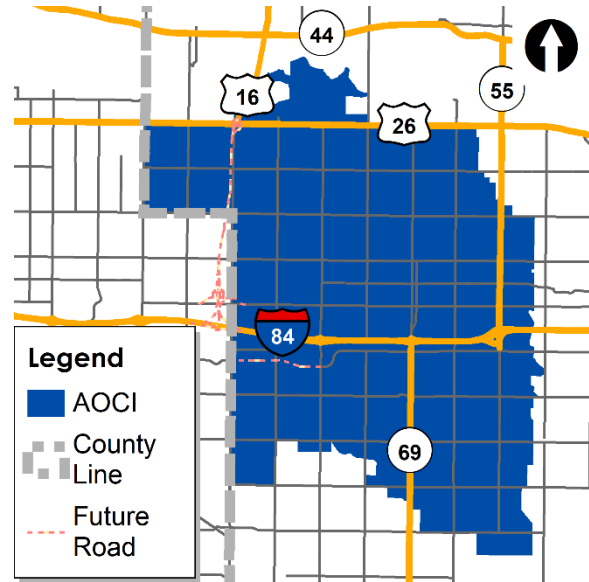


STAFF REPORT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



HEARING DATE: 8/18/2020
TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Brian McClure, Comprehensive Associate Planner
208-884-5533
SUBJECT: H-2020-0073
2020 Comprehensive Plan Policy Prioritization
LOCATION: Citywide



I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Meridian Planning Division submitted an application for a Comprehensive Plan Text (CPAT) amendment. This amendment does not modify any text in the Comprehensive Plan, except to add priorities and responsible lead information to adopted policies. There are no map amendments or other modifications proposed.

II. PROJECT OVERVIEW

There are 492 policies with 380 of them considered to be Action Items. Action items have five priorities listed as either Ongoing, Very High, High, Medium, or Low. The other 112 policies are Goals and Objectives, which are important for context and direction, but are not tasks in and of themselves (they are not prioritized). Goals and objectives list responsible groups for child policies, for tracking and continuity. Policies were also assigned a department for their Responsible Lead and Support. Policies that would otherwise go to a City Commission, were assigned to the Department with the staff liaison/coordinator. No policies were assigned to other agencies.

These prioritized policies were developed by Planning Division staff in coordination with all other identified Departments. It is expected that the Mayor and City Council will have their own views on this prioritization, but Planning and Zoning Commission may wish to provide suggestions as well. After adoption, a regular reporting and update to these policies is expected, usually yearly, to maintain the plans relevancy.

Following is a breakdown of the policies as proposed by Department, Chapter/Section, and priority.

Table 1: Prioritization by Lead

Section	Low	Medium	High	Very High	Grand Total
CD	5	3	20	11	39
Finance	0	1	0	0	1
Mayor's Office	1	4	3	0	8
P&R	4	6	6	8	24
PD	1	0	0	0	1
PW	3	4	2	3	12
Grand Total	14	18	31	22	85

Table 2: Priorities by Chapter Section

Section	Count
Arts and Culture	12
Character, Design, and Identity	21
Economic Excellence	40
Education and Community Services	17
Future Land use	22
Growth and Population	54
Historic Preservation	12
Housing	33
Parks and Pathways	38
Public Safety	27
Stewardship	43
Transportation and Streets	38
Utilities & Infrastructure	23
Grand Total	380

Table 3: On-going Items by Department

Section	Count
CD	167
FD	5
FD, PD	7
Finance	3
IT	1
Legal	3
Mayor's Office	20
P&R	43
PD	11
PW	35
Grand Total	295

The following are general time periods for each of the priorities:

- Very High = Currently/Immediately;
- High = 1 to 3 years;
- Medium = 3 to 5 years;
- Low = 5 to 10 years; and
- Ongoing = regular duties or at every opportunity.

III. APPLICANT INFORMATION

A. Applicant:

City of Meridian Planning Division, 33 E Broadway Ave, Suite 102, Meridian, Idaho 83642

B. Owner:

Not applicable.

C. Representative:

Not applicable.

IV. NOTICING

	Planning & Zoning Posting Date	City Council Posting Date
Notification published in newspaper	6/26/2020	7/31/2020
Notification mailed to property owners within 300'	Not applicable	Not applicable
Applicant posted public hearing notice sign on site	Not applicable	Not applicable
Nextdoor posting	6/23/2020	7/28/2020

V. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ANALYSIS ([Comprehensive Plan](#))

A. Comprehensive Plan Text (<https://www.meridiancity.org/compplan>):

When the Comprehensive Plan (Plan) was adopted in December of 2019, one of the Next Steps described in the Plan and at the hearings was to prioritize the policies. This text can be found in Chapter 1, Making the Plan Reality, under Next Steps (<https://meridiancity.org/planning/compplan/introduction#reality>). This section of the Plan says,

After adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, one of the first steps will be to prioritize the action items listed in the Plan. City Departments and other stakeholders will be part of the process to determine which action items are immediate, intermediate, or long-term priorities. This consolidated list of the action items will be referred to as the Implementation Plan of the Comprehensive Plan and it will establish both an action item lead and support, including all City departments or civic organizations that need to be involved in completing each action. After staff consensus on priorities, the draft policies will be shared with the Mayor and City Council. The intent of the Implementation Plan is to provide transparency to the community and ensure timely execution of the Comprehensive Plan’s action items through assigned responsibilities and priorities.

Prioritization is required for efficient implementation of the Plan, which will assist with transparency and for monitoring and reporting progress in future years. Monitoring has a specific policy, 3.04.01E, which says, “Monitor the progress of the Comprehensive Plan implementation plan to ensure steady progress.”

After City Council approves these policies, and to include any changes, Planning staff will prepare a revised final copy with all approved changes of the Plan for the findings. Due to the increase text associated the prioritization and responsible lead information, most chapters may have increased page counts.

VI. DECISION

A. Staff:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments as proposed.

B. The Meridian Planning & Zoning Commission heard this item on July 16, 2020. At the public hearing, the Commission voted to recommend approval of the subject CPAT request.

1. Summary of Commission public hearing:

- a. In favor: Planning Division
- b. In opposition: None
- c. Commenting: None
- d. Written testimony: None
- e. Staff presenting application: Brian McClure
- f. Other Staff commenting on application: Bill Parsons

2. Key issue(s) of public testimony:

- a. None

3. Key issue(s) of discussion by Commission:

- a. Prioritizing on-going policies and assigning a priority scale from very high to low

