



# MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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**From:** Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner      **Meeting Date:** January 9, 2022  
**Topic:** Transportation Projects Update

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Below is a summary/update on some of the transportation and roadway projects City Staff has been involved with recently. This is not an exhaustive list, but rather highlights some of the more important activities that have recently transpired (or are about to occur) in the transportation realm. Staff will be at the Transportation Commission meeting to discuss some of these topics in more detail. Please feel free to contact staff should you have any comments, concerns, or questions on any of these projects. New information is in **bold**.

## **KEY ACHD PROJECTS:**

ACHD Integrated Five-Year Work Program: The 2022-2026 Integrated Five-Year Work Plan (IFYWP) was adopted by the ACHD commission on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. More information can be found here:

[https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP\\_2226draft.aspx](https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP_2226draft.aspx).

2024-2028 IFYWP prioritization process began with a kick-off meeting November 16, 2022. **City Staff met with West Ada School District on the Community Programs list. We will meet again on January 10<sup>th</sup> to coordinate our top 10 Community Programs requests.**  
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Linder, Overland to Franklin: **A working session of core project team members met on 1/4/2023 to discuss the intersections and retaining wall options. The southside of the bridge decent is proposed to have fill slopes on either side with a possibility of wall/partial wall to provide access to the ACHD drainage basin. The northside of the decent is proposed to have a retaining wall to preserve neighborhood trees, pump station access, water access, and lessen future maintenance needs.** 30% design meeting was held November 30<sup>th</sup>. Design is underway and estimated to be complete October 2023; public information meeting is planned for early 2023. Construction and ROW funds for this project are not yet programmed. Widen Linder Rd to 5 lanes with a bicycle and pedestrian facility from Overland Rd to Franklin Rd. Project includes a new I-84 overpass. The project includes connection of W Verbena Dr across Linder.

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McMillan/Black Cat Intersection: Multi-lane roundabout with truck apron, curb, gutter, and a 10-foot-wide multi-use pathway. Crosswalk at each leg with two stage pedestrian crossings and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at each pedestrian crossing. Design in FY22, ROW in FY23, and construction in FY24. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/mcmillan-and-black-cat>

## [intersection](#)

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Locust Grove Road, Victory to Overland and roundabout at Victory: **The contractor milling road, clearing and grubbing. Excavation has started at the roundabout. Construction is anticipated to be complete late fall 2023.** Locust Grove Road and Victory Road will be closed for roundabout construction beginning December 8th. Widen Locust Grove to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, multi-use pathway and at-grade side street crossings. Project includes a dual-lane roundabout at Victory. Projects includes replacement/widening of bridge #2116 over the Tenmile Creek on Victory Rd and connection on the north end of a sidewalk gap to the west. Here is the project website: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/locust-grove-road-victory-road-to-overland-road>

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Eagle Road, Lake Hazel to Amity: Landscaping within the roundabout at Taconic will be included in the Cost Share Permit. Design is planned to be complete by summer 2022. Construction in 2024. Widen Eagle to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and a multi-use pathway. Includes a multi-lane roundabout at Eagle Rd and Taconic Dr. Here is the project website: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/eagle-road-lake-hazel-road-to-amity-road>

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Lake Hazel and Eagle Signal: **Right-of-way is scheduled for 2022/2023.** 99% drawings have been distributed to the project team with the large retaining walls still under review. The design includes significant grade changes of the existing intersection and will integrate large retaining walls. Construction in 2024. Widen and signalize intersection to 4/5 lanes on Eagle and 3/4 lanes on Lake Hazel with multiuse pathway connections. Here is a link to the project website: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/lake-hazel-and-eagle-intersection>

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Fairview, Jericho Road to Eagle & Locust Grove Signal: Construction is expected to start 2025. This project is exceptionally complex with multiple curbs, materials, and elevations. Z-crossing just west of Fairview/Webb being considered. Widen intersection to 9 lanes on Fairview and 7 lanes on Locust Grove. Widen Fairview to 7 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and Level 3 bike facility. Here is a link to the project website: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/fairview-avenue-jericho-road-to-eagle-road>

