

MEMORANDUM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



July 1, 2026

TO: Meridian Transportation Commission
CC: Craige Bergman, Coordination Planner
FROM: Caleb Hood, CD Deputy Director
RE: East 3rd Street Extension

During the December 1st, 2025 Meridian Transportation Commission meeting, Staff provided the Commission with some background and history on past and current efforts to preserve a north-south collector roadway between Carlton Avenue and Fairview Avenue, in downtown Meridian. The north-south roadways in downtown, between Main and Locust Grove are disconnected and the need for a more direct connection between Franklin and Fairview, across the railroad tracks is desired.

The Meridian Development Corporation (MDC), the City's urban renewal agency has updated the visionary master plan for downtown: Destination Downtown 2.0. As part of that effort, transportation improvements downtown were evaluated. MDC shared and discussed connections downtown with City Council late last year, including E. 3rd Street alignment options for future extension. MDC's consultant has developed a paper/report that will be included in your July packet. Unfortunately, MDC's consultant is not available to attend the July TC meeting but will be in attendance in August. Staff is hopeful that the TC will develop a recommendation for Council on the E. 3rd Street alignment during next month's meeting.

Prior to the July 6th TC meeting, please familiarize yourself with the background information and documents associated with this topic.