4. Commission change(s) to Staff recommendation:

- a. None

5. Outstanding issue(s) for City Council:





















- a. None

B. City Council:















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VII. EXHIBITS

A. Adopted Comprehensive Plan Policies + Priorities and Responsible Lead Information

ID	Policy	Section	Section Symbols	Priority	Responsible Lead	Support
2.00.00	Chapter 2	Premier Community	  			
2.01.00	Support a balance and integration of diverse housing and neighborhood types.	Housing			CD, Mayor's Office	CD, Legal, Mayor's Office
2.01.01	<i>Encourage diverse housing options suitable for various income levels, household sizes, and lifestyle preferences.</i>	Housing			CD, Mayor's Office	Legal, Mayor's Office
2.01.01A	Align City Code with the policies of the Comprehensive Plan to reflect the community's desires for various types, sizes, and designs of residential neighborhoods.	Housing		Very High	CD	Legal
2.01.01B	Regularly assess permitting activity and work to encourage a mix of housing types.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.01.01C	Maintain a range of residential land use designations that allow diverse lot sizes, housing types, and densities.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.01.01D	Regularly monitor local codes and ordinances to ensure compliance with state and federal laws such as the Fair Housing Act.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.01.01E	Encourage development of universally accessible home designs within new developments and home retrofits, allowing residents to age in place and creating full accessibility for all residents of varying levels of physical ability.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.01.01F	Maintain clear and concise housing development ordinances, codes, requirements, restrictions, and policies that are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.01.01G	Avoid the concentration of any one housing type or lot size in any geographical area; provide for diverse housing types throughout the City.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.01.01H	Locate higher density housing near corridors with existing or planned transit, Downtown, and in proximity to employment centers.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.01.01I	Consider providing incentives to developers that produce affordable housing units as defined by federal and state agencies.	Housing		Low	CD	CD, Legal, Mayor's Office
2.01.01J	Support an open housing market for all persons, regardless of protected class.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.01.01K	Remove regulatory barriers and develop design criteria that support the construction of accessory dwelling units and micro homes where appropriate.	Housing		Medium	CD	
2.01.01L	Ensure the Unified Development Code provides opportunities for diverse and innovative housing options.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.01.01M	Support active-adult or independent senior living developments.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.01.01N	Work with the County/State on developing property tax relief programs for seniors and others on low/fixed incomes.	Housing		Low	Mayor's Office	
2.01.02	<i>Support a balance of housing tenure and supply and demand.</i>	Housing			CD	

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2.01.02A	Regularly monitor property tax revenue and vacancy rates in the rental and ownership market.	Housing	🏠	On-going	CD	
2.01.02B	Coordinate and align public and private housing development to improve consistency with local housing agency plans.	Housing	🏠	On-going	CD	
2.01.02C	Explore ways to encourage diversity of housing tenure and price points.	Housing	🏠	High	CD	
2.01.02D	Encourage a variety of housing types that meet the needs, preferences, and financial capabilities of Meridian's present and future residents.	Housing	🏠	On-going	CD	
2.01.02E	Support housing affordability, special-needs housing, ownership opportunities, and housing rehabilitation through programs administered by the State of Idaho, Ada County, nonprofits, and federal agencies.	Housing	🏠	On-going	CD	
2.02.00	Plan for safe, attractive, and well-maintained neighborhoods that have ample open space, and generous amenities that provide varied lifestyle choices.	Housing	🏠		CD	FD, Finance, Legal, P&R, PD
2.02.01	<i>Elevate and enhance the quality and connectivity of residential site and subdivision planning.</i>	Housing	🏠		CD	FD, Finance, Legal, P&R, PD
2.02.01A	With new subdivision plats, require the design and construction of pathways connections, easy pedestrian and bicycle access to parks, safe routes to schools, and the incorporation of usable open space with quality amenities.	Housing	🏠	On-going	CD	P&R
2.02.01B	Evaluate open space and amenity requirement and criteria for consistency with community needs and values.	Housing	🏠	Very High	CD	P&R, PD
2.02.01C	Require all new residential neighborhoods to provide complete streets, consistent with the Transportation and Land Use Integration Plan.	Housing	🏠	On-going	CD	FD
2.02.01D	Require pedestrian access in all new development to link subdivisions together and promote neighborhood connectivity.	Housing	🏠	On-going	CD	
2.02.01E	Encourage the development of high quality, dense residential and mixed use areas near in and around Downtown, near employment, large shopping centers, public open spaces and parks, and along major transportation corridors, as shown on the Future Land Use Map.	Housing	🏠	On-going	CD	
2.02.01F	Evaluate the potential to incentivize dedication of public school sites, public parks and other open spaces, and public access easements to linear open space corridors, which contain bicycle and/or pedestrian pathway systems.	Housing	🏠	Low	CD	Finance, P&R
2.02.01G	Ensure development provides safe routes and access to schools, parks, and other community gathering places.	Housing	🏠	On-going	CD	
2.02.01H	Evaluate and improve the current grading and stormwater drainage requirements for subdivisions to ensure they reflect the community's values.	Housing	🏠	Very High	PW	CD, Legal
2.02.02	<i>Maximize public services by prioritizing infill development of vacant and underdeveloped parcels within the City over parcels on the fringe.</i>	Housing	🏠		CD	CD, Finance, Legal, PW
2.02.02A	Develop standards for upkeep of vacant lots such as dust and weed mitigation requirements.	Housing	🏠	Low	PD	CD

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2.02.02B	Consider incentives such as density bonuses, reduced open space requirements, and reduced fees for infill development in key areas near existing services.	Housing		Very High	CD	Finance, Legal, PW
2.02.02C	Support infill development that does not negatively impact the abutting, existing development. Infill projects in Downtown should develop at higher densities, irrespective of existing development.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.02.02D	Apply appropriate design and construction standards to infill development in order to reduce adverse impacts to existing development.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.02.02E	Assist development groups to develop multiple plats into one cohesive plat.	Housing		On-going	CD	
2.02.02F	Ensure that new development within existing residential neighborhoods is cohesive and complementary in design and construction.	Housing		Very High	CD	
2.03.00	Improve coordination of long range City and school district planning.	Education and Community Services			CD, PD	FD
2.03.01	<i>Jointly plan and site schools and subdivisions to ensure mutual benefits, neighborhood identity, and community health.</i>	Education and Community Services			CD	
2.03.01A	Assist West Ada School District in identifying potential future school sites, by providing information about anticipated future land uses, utilities, and entitlements.	Education and Community Services		On-going	CD	
2.03.01B	Support construction of multi-use facilities that can be used by both schools and the community.	Education and Community Services		On-going	CD	
2.03.01C	Invite West Ada School District staff to pre-application meetings with potential developers and discuss school siting and access needs.	Education and Community Services		On-going	CD	
2.03.01D	Ensure the location and design of schools are compatible with existing and planned neighborhoods and land uses.	Education and Community Services		On-going	CD	
2.03.01E	Work with West Ada School District to locate and connect schools to safe and accessible walking, bicycle, transit, and automobile routes.	Education and Community Services		On-going	CD	
2.03.02	Coordinate with public safety officials and other local agencies to ensure safe school environments.	Education and Community Services			PD	FD
2.03.02A	Support educational and training programs lead by school resource officers and neighborhood contact officers.	Education and Community Services		On-going	PD	FD
















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2.04.00	Support a diverse range of educational opportunities that continues lifelong learning.	Education and Community Services			Mayor's Office	CD, FD, P&R, PD
2.04.01	<i>Partner with schools, non-profits, and other community-based organizations to provide a variety of educational opportunities throughout all stages of life.</i>	Education and Community Services			Mayor's Office	CD, FD, P&R, PD
2.04.01A	Support a network of public resources, schools, community centers and other public facilities that address the city's educational and training needs.	Education and Community Services		On-going	Mayor's Office	FD, P&R, PD, PW
3.04.01B	Encourage educational institutions and community organizations to provide a broad set of programs within the community, including programs for special needs students, early childhood, the arts, math and science, English as a Second Language, and life-skills.	Education and Community Services		On-going	Mayor's Office	
2.04.01C	Investigate potential public-private partnerships to provide additional health and educational programs.	Education and Community Services		Medium	Mayor's Office	CD, P&R
2.05.00	Plan for a multi-generational city with adequate public services and health care resources for existing and future residents of all ages.	Education and Community Services			CD, Mayor's Office, P&R	CD, FD, Mayor's Office, P&R
2.05.01	<i>Cooperate with other agencies and service providers around the Valley.</i>	Education and Community Services			CD, Mayor's Office, P&R	Mayor's Office, P&R,
2.05.01A	Identify partnerships that support multi-generational activities.	Education and Community Services		Medium	Mayor's Office	P&R
2.05.01B	Continue to support the Meridian senior citizens' organization as an important social program in the community.	Education and Community Services		On-going	Mayor's Office	P&R
2.05.01C	Support joint use agreements with the West Ada School District, Meridian Library District, and other private and non-profit entities.	Education and Community Services		On-going	Mayor's Office	P&R
2.05.01D	Coordinate planning efforts and strategic growth of the City with other service providers and local decision-makers.	Education and Community Services		On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
2.05.01E	Support and encourage involvement of seniors in activities, groups, and volunteer opportunities.	Education and Community Services		On-going	Mayor's Office	P&R

