

MEMORANDUM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



January 28, 2026

TO: Transportation Commission
CC: Caleb Hood, Community Development Deputy Director
Craige Bergman, Long-range Associate Coordination Planner
FROM: Brian McClure, Long-range Planning Supervisor
RE: ACHD FYP 27-31 Prioritization

The following memorandum is provided to help inform discussions of the City's priorities for the Ada County Highway Districts (ACHD) Five Year Plan (FYP), 2027-2031. Yearly the ACHD updates the FYP in support of programming transportation improvement projects and the budgeting process. Projects in this plan, at least large capital projects, support ACHD's 20-year Capital Improvement Plan. The starting point for each new FYP is the previous year's final prioritization. The City's new requests are used by ACHD to create a draft Plan, which the City is then also encouraged to comment on, and is finally adopted by the ACHD Commission.

A key responsibility of the TC is to deliberate and make a recommendation on FYP priorities to the City Council and will ultimately result in a formal letter being sent by the Mayor to the ACHD Commission. For the City Council's part, they are always interested in receiving a recommendation from the Transportation Commission (TC), often with additional follow-up questions and requests. A TC subcommittee met on January 21st to begin this year's prioritization. The following guidance was received by staff from this subcommittee and was used to create the attached draft priorities. Note that starting guidance from the subcommittee often dominoed and so specific directions did not usually result in an exact final priority number.

Capital Projects:

- Locust Grove was strongly viewed as being of greater benefit to Meridian for earlier buildout to 5-lanes. Starting discussion was to make the segment south of Chidnen as 33, and parallel Locust Grove as 32.
- The Lake Hazel corridor was discussed in relation to commuter traffic, and its identification and preservation as a mobility corridor. Starting direction was to move Lake Hazel, Eagle to Cloverdale, from 61 to 34. This segment is intended to reflect awareness of the future Lake Hazel extension and general corridor expansion, south of Micron and east to I-84.
- Victory, Meridian to Locust Grove was discussed as being important, but hamstrung in benefit by the need for intersection improvements at SH-69 (Meridian Road). The priority was kept high but dropped out of the top 10, moving to 13 as a starting location. Bike and pedestrian gaps were discussed as a need.
- Ustick, Linder to Ten Mile was functionally removed given current construction status.

- Ustick and Venable was lowered as it has less congestion benefit, is likely a partnership project, and already has a PHB.
- McMillan, Locust Grove to Linder was intended to generally leave in similar priorities to FYP 2026-2030, but there was understanding that things may shift based on other directions.

Compliance Projects:

- Either 2-1/2 or 3rd Street is important long-term.
- Locust Grove and Wrightwood pedestrian and pathway crossing is well used, in a congested area, along a multi-mile pathway network and should be added and move towards 13.
- Victory and Ascaino pedestrian crossing should be added in the area of 40.
- Black Cat and Five Mile Creek pathway crossing should be added and moved to around 14.

Attachments are included below. Please note that a number of requested projects by the Parks and Recreation Commission were not ready in time for the subcommittees discussion. Staff request that these either find homes within the priorities or they will be added sequentially to the end of the list. Similarly, a number of projects identified in the Meridian Intersections and Pedestrian Safety (MIPS) Report were directed by ACHD to be added to the FYP request list for considerations, rather than be explored through other programming. Staff also request that the TC consider these projects, or they will similarly be added sequentially to the end of the recommendations to the City Council.

Attachments:

1. Top 20 Capital and Compliance Projects
2. New Project identified by the Parks and Recreation Department or MIPS Report.
3. Capital Project Prioritization Map (2025 Priorities)
4. Compliance Project Prioritization Map (2025 Priorities)
5. FYP 27_31 Capital Meridian Tracking
6. FYP 27_31 Compliance Meridian Tracking.
Note: priority numbers in yellow highlight with red, underlined text, represent directions by the subcommittee, and staffs attempt to make changes. Please verify final locations are intended.
7. ACHD Master_LOS_Updates11X17
8. Jan 2026 ACHD Joint Meeting Presentation