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Ustick, Ten Mile to Linder: **Right-of-way is scheduled for 2023/2024. Construction is planned for 2024/2025.** Public input survey ended November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Design status 75%. Median landscaping is being explored by the project team. Construction is planned for 2025. Concept includes two pedestrian bridge crossing options over Five Mile Creek with a signalized crossing over Ustick. Design will include multiuse pathways. A retaining wall will be necessary along Five Mile Creek. No sidewalk/pathways along Five Mile creek where retaining wall to be located; connection will rely on City pathway on north side of creek. Widen Ustick Rd to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, center medians, and multi-use pathway from Ten Mile Rd to Linder Rd. [https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick\\_ten\\_mile\\_linder](https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick_ten_mile_linder)

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Ustick, Ten Mile to Black Cat: Public input survey ended November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Design status 75%. Median landscaping is being explored by the project team. Widen to 5-lanes with center medians, and reconstruct Ustick & Black Cat Intersection. Initial approach for intersection is a

roundabout. Signalized crossing at Naomi (location of new ACHD yard, south of wastewater facility). Design in 2023, ROW in 2023-2024, and construction in 2025.  
[https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick\\_black\\_cat\\_ten\\_mile](https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick_black_cat_ten_mile)  
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Amity Rd and Locust Grove Rd Signal: Design kick off began on the ultimate configuration October 20th. ACHD is considering both a roundabout and a signal. The full scope is not yet determined, but the project will include sidewalks or a pathway to Mary McPherson Elementary. The interim project was terminated by ACHD. Instead a more final full overhaul of the intersection under a larger project will likely be constructed in FY24 or FY25.  
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Lake Hazel Road, Eagle to Cloverdale: Public input survey ended November 10th. Design status 50%. Project will include swales adjacent to the roadway. Widen Lake Hazel Rd to five 11' lanes with curb gutter and 10' detached multiuse path on both sides. Bridge improvement included to remove and replace the existing bridge over the Ten Mile Creek. Design 2022; ROW; 2023; Construction 2026.  
[https://engage.achdidaho.org/lake\\_hazel\\_eagle\\_cloverdale](https://engage.achdidaho.org/lake_hazel_eagle_cloverdale)  
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Eagle Road Signal Improvements: The traffic signal controllers were replaced in March 2022. ACHD ran into some additional issues with the traffic signal controller software and the new software system that analyzes the data from the traffic signal controllers. Most of the issues have been resolved, and ACHD's consultant will soon begin utilizing that data to assist ACHD in developing and implementing timing and operational changes. Work is anticipated to be ongoing the remainder of this year.

## **ACHD CAPITAL MAINTENANCE**

Residential Capital Maintenance includes conducting field reconnaissance and collecting survey data to determine an improvement strategy for deteriorated/non-compliant facilities such as: pavement, drainage, pipes, sidewalks, ramps. ACHD aims for bringing the segments up to Complete Streets standards where possible. Existing non-compliant pedestrian ramp and driveway access points located along each roadway segment will be identified to be upgraded to meet ADA compliance. Reasonable attempts will be made to improve each pedestrian ramp as directional, not diagonal.

FY2021 Residential Capital Maintenance: Construction ongoing Winter 2022/2023: E 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Idaho to Carlton; E 4th, Broadway to State