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2.05.01F	Support and encourage involvement of community youth in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) and other youth activities, groups and volunteer opportunities.	Education and Community Services	📚	On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
2.05.01G	Strengthen public services, programs, and community resources to be responsive to and representative of Meridian's diversity.	Education and Community Services	📚	On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
2.05.02	<i>Support access to high-quality emergency care, primary, outpatient, home care, long-term care, and mental health care within the community.</i>	Education and Community Services	📚		Mayor's Office	CD, FD
2.05.02A	Encourage the expansion of medical service related industries that are needed.	Education and Community Services	📚	On-going	Mayor's Office	CD, FD
2.06.00	Enhance Meridian's economic vitality and position in the local and regional economy.	Economic Excellence	💰		Mayor's Office	CD, Finance, Mayor's Office, PW
2.06.01	<i>Diversify Meridian's economic base to establish and maintain a self-sustaining, full-service economy.</i>	Economic Excellence	💰		Mayor's Office, CD	CD, Finance, Mayor's Office, PW
2.06.01A	Provide location-specific standards as incentives to attract high-quality businesses and living-to-high wage jobs.	Economic Excellence	💰	Medium	Mayor's Office	CD, Finance
2.06.01B	Establish methods to support the business community by drafting an Economic Development Plan in partnership with the Meridian Chamber of Commerce and Meridian Development Corporation.	Economic Excellence	💰	High	CD	Mayor's Office
2.06.01C	Regularly conduct industry market analysis to determine feasibility of existing and emerging industries to better understand workforce, land use, and transportation needs.	Economic Excellence	💰	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
2.06.01D	Encourage environmentally-friendly industries.	Economic Excellence	💰	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
2.06.01E	Focus on developing industries that tend exceed the living wage, such as technology, healthcare and other similar industries.	Economic Excellence	💰	High	CD	Mayor's Office
2.06.02	<i>Support economic opportunities for a community with diverse income levels.</i>	Economic Excellence	💰	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
2.06.02A	Regularly assess changes in local income levels.	Economic Excellence	💰	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
2.06.02B	Pursue public-private partnerships and economic development grants that bring additional job opportunities to the community.	Economic Excellence	💰	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
2.06.02C	Coordinate with the public, private, and non-profit sectors on possibilities for creating/sustaining workforce housing.	Economic Excellence	💰	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office

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2.06.02D	Work to encourage a diversity of housing, recreation, and mobility options to attract and sustain the local workforce.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
2.07.00	Create a business-friendly environment that supports and expands existing business opportunities by developing a diverse and qualified workforce through educational partnerships.	Economic Excellence	\$		CD	Mayor's Office
2.07.01	<i>Promote business retention, expansion, and improvement programs.</i>	Economic Excellence	\$		CD	Mayor's Office
2.07.01A	Connect businesses with local, state, regional, and federal resources for incentives, resources, and opportunities.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
2.07.01B	Establish and maintain relationships with existing businesses and industry groups to determine present and future needs.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
2.07.02	<i>Implement a clear development application review process for new and expanding businesses.</i>	Economic Excellence	\$		CD	
2.07.02A	Streamline the approval process for development proposals that are consistent with the vision and values of the community.	Economic Excellence	\$	Very High	CD	
2.07.02B	Maintain the integrity of public process and transparency of development review.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	CD	
2.07.02C	Encourage developers to engage with the public early in the development proposal process.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	CD	
2.07.02D	Review development regulations to ensure an efficient process and remove unnecessarily burdensome costs and delays.	Economic Excellence	\$	High	CD	
2.07.03	<i>Support innovative workforce development, training, technology, and education to meet the needs of a diverse workforce.</i>	Economic Excellence	\$		CD	
2.07.03A	Coordinate with business leaders and local, regional, state, and non-profit job-oriented programs to match existing and anticipated business and industry needs and identify gaps in workforce education and training needs.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	CD	
2.08.00	Proactively recruit and attract new businesses to the area.	Economic Excellence	\$		CD, Mayor's Office	Mayor's Office, CD, P&R
2.08.01	<i>Develop effective marketing tools and regional partnerships.</i>	Economic Excellence	\$		CD	Mayor's Office
2.08.01A	Develop and maintain marketing materials to share with targeted industries.	Economic Excellence	\$	High	CD	
2.08.01B	Strengthen relationships with economic development sources for new business referrals and opportunities.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
2.08.02	<i>Pursue economic development opportunities with technology, healthcare, environmentally-friendly manufacturing, light industrial, and professional service industries.</i>	Economic Excellence	\$		Mayor's Office	CD, P&R

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2.08.02A	Make Meridian the premier place to create, attract, and retain high-quality businesses and a talented workforce.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	Mayor's Office	CD, P&R
2.08.02B	Capitalize on the City's central location by promoting more tourism and business growth along entryways and key corridors.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	Mayor's Office	CD
2.08.03	<i>Encourage new dynamic, sustainable, and collaborative opportunities that enhance Meridian's existing and planned industrial nodes.</i>	Economic Excellence	\$		Mayor's Office, CD	CD
2.08.03A	Keep the Future Land Use Map current by defining appropriate locations for industrial, commercial, and office businesses.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	CD	
2.08.03B	Identify and consider services and programs desired by potential businesses within the industrial areas.	Economic Excellence	\$	Medium	Mayor's Office	CD
2.08.03C	Work with existing industrial businesses to expand or relocate operations to appropriate areas.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	Mayor's Office	CD
2.09.00	Create positive, vibrant, and accessible commercial activity centers within the community.	Economic Excellence	\$		CD, Mayor's Office, P&R	CD, Finance, Mayor's Office, P&R
2.09.01	<i>Support redevelopment and infill opportunities Downtown.</i>	Economic Excellence	\$		CD	CD, Finance, Mayor's Office, P&R
2.09.01A	Pursue public-private partnerships to develop parking facilities.	Economic Excellence	\$	High	CD	Finance, Mayor's Office
2.09.01B	Establish incentives to develop gathering spaces and civic facilities within Downtown.	Economic Excellence	\$	High	CD	Finance, P&R
2.09.01C	Work towards mitigating and removing floodplain issues around Downtown.	Economic Excellence	\$	High	PW	CD
2.09.01D	Pursue grant and other funding mechanisms to fund complete street and streetscape improvements.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	CD	
2.09.01E	Explore incentives for targeted projects that meet economic development goals.	Economic Excellence	\$	High	CD	
2.09.02	<i>Integrate and maintain quality public spaces throughout Downtown for recreation, social, and civic activities.</i>	Economic Excellence	\$		CD, Mayor's Office, P&R	Mayor's Office
2.09.02A	Actively implement action items in the Destination Downtown Plan.	Economic Excellence	\$	High	Mayor's Office	CD
2.09.02B	Pursue grants and public-private partnerships to enhance Downtown.	Economic Excellence	\$	On-going	CD	
2.09.02C	Develop programs with local partners to expand art, cultural, and educational facilities in Downtown.	Economic Excellence	\$	Medium	P&R	Mayor's Office
2.09.02D	Develop and support regular cultural activities and events Downtown, in partnership with the Downtown Business Association and other organizations.	Economic Excellence	\$	Medium	P&R	Mayor's Office

