend the meeting virtually, a link for zoom will be included on the agenda. You will not be able to speak or unmute until you are called on for the discussion topic. I will include the data from your petition, I can do my best to include the reasoning for the request but I cannot substitute for testimony from citizens. For what its' worth, I was requested to take Drone photography of that area, so there will be additional photos included for this discussion topic.

For the agenda, it will be finalized and posted on Wednesday July 1st. I have included a link below where you can find that.

[Meridian Transportation Commission Agenda](#)

Let me know if anything else comes up

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From: Travis Stitzel <travisstitzel@gmail.com>
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Thank you Craige!

I have created a petition and I am encouraging locals and colleagues to sign it. It can be found here (link to [change.org](https://c.org/cWgZ5BXSdv)): <https://c.org/cWgZ5BXSdv>

I hope to use this petition as written testimony, and I intend on attending on the 6th. I am reading that the Committee meetings are also held via Zoom in addition to in person -- will this one be held virtually as well?

Thank you again!

Travis Stitzel

On Tue, Jun 23, 2026, 16:38 Craige Bergman <cbergman@meridiancity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Travis,

Thanks for the call today and discussing the concerns you have at Records Way. As stated on the call, ACHD reviews and approves traffic control measures such as crosswalk enhancements, signage, and signalization. Sounds like ACHD has conducted a few Traffic Investigations in that area, I'll reach out to my contacts at ACHD and see if we can get those for the Transportation Commission meeting.

I want to also ensure that I'll be taking this discussion point to the Transportation Commission meeting on July 6th. While the City does not control traffic signals or roadway improvements, we can help elevate these concerns and coordinate with ACHD.

If you would like to provide a written statement for the Transportation Commission, you can include it in your response here. You are also welcome to attend the meeting and provide a verbal testimony. The meeting is scheduled for July 6th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

I would like to be transparent that the agenda does have a topic item that could be a long discussion item, and your crosswalk item will likely be at the bottom of the agenda during the staff communication portion. When the agenda is published, I will send you a copy.

Thanks again and feel free to reach out with any questions

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