**Substantially Complete: E State, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Cathy Ln;** E 4th, Washington to Janie Ln; E 5<sup>th</sup>, State to north end; E Bower, 2<sup>nd</sup> to east end; NE 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Franklin to Bower; E Washington, 4<sup>th</sup> to Cathy Ln. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/2021-residential-capital-maintenance>  
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FY2022 Residential Capital Maintenance: Construction has been pushed to 2024; the project name will adjust accordingly. The goal is to have a minimum 33' roadway pavement width so parking can be accommodated on both sides; 36' is pretty typical with some sections even being wider. ACHD is aiming for complete streets where possible. Segments include: W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, W Pine to north end; E Broadway Ave, E 3<sup>rd</sup> to E 6<sup>th</sup>; W Cherry Ave, NW 4<sup>th</sup> St to Meridian Rd; W Idaho Ave, W 8<sup>th</sup> St to N Meridian Rd; W Maple Ave, W 1<sup>st</sup> St to N Meridian Rd; W 2<sup>nd</sup> St, W Cherry

Ave to W Cherry Ln; NW 4<sup>th</sup> S, W Broadway Ave to Maple Ave. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/2022-residential-capital-maintenance> Segments E Washington Ave, NW 7<sup>th</sup> to Meridian Rd; NW 7<sup>th</sup> St, W Washington St to middle school micro-path; and W 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, W Washington St to W Carlton Ave are also part of this project, but have a separate web page: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/washington-street-and-6th-street>  
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FY2023 Residential Capital Maintenance: Construction has been pushed to 2025; the project name will adjust accordingly. Segments included: 1<sup>st</sup> St W, south end to Franklin Road; Rose Circle; Country Terrace Way S, south end to Overland Road; Blossom Pl, south end to W McGlinchey Ave; McGlinchey Ave, Blossom Pl to NW 8<sup>th</sup> St; Interlachen Ct, west end to Interlachen Way; Laurel Ct, south end to Verbena Dr; Tobago Ct. E., west end to SE 5<sup>th</sup> Way; Larkspur Ct, south end to Verbena Dr; Lilac St, south end to Waltman St; Lavender Ct, south end to Verbena Dr; Sugar Creek, south end to Sugar Creek Dr; Lawndale Dr, McGlinchey Ave to Crestmont Dr; Crusier Dr, west end to Five Mile Rd; and Francine Pl S, Victory Rd to S Francine Ln.

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## ITD PROJECTS

ChindenWest Corridor: This project will result in 4 travel lanes (two in each direction). Widening will take place to the south of the existing alignment and be constructed to accommodate future widening to 6 travel lanes (three in each direction) with high capacity intersections at roads with river crossings. Project website: <https://itdprojects.org/projects/chindenwest/>

ID-16 to Linder: This section of the project is complete.

Locust Grove Road to Eagle Road: This section of the project is complete.

Linder Road to Locust Grove Road: Phase 2 Meridian Road to Locust Grove Road will begin September-December 2022 with demolition, utility work, and clearing the ITD right-of-way. Road reconstruction will begin when temperatures allow, estimated in February 2023. All work will wrap up in early summer 2023. All four lanes from Linder to Meridian are open.

Star Road to ID-16: Improvements include re-aligning and reconstructing US-20/26, constructing pathways, and relocating nearby irrigation infrastructure. Construction will begin in fall 2022 with anticipated completion in spring 2024.

Middleton Road to Star Road: Construction is planned for 2024. An online public meeting was held the first week of June. Information from that meeting can be found here: <https://chindenwest.com/middletontostar/>.

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**Idaho Highway 16 extension, U.S. 20/26 to I-84: Flagger will direct daytime traffic near the intersection of McMillan and McDermott roads on weekdays from Monday, Dec. 12 to Thursday, Dec. 22. Idaho Power will be relocating utility lines in the project area.** Initial construction began August 2022 and is anticipated to be complete 2024 and will include: Five miles of highway between U.S. 20/26 and I-84; an interchange at SH-16/I-84; signalized intersections at Franklin Road and Ustick Road; reconstruction of the U.S. 20/26 intersection; overpasses at Cherry Lane, McMillan Road, and the railroad; and minor adjustments to local roads near SH-16. ITD is also completing the design of the future interchanges at Franklin Road,

Ustick Road, U.S. 20/26 and State Highway 44. Additional funding will be needed to build these interchanges. Project website: <https://itdprojects.org/projects/sh16corridor/>

Eagle Road, Overland to SH- 44 State St: **ITD repaved Eagle Road between Overland and Franklin and the Boise River and Island Woods Drive.** Project includes pavement rehabilitation and pedestrian ramp improvements. All work will take place at night over two construction seasons. Franklin Road to Boise River will be constructed in 2023.