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2.09.02E	Implement consistent landscaping, lighting, and historic preservation standards.	Economic Excellence	§	On-going	CD	
2.09.02F	Support a compatible mix of land uses Downtown that activate the area during day and night.	Economic Excellence	§	On-going	CD	
2.09.02G	Implement the City of Meridian Design Standards and City of Meridian Architectural Standards Manual to ensure that Downtown remains the historic center for mixed-use tourism, business, retail, residential, and governmental activities.	Economic Excellence	§	On-going	CD	
2.09.03	<i>Cultivate unique and diverse destination-type activities within Meridian's centers.</i>	Economic Excellence	§		CD, P&R	Mayor's Office, CD
2.09.03A	Establish distinct, engaging identities within commercial and mixed use centers through design standards.	Economic Excellence	§	High	CD	
2.09.03B	Promote Ten Mile, Downtown, and The Village as centers of activity and growth.	Economic Excellence	§	On-going	CD	
2.09.03C	Support public-private partnerships that provide plazas and public areas within activity centers.	Economic Excellence	§	On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office, CD
2.09.03D	Develop a collaborative economic development strategy to recruit new businesses.	Economic Excellence	§	High	CD	
2.09.03E	Develop concept plans of potential destination activities and promote appropriate development, infill, and redevelopment of activity centers.	Economic Excellence	§	Low	CD	
3.00.00	Chapter 3	Evolving Community	§ ★ §			
3.01.00	Recognize that Meridian's population will continue to grow and positively foster Meridian's continued growth.	Growth and Population	§		CD	All
3.01.01	<i>Provide facilities and services that maintain a premier level of service commensurate with growth.</i>	Growth and Population	§		CD	All
3.01.01A	Evaluate comprehensive impacts of growth and consider City Master Plans and Strategic Plans in all land use decisions (e.g., traffic impacts, school enrollment, and parks).	Growth and Population	§	On-going	CD	All
3.01.01B	Update the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code as needed to accommodate the community's needs and growth trends.	Growth and Population	§	On-going	CD	
3.01.01C	Ensure that regulations and plans support and encourage desired development and land use patterns within the Area of City Impact.	Growth and Population	§	On-going	CD	
3.01.01D	Evaluate development proposals based on consistency with the vision as well as physical, social, economic, environmental, and aesthetic criteria.	Growth and Population	§	High	CD	
3.01.01E	Coordinate with the City of Nampa, Canyon County, Star, Eagle, Kuna, Boise, and Ada County on land use, transportation, and emergency services.	Growth and Population	§	On-going	CD	All

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3.02.00	Maintain, improve, and expand the City's infrastructure to meet existing and growing demands in a timely, orderly, and logical manner.	Growth and Population			Finance, Mayor's Office, PW	All, CD, Finance, HR
3.02.01	<i>Develop and implement master plans for all public facilities, services, and safety to guide the growth of the City.</i>	Growth and Population			Finance, Mayor's Office, PW	All, CD, Finance, HR
3.02.01A	Provide City utilities in high priority growth areas and discourage in low priority growth areas.	Growth and Population		On-going	PW	
3.02.01B	Protect investments in existing public facilities (water, sewer, streets, fire, police, etc.) by ensuring extension of services by new development is in the best interest of the City.	Growth and Population		On-going	PW	CD
3.02.01C	Utilize preferred methods of communication with citizens and engage their input on public facilities planning, construction, and funding.	Growth and Population		On-going	PW	
3.02.01D	Support the appropriate expansion of City facilities, services, staff, and other resources to keep up with demand and established levels of service.	Growth and Population		On-going	PW	CD, Finance, HR
3.02.01E	Phase-in developments in accordance with their connection to the municipal sewer and water system and the provision of other necessary infrastructure and services.	Growth and Population		On-going	PW	CD
3.02.01F	Maintain an efficient and fair system of fees and development requirements that assesses the costs and benefits of financing public facilities and services, the need for which is generated by new development.	Growth and Population		On-going	Finance	CD, PW
3.02.01G	Establish and maintain levels of service for public facilities and services, including water, sewer, police, transportation, schools, fire, and parks.	Growth and Population		High	Mayor's Office	All
3.03.00	Direct and prioritize development in strategic areas and in accordance with corridor and special area plans.	Growth and Population			CD, PW	All, CD, Legal, PW
3.03.01	<i>Plan for an appropriate land use mix, recreational and civic facilities, and phased service extension within specific area plans and urban renewal districts.</i>	Growth and Population			CD, PW	All, CD
3.03.01A	Continue to develop and implement the desired vision in special areas, areas with specific plans, and along key transportation corridors.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.03.01B	Actively engage with City leadership and community members to explore the idea, process, and potential impacts of implementing districts, subareas, neighborhood association areas, or similar concepts.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.03.01C	Consider developing new subarea plans as appropriate for areas with unique characteristics, public/private partnerships in place, and that are compatible with Comprehensive Plan policies in order to provide additional guidance on future land uses, design, infrastructure, and amenities.	Growth and Population		Very High	CD	All
3.03.01D	Ensure that adequate water supply and pressure are available for fire protection in areas suitable for industrial and commercial uses.	Growth and Population		On-going	PW	

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3.03.01E	Encourage infill development.	Growth and Population		High	CD	
3.03.02	<i>Prioritize growth and development where it furthers the City's vision and allows for the efficient provision of services.</i>	Growth and Population			CD, PW	All, CD
3.03.02A	Engage with service providers, City leadership, and community members to identify priority growth areas.	Growth and Population		Very High	CD	All
3.03.02B	Focus future investments within established priority growth areas.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	All
3.03.02C	Utilize the City's Service Impact Tool to help identify potential strategic growth areas.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	All
3.03.02D	As part of establishing and implementing strategic growth areas, consider including targeted redevelopment/opportunity areas within the Area of City Impact, areas within the City limits and within a specified distance of major utility connections, and unincorporated county enclaves suitable for annexation.	Growth and Population		Very High	CD	All
3.03.02E	Develop incentives for appropriate investment in strategic growth areas; discourage development outside of established growth areas.	Growth and Population		Very High	CD	All
3.03.02F	Require proposed development within areas further away from urban services, existing utilities or requiring significant City utility upgrades, to demonstrate fiscal benefits, strategic fit with the Comprehensive Plan, contiguity with existing development, and appropriate mitigation for any impacts to existing City service users.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.03.02G	Build and provide services in a manner that promotes the vision of priority growth areas, reinforcing and protecting Meridian's growth objectives.	Growth and Population		On-going	PW	CD
3.03.02H	Require rural area residential development to submit alternative development plan to allow for the efficient extension of urban services in the future (resubdivision plan).	Growth and Population		On-going	PW	CD
3.03.03	<i>Annex lands into the corporate boundaries of the City only when the annexation proposal conforms to the City's vision and the necessary extension of public services and infrastructure is provided.</i>	Growth and Population			PW, CD	CD, All
3.03.03A	Ensure development is connected to City of Meridian water and sanitary sewer systems and the extension to and through said developments are constructed in conformance with the City of Meridian Water and Sewer System Master Plans in effect at the time of development.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	PW
3.03.03B	Implement an irrevocable consent to annexation as a condition of hook-up to City sanitary sewer or water and make a deed restriction on all buildable lots to be placed as a note on all final plats.	Growth and Population		On-going	PW	CD
3.03.03C	Require all City sewer and water inspections and plan review fees (for the main lines) in effect at the time of development be paid to the City of Meridian.	Growth and Population		On-going	PW	CD
3.03.03D	Require all development to be consistent with Future Land Use Map designations for the property.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	





















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3.03.03E	Require all development to be contiguous to the City.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.03.03F	Permit new development only where it can be adequately served by critical public facilities and urban services at the time of final approval, and in accord with any adopted levels of service for public facilities and services.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	All
3.03.03G	Require urban infrastructure be provided for all new developments, including curb and gutter, sidewalks, water and sewer utilities.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.03.03H	Evaluate both the short and longer-term fiscal and environmental impacts of annexing lands.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	All
3.03.03I	Evaluate the feasibility of annexing existing county enclaves and discourage the creation of additional enclaves.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.03.03J	Encourage the assembly of parcels for master planning, design and entitlement purposes; discourage piecemeal annexation and development.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.03.04	<i>Plan for transportation connectivity and the provision of adequate urban utilities and services for county enclaves.</i>	Growth and Population			CD	Legal, PW
3.03.04A	Plan for connectivity between annexed parcels and county enclaves that may develop at a higher intensity.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.03.04B	Ensure existing county enclaves provide necessary urban-level transportation and utility infrastructure as part of the annexation process.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	PW
3.03.04C	Consider the establishment of improvement districts, extra-ordinary impact fee areas, and other funding mechanisms to provide the necessary urban infrastructure and services for existing county enclaves.	Growth and Population		High	CD	Legal, PW
3.04.00	Shape the future of the City through implementation and coordination of long range planning efforts.	Growth and Population			CD, IT, Mayor's Office	All, CD, PW
3.04.01	<i>Advance, support, and promote development of City planning tools, including the Comprehensive Plan, City ordinances, plans, and other guiding documents that execute the City's vision.</i>	Growth and Population			CD, IT, Mayor's Office	All, PW
3.04.01A	Promote the Comprehensive Plan as the primary guide for growth and development of the community.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.04.01B	Maintain and update the Unified Development Code and Future Land Use Map to implement the provisions of this Comprehensive Plan.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.04.01C	Support and expand the capabilities of all City Departments and Staff to better serve the community.	Growth and Population		On-going	Mayor's Office	All
3.04.01D	Maintain, update, and find better ways to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in everyday City business and for project-specific purposes.	Growth and Population		On-going	IT	All, PW
3.04.01E	Monitor the progress of the Comprehensive Plan implementation plan to ensure steady progress.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	

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3.04.01F	Review the policies within the adopted Comprehensive Plan on a regular basis and update as needed to ensure that they reflect, support, and advance the City's vision.	Growth and Population		On-going	Mayor's Office	All
3.04.01G	Participate in planning efforts with COMPASS and affiliated local governments and agencies to better coordinate planning policies regionally.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	PW
3.04.01H	Organize and fund committees or special commissions consistent with the provisions of this Comprehensive Plan.	Growth and Population		On-going	Mayor's Office	All
3.04.01I	Enforce the Unified Development Code and all other City ordinances and ensure their alignment with the Comprehensive Plan.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.04.02	<i>Engage and inform the public about land use planning processes.</i>	Growth and Population			CD, Mayor's Office	CD
3.04.02A	Solicit public participation in the land use and entitlement process through a variety of digital and in person methods.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.04.02B	Hold public meetings in conjunction with updates to the Comprehensive Plan to promote a better understanding of the plan and its purpose.	Growth and Population		On-going	Mayor's Office	CD
3.04.02C	Convey the Comprehensive Plan's legal elements and intent by informing and educating the public, agencies and service providers, advisory boards and other stakeholders to improve the overall planning process.	Growth and Population		On-going	CD	
3.04.02D	Improve the neighborhood meeting and public notice process.	Growth and Population		Very High	CD	Legal
3.05.00	Ensure that all planning, zoning and land use decisions balance the interests of the community by protecting private property rights for current citizens and future generations.	Growth and Population			Legal	CD
3.05.01	<i>Enact land use ordinances, policies, and fees, and make decisions, including land use restrictions and conditions of approval, that do not violate private property rights.</i>	Growth and Population			Legal	CD
3.05.01A	Conduct regular training with City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, and City staff to ensure that Idaho Code section 67-8003 is properly applied in land use planning and development review processes.	Growth and Population		On-going	Legal	CD
3.05.01B	Regularly review policies, the Unified Development Code, and other City regulations for consistency with Idaho Code.	Growth and Population		On-going	Legal	CD
3.05.01C	Preserve private property rights and values by enforcing regulations that will prevent and mitigate against incompatible and detrimental neighboring uses.	Growth and Population		On-going	Legal	CD
3.06.00	Ensure a variety and balance of land uses within the Area of City Impact.	Future Land use			CD	Mayor's Office, PW
3.06.01	<i>Plan for periodic review, monitoring, and updating of land uses within City limits and Area of City Impact.</i>	Future Land use			CD	Mayor's Office
3.06.01A	Maintain the Future Land Use Map to reflect existing facilities.	Future Land use		On-going	CD	
3.06.01B	Monitor and adjust the amount and mix of industrial, commercial, and office areas needed to meet the employment needs of the City.	Future Land use		High	CD	


















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3.06.01C	Coordinate with Ada County to ensure all applicable land use ordinances and provisions of this Plan are recognized when development within the Area of City Impact but outside City Limits is proposed.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
3.06.02	<i>Plan for an appropriate mix of land uses that ensures connectivity, livability, and economic vitality.</i>	Future Land use	★		CD	PW
3.06.02A	Support the inclusion of small-scale neighborhood commercial areas within planned residential developments as part of the development plan, where appropriate.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.06.02B	Encourage and support mixed-use areas that provide the benefits of being able to live, shop, dine, play, and work in close proximity, thereby reducing vehicle trips, and enhancing overall livability and sustainability.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.06.02C	Encourage the development of supportive commercial near employment areas.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.06.02D	Plan for industrial areas with convenient access to state highways or the rail corridor, where appropriate.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.06.02E	Discourage residential land uses in close proximity to the Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility, the Intermountain Gas Facility on Can-Ada Road, and other incompatible land uses.	Future Land use	★	High	CD	PW
3.06.02F	Allocate land uses near the rail corridor to both support industrial and freight movement but also residential and the movement of people within the corridor.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.00	<i>Encourage compatible uses and site design to minimize conflicts and maximize use of land.</i>	Future Land use	★		CD	P&R
3.07.01	<i>Proactively address potential conflicts between incompatible uses.</i>	Future Land use	★		CD	
3.07.01A	Require all new development to create a site design compatible with surrounding uses through buffering, screening, transitional densities, and other best site design practices.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.01B	Encourage land uses and site designs that do not harm natural systems and resources.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.01C	Require appropriate landscaping, buffers, and noise mitigation with new development along transportation corridors (setback, vegetation, low walls, berms, etc.).	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.01D	Preserve the industrial base within designated industrial land use areas by discouraging non-industrial uses and focusing on light manufacturing, distribution, flex-space, and base-employment.	Future Land use	★	High	CD	
3.07.01E	Where feasible, encourage large transmission and pipeline utility corridors to function as transitional buffers, parkland, pathways, and gathering spaces within and adjacent to their right of way.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.02	<i>Integrate land use and transportation planning to ensure that they mutually support the communities' goals and desires.</i>	Future Land use	★		CD	P&R
3.07.02A	Require pedestrian circulation plans to ensure safety and convenient access across large commercial and mixed-use developments.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	


