<https://itdprojects.org/projects/eagleroadrepairs/>

SH-55 Eagle Road Safety Review: The review scope and timeline continue to be refined by the project team. An inter-agency team has been assembled to discuss a safety review of Eagle Road, Chinden to I-84. 2 meetings have been held to date to kick off the project and discuss the scope of that review.

SH-69, Kuna to Meridian Traffic Study: The project team held Technical Committee Meetings in May. It is anticipated the City will be provided a briefing by ITD in the Summer 2022 timeframe. ITD is studying options to improve safety, mobility and access on Idaho 69 between Kuna and Meridian. There is currently no funding identified in ITD's seven-year budget for the SH-69 improvements. <https://itdprojects.org/projects/id69corridor/>

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## **PATHWAYS**

South Meridian Neighborhood Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan: **Design status 75% meeting to be held 1/5/2023** for 3 segment improvements in the plan: Stoddard Road, Victory to Overland; Locust Grove Rd at Palermo Dr pedestrian crossing; and bridge #1207 at Locust Grove Rd and Ten Mile creek. Construction is not yet programmed. ACHD and several partners including the City coordinated to develop a plan to help improve walking and bicycling routes in South Meridian neighborhoods. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/neighborhood-plans>

Hollandale/Targee Bikeway Study: **The Hollandale Concept Design was adopted by the Commission December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** ACHD invited the City to participate in a concept study for a bikeway that goes from Locust Grove Rd to Entertainment Ave along local roads. The purpose of the study is mainly to emphasize the bike route as a low-stress bikeway with signs and pavement markings. Design: 2024; ROW: 2025; Construction: Future. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/hollandale-targee-neighborhood-improvements>

Rail with Trail: This project is still a priority for all agencies involved, but has gotten to the point where the effort needs to come from a broader group of stakeholders that would include higher-level decisionmakers able to enter into negotiations and identify funding sources.

Nine Mile Creek, Linder to Meridian: The path is proposed to run from Linder to Meridian along the Nine Mile Creek drain just north of the railroad. The Parks department is poised to complete a land trade at the end of 2022 to obtain the final access (on 3rd Street) that will make the Rail with Trail (RWT) segment from 3rd Street to 8th Street possible. That portion will be funded with Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) monies (previously awarded, but pushed out a couple of times). Established schedule to take advantage of that funding is Design in 2023 and Construction in 2024. The Parks and Recreation Department continues to pursue remaining easements needed west of this project segment, from Linder Road to 8th St. No recent progress on the parcels between 3rd street and Meridian Road, though they will eventually be a part of this pathway segment, whether through negotiated easements or future development conditions.



Five Mile Creek Pathway: The Parks Department has contracted with Brighton Corporation to cost share for the pedestrian portion of the vehicular bridge across the Five Mile Creek in the proposed Quartet Subdivision, which has recently broken ground. The City will build a run of pathway along the south side of the Five Mile Creek from the Quartet Subdivision, to the Nine Mile Creek, which will culminate in a pedestrian bridge crossing of the Nine Mile Creek and a connection to the existing McNelis Pathway. Construction plans are currently at 95%, with plans to bid summer of 2022. ACHD owns a property along the proposed pathway route and will dedicate an easement for pathway. The City will share construction plans with ACHD, who will either construct the pathway segment on the ACHD property or reimburse the city for its construction as part of the larger City project.

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

Valley Regional Transit: Route 45 Boise State to CWI had a major service change beginning in October. Route 45 is now via Fairview and includes stops in Meridian. Previously this route did not service Meridian. Route 30 Pine from the Ten Mile Interchange area through downtown to The Village launched in October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

<https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/>

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