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3.07.02B	Locate smaller-scale, neighborhood-serving commercial and office use clusters so they complement and provide convenient access from nearby residential areas, limiting access to arterial roadways and multimodal corridors.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.02C	Focus development and redevelopment intensity on key transportation corridors.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.02D	Pursue transit-supportive densities of residential and employment uses along key multi-modal corridors.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.02E	Explore the development of additional design guidelines or standards for transit-oriented development.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.02F	Coordinate with transportation agencies to align future needed infrastructure with land use plans and implement through the development review processes.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.02G	Coordinate with transportation agencies, private property owners and the public to plan for appropriate land uses that will accommodate both freight and public transportation access within the rail corridor.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	
3.07.02H	Integrate the Meridian Pathways Master Plan into the site development review process to ensure planned paths are built out as adjacent land develops.	Future Land use	★	On-going	CD	P&R
3.08.00	Coordinate with service providers to ensure the long-term utility needs of Meridian's existing and future residents and businesses are met.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☐		CD, PW, P&R, Mayor's Office	All, CD, IT, PW
3.08.01	<i>Plan and expand public utility facilities and services as part of the development process.</i>	Utilities & Infrastructure	☐		CD	All
3.08.01A	Require that development projects have planned for the efficient provision of all public services.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☐	On-going	CD	All
3.08.01B	Require adequate fees from new development to fund expansion of services.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☐	On-going	CD	All
3.08.01C	Ensure that other City departments, area agencies, and service providers are informed about and have an opportunity to participate in the City's development review process.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☐	On-going	CD	All
3.08.01D	Consider the impact on key service providers prior to acting on annexation requests at a public hearing.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☐	On-going	CD	All
3.08.01E	Ensure key service providers have provided written comment on the impact and potential mitigation measures that may be necessary, prior to acting on large development applications.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☐	On-going	CD	All
3.08.02	<i>Cooperate with other agencies and service providers around the Valley to continuously provide essential services and utilities to all residents.</i>	Utilities & Infrastructure	☐		PW, P&R, Mayor's Office	CD, IT, PW
3.08.02A	Communicate planning efforts with local decision makers and utility service providers, including irrigation districts, energy, natural gas, solid waste, and telecommunications.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☐	On-going	PW	CD
3.08.02B	Coordinate with developers, irrigation districts, and drainage entities to implement the proposed pathway network along canals, ditches, creeks, laterals and sloughs.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☐	Very High	P&R	CD


















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3.08.02C	Regularly coordinate with other public utilities and essential service providers and annually review master plans for public facilities and services; update as needed.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	PW	CD
3.08.02D	Coordinate with Idaho Power to make additions and improvements to their facilities so that adequate capacity for projected growth is realized.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	CD	PW
3.08.02E	Encourage the enhancement of the capacity and reliability of renewable energy resources.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	PW	CD
3.08.02F	Encourage multi-use utility corridors.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	CD	PW
3.08.02G	Support the expansion of and accessibility to high-speed internet and broadband throughout the Area of City Impact.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	Mayor's Office	IT, PW
3.08.03	<i>Coordinate with utility providers on acceptable landscape materials, design and site locations for their future facilities to avoid negative impacts to the community.</i>	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑		CD	PW
3.08.03A	Minimize the impact of electric facilities in environmentally sensitive areas and consider social and environmental justice impacts.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	CD	PW
3.08.03B	Site utility corridors within identified or designated transportation corridors and ensure that they connect to similar facilities in adjacent jurisdictions.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	CD	PW
3.08.03C	Coordinate future placement of Idaho Power electrical transmission lines and substations in accordance with Eastern Treasure Valley Electric Plan.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	CD	PW
3.08.03D	Encourage all electrical distribution utilities to be located underground.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	CD	PW
3.09.00	Maximize diversion of the municipal waste stream from disposal to recycling and reduce the amount of solid waste generated in the City.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑		PW	Finance, Legal, Mayor's Office
3.09.01	<i>Develop and support markets for recycled materials and products.</i>	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑		PW	Legal, Mayor's Office
3.09.01A	Investigate opportunities with other jurisdictions and private refuse contractors for new waste reduction and recycling markets.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	Medium	PW	Legal
3.09.01B	Establish solid waste fees that encourage waste reduction and recycling.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	Low	PW	Legal
3.09.01C	Develop and implement public education and outreach activities to raise awareness on waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and hazardous waste reduction.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	PW	Mayor's Office
3.09.02	<i>Establish recycling/diversion and hazardous waste disposal goals.</i>	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑		PW	
3.09.02A	Maintain opportunities for proper disposal of target priority waste streams such as mercury, used oil, fluorescent lamps, used gas, and waste tires.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	PW	
3.09.02B	Work with local stakeholders to develop public education campaigns regarding the importance of and opportunities for the proper disposal of hazardous waste.	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑	On-going	PW	
3.09.03	<i>Reinforce existing City recycling and procurement policies.</i>	Utilities & Infrastructure	☑		PW	Finance



















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3.09.03A	Partner with City's solid waste contractor to investigate conservation options including composting, recycling, and green waste.	Utilities & Infrastructure		Medium	PW	
3.09.03B	Maintain internal recycling and sustainability programs that procure specific recycled content and less hazardous materials.	Utilities & Infrastructure		On-going	PW	Finance
4.00.00	Chapter 4	Livable Community	  			
4.01.00	Pursue partnerships and funding sources to facilitate and expand access to parks and recreational facilities, programming, and services.	Parks and Pathways			Finance, P&R	CD, Finance, HR, Legal, Mayor's Office, P&R
4.01.01	<i>Increase appropriate partnerships within the community to provide programs and activities to the community.</i>	Parks and Pathways			Finance, P&R	CD, Finance, Legal, Mayor's Office
4.01.01A	Explore additional partnership opportunities as well as build on existing partnerships with focus on low-service areas.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	P&R	CD, Finance
4.01.01B	Identify desired sports facilities or complexes and establish partnerships that foster their development.	Parks and Pathways		High	P&R	Finance, Mayor's Office
4.01.01C	Continue to explore partnerships with alternative providers, such as schools, to increase level of service.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	P&R	CD, Legal
4.01.01D	Evaluate impact fees for public open space to ensure development is paying the full allowable fee.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	Finance	P&R
4.01.02	<i>Increase opportunities to fund programming, services, and facility improvements.</i>	Parks and Pathways			Finance, P&R	Finance, Legal, P&R
4.01.02A	Increase special event and activities sponsorships.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	P&R	Legal
4.01.02B	Pursue grant and philanthropic opportunities at the federal, state, regional, and local levels.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	P&R	Finance
4.01.02C	Implement a cost recovery and pricing policy to determine a consistent method of pricing Parks and Recreation activities.	Parks and Pathways		Medium	Finance	P&R
4.01.02D	Explore feasibility of a dedicated funding source for parks and recreation through special revenue, sports, or other available sources.	Parks and Pathways		Medium	P&R	Finance
4.01.02E	Consider a process and policies for the acceptance of donated land and or money to be dedicated to public open space or facilities.	Parks and Pathways		Low	P&R	Finance, Legal
4.01.02F	Explore the use of digital displays to show showcase and advertise City events near parks.	Parks and Pathways		Low	P&R	Legal
4.01.03	<i>Continue to improve organizational efficiencies and maintain existing quality standards for park facilities and recreational amenities.</i>	Parks and Pathways			P&R	Finance, HR
4.01.03A	Enhance and improve internal and external communication regarding recreation activities and services using social media and mobile tools.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	P&R	IT






















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4.01.03B	Staff appropriately to meet demand and maintain established quality of service.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	P&R	Finance
4.01.03C	Expand and improve the volunteer program to meet growing needs.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	P&R	HR
4.02.00	Provide for park acquisition and maintenance to meet projected city and population growth and demands.	Parks and Pathways	⌘		Finance, P&R	CD, Finance, Legal, Mayor's Office
4.02.01	<i>Continue working toward the park land level of service goal of four acres/1,000 persons and a 0.5 miles service area radius from residences.</i>	Parks and Pathways	⌘		Finance, P&R	CD, Finance, Legal, Mayor's Office
4.02.01A	Evaluate developer impact fee to align with Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) requests and current park land level of service.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	Finance	P&R
4.02.01B	Continue to find and purchase additional land for future park development where level of service is below threshold.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	P&R	Finance
4.02.01C	Identify and require future park sites using information in the Meridian Parks and Recreation Master Plan and on the Future Land Use Map.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	P&R	CD
4.02.01D	Look for opportunities to add parks and pathways in new growth areas.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	P&R	Finance, Legal, Mayor's Office
4.02.01E	Consider population/housing density and accessibility when acquiring future land for parks and recreation.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	P&R	CD
4.02.02	<i>Provide a variety of park types (neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks) with a diversity of uses and activities interspersed throughout the community.</i>	Parks and Pathways	⌘		P&R	Finance, Mayor's Office
4.02.02A	Consider programming needs for all ages and abilities when adding new components to existing parks or when developing new parks.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	P&R	Finance
4.02.02B	Continue to monitor recreational trends to stay current with programming and demand.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
4.02.02C	Consider future operation and maintenance costs and work to minimize those costs into the development of park while delivering a highly functional and quality park.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	P&R	Finance
4.02.03	<i>Monitor and evaluate the use, demands, and trends of recreation components.</i>	Parks and Pathways	⌘		P&R	Finance, Mayor's Office
4.02.03A	Implement and maintain the existing Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Master Plan, Comprehensive Parks and Recreation System Plan, and Life Cycle Replacement Programs.	Parks and Pathways	⌘	On-going	P&R	Finance, Mayor's Office
4.03.00	Maintain and improve the user experience and awareness of recreational facilities, amenities, and programs.	Parks and Pathways	⌘		P&R	CD, IT, Legal, Mayor's Office
4.03.01	<i>Increase year round recreational programming and activities that encourage education, health and wellness, community involvement, and multi-sensory play.</i>	Parks and Pathways	⌘		P&R	CD, IT, Legal, Mayor's Office

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4.03.01A	Explore opportunities for additional indoor recreation space through partnerships, agreements, and the construction of a new Community Center.	Parks and Pathways		Very High	P&R	CD, Legal, Mayor's Office
4.03.01B	Continue to look for opportunities to expand programs around working hours and commuting citizens.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
4.03.01C	Explore increasing the number of program opportunities for seniors, young adults, teens, tweens, and people with special needs.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
4.03.01D	Set targets, identify gaps, and deploy programs, activities, and events that provide multigenerational recreational opportunities.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	P&R	IT, Mayor's Office
4.03.01E	Support symbiotic uses of facilities through programs that encourage community interactions.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
4.03.02	<i>Add destination park amenities that uniquely blend arts, entertainment, and culture.</i>	Parks and Pathways			P&R	Finance, Mayor's Office
4.03.02A	Explore opportunities to add destination playground and natural play areas with climbing features and multi-sensory play.	Parks and Pathways		High	P&R	Finance, Mayor's Office
4.03.02B	Foster development of discovery-oriented parks that uniquely blend arts, entertainment, and culture.	Parks and Pathways		High	P&R	Finance, Mayor's Office
4.04.00	Develop a connected, comfortable, and comprehensive network of multi-purpose pathways.	Parks and Pathways			P&R	CD
4.04.01	<i>Seamlessly connect local pathways with regionally significant pathways.</i>	Parks and Pathways			P&R	CD
4.04.01A	Ensure that new development and subdivisions connect to the pathway system.	Parks and Pathways		Very High	P&R	CD
4.04.01B	Provide options for passive recreational opportunities not typically supplied by parks and facilities, such as jogging, walking, and bicycling.	Parks and Pathways		Very High	P&R	CD
4.04.01C	Establish and enhance regional pathway connections to the adjacent communities of Eagle, Nampa, Boise, Caldwell, and Kuna.	Parks and Pathways		Very High	P&R	CD
4.04.02	<i>Link pathways to important pedestrian generators, environmental features, historic landmarks, public facilities, Town Centers, and business districts.</i>	Parks and Pathways			P&R	CD
4.04.02A	Identify opportunities for new paths that connect residential neighborhoods and community facilities, such as the library and city hall, parks, schools, athletic facilities, swimming pools, historic districts, the Downtown, as well as other commercial and retail activity centers in Meridian.	Parks and Pathways		Very High	P&R	CD
4.04.02B	Preserve existing public rights-of-way and other easements for future pathways and accessways, particularly along powerline and utility corridors, railway corridors, and waterway or irrigation corridors.	Parks and Pathways		Very High	P&R	CD
4.04.02C	Continue partnerships with area irrigation districts to continue to expand pathway system along existing waterways.	Parks and Pathways		On-going	P&R	CD

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4.04.03	<i>Facilitate accessibility of pathway system for people of all abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized pathway users.</i>	Parks and Pathways			P&R	CD, FD, Mayor's Office, PD
4.04.03A	Through coordination with Pathway Plan updates, locate trailheads at or in conjunction with park sites, schools, and other community facilities to increase local access to the pathway system and reduce duplication of supporting improvements.	Parks and Pathways		High	P&R	CD
4.04.03B	Furnish pathway systems with trailhead improvements that include interpretive and directional signage systems, benches, drinking fountains, restrooms, parking and staging areas, and other services for all ages and abilities.	Parks and Pathways		High	P&R	Mayor's Office
4.04.03C	Develop pathway design and development standards that are easy to maintain and access by maintenance, security, and emergency vehicles.	Parks and Pathways		High	P&R	FD, PD
4.05.00	Preserve, protect, enhance, and wisely use natural resources.	Stewardship			CD, Mayor's Office, P&R, PW	CD, Finance, Legal, P&R, PW
4.05.01	<i>Protect and enhance existing waterways, groundwater, wetlands, wildlife habitat, air, soils, and other natural resources.</i>	Stewardship			CD, P&R, PW	CD
4.05.01A	Identify waterways, wetlands, other natural resources, viewsheds, and natural features of topographic interest for preservation.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	CD
4.05.01B	Develop and implement programs to encourage and promote tree health and preservation throughout the City, including along waterways and within proposed development.	Stewardship		Medium	P&R	CD
4.05.01C	Limit canal tiling and piping of creeks, sloughs, laterals, and drains to man-made facilities where public safety issues cannot be mitigated or are not of concern.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	
4.05.01D	Improve and protect creeks and other natural waterways throughout commercial, industrial, and residential areas.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	
4.05.01E	Assess environmental impact of potential new development, infill, and redevelopment.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	
4.05.01F	Preserve, protect, and provide open space for recreation, conservation, and aesthetics.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	
4.05.01G	Support a long-term transportation system that conforms to the public health standard for carbon monoxide attainment.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	
4.05.02	<i>Protect Meridian's surface water quality.</i>	Stewardship			CD, PW	CD, Finance, Legal, P&R, PW
4.05.02A	Refine framework of environmental programs including construction, storm water compliance, and floodplain management to satisfy the City's requirements under the Clean Water Act, FEMA, and the National Flood insurance program.	Stewardship		Medium	PW	
4.05.02B	Provide incentives for developers to grant conservation easements along creek-side corridors.	Stewardship		Medium	CD	Finance, Legal, P&R, PW
4.05.02C	Encourage the incorporation of creek corridors as amenities in development design.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	

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4.05.02D	Identify and implement Low Impact Development (LID) in storm water drainage systems that are administered by the City of Meridian.	Stewardship		Low	CD	
4.05.02E	Develop and cultivate partnerships with local and regional stakeholders on public education campaigns for water conservation and water quality.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	
4.05.02F	Promote the increase of permeable areas through sound site design and use of materials that limit stormwater runoff.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	CD
4.05.03	<i>Preserve prime farmland within the Area of City Impact to maintain rural character and provide opportunities for local produce and continued farming operations.</i>	Stewardship			CD, Mayor's Office	CD
4.05.03A	Encourage, as appropriate, the continued use of land for farming near Area of City Impact boundaries to effectively transition from rural uses to urban.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	
4.05.03B	Slow the outward progression of the City's limits by discouraging fringe area development; encourage development of vacant or underutilized parcels currently within City limits.	Stewardship		High	Mayor's Office	CD
4.05.03C	Support appropriate agriculture operations within the Area of City Impact as a source of locally grown food.	Stewardship		On-going	Mayor's Office	CD
4.05.03D	Consider public support for funding to preserve open space as part of permanent land trust.	Stewardship		Very High	CD	Mayor's Office
4.06.00	Improve air quality and reduce air pollution in the Meridian and Treasure Valley airshed.	Stewardship			CD, PW, Finance, Mayor's Office	All, FD
4.06.01	<i>Protect public health by reducing ozone, fine particulate matter and other greenhouse gases and toxics in the air.</i>	Stewardship			CD, PW, Mayor's Office	All, FD
4.06.01A	Coordinate with ACHD to improve traffic flow, minimize vehicle time spent idling and accelerating, and reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicles.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	
4.06.01B	Promote transportation choices, facilities, and alternatives such as car and van pooling, public transit, alternative fleet vehicles, bicycle racks/storage and telecommuting.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	
4.06.01C	Partner with transportation agencies and large employers to promote public awareness of air quality concerns and the need/benefits of making alternative transportation choices.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	
4.06.01D	Research utilization/installation of Energy Management Systems in municipal buildings to track and cut energy costs for lighting and heating/cooling.	Stewardship		Medium	PW	
4.06.01E	Convert appropriate municipal fleet vehicles to low-emission/alternative fuel vehicles when feasible.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	All
4.06.01F	Participate with Ada County in publicizing burning bans when necessary.	Stewardship		On-going	Mayor's Office	FD
4.07.00	Reduce energy consumption in municipal facilities and operations; provide leadership in promoting energy conservation throughout the City.	Stewardship			PW, CD	CD, Finance, Mayor's Office, PW

















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4.07.01	<i>Provide City services in an environmentally sustainable and cost effective manner.</i>	Stewardship			PW, CD	CD, Finance, Mayor's Office, PW
4.07.01A	Investigate funding opportunities to finance City conservation programs and projects, and retrofit Meridian public buildings to improve energy efficiency.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	Finance
4.07.01B	Support construction projects that demonstrate an innovative and effective approach to stormwater management and Low Impact Development.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	CD
4.07.01C	Partner with other entities to expand opportunities for energy conservation outreach and education, such as schools, utility providers, and other public places.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	Mayor's Office
4.07.01D	Seek opportunities for public-private partnerships to develop and showcase alternative electricity-generating facilities or to enhance the capacity and reliability of renewable energy resources.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	Mayor's Office
4.07.01E	Build public facilities that utilize energy conservation technologies.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	Mayor's Office
4.07.01F	Adopt and implement guidelines and standards for energy conservation practices.	Stewardship		Low	PW	
4.07.01G	Partner with regional stakeholders to increase public awareness of the benefits of sustainable design and constructing high-performance built environments.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	CD, Mayor's Office
4.07.01H	Collaborate with stakeholders to develop demonstration projects incorporating water and energy conservation; and energy efficient construction methods and materials.	Stewardship		Low	PW	
4.07.01I	Integrate new technologies and advancements in building science to promote a whole-building approach to sustainability. Recognize performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	PW
4.07.01J	Identify funding sources and appropriate partners to stimulate energy efficient retrofits in existing housing stock.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	Finance, PW
4.08.00	Responsibly treat wastewater for current and future users by focusing on stewardship and fiscal and environmental sustainability.	Stewardship			PW	CD
4.08.01	<i>Protect public health and watersheds through adequate treatment and disposal of wastewater.</i>	Stewardship			PW	
4.08.01A	Implement and maintain the Public Works Department's Sewer Master Plan and Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility Plan.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	
4.08.02	<i>Provide cost effective and environmentally sustainable wastewater service to citizens and business.</i>	Stewardship			PW	CD
4.08.02A	Eliminate existing private treatment and septic systems on properties annexed into the City and instead connect users to the City wastewater system; discourage the prolonged use of private treatment septic systems for enclave properties.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	CD
4.09.00	Provide ample and clean water to the citizens of Meridian in perpetuity.	Stewardship			PW	CD, Mayor's Office, Finance
4.09.01	<i>Protect the quality of source water.</i>	Stewardship			PW	CD



















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4.09.01A	Ensure that new development is connected to the City's sanitary sewer system (no septic systems).	Stewardship		On-going	PW	CD
4.09.01B	Develop a source water protection plan.	Stewardship		High	PW	CD
4.09.02	<i>Provide water in a cost effective and healthy manner.</i>	Stewardship			PW	
4.09.02A	Develop and implement a water supply master plan.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	
4.09.02B	Assess and provide new water sources.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	
4.09.03	<i>Conserve existing water supplies.</i>	Stewardship			PW, CD	Mayor's Office, PW
4.09.03A	Implement and maintain the Public Works Department Water Conservation Plan.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	
4.09.03B	Reduce reliance on City potable water for landscape irrigation purposes by educating the public, encouraging the use of recycled water, and adoption of water conserving landscape guidelines.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	
4.09.03C	Maintain a public outreach program on water conservation.	Stewardship		On-going	PW	Mayor's Office
4.09.03D	Encourage the appropriate and attractive use of xeric, drought-tolerant plant species and non- plant materials that reduce landscape maintenance and water consumption.	Stewardship		On-going	CD	PW
4.10.00	Protect public health and safety by guiding growth and development away from hazardous areas that pose a threat to people and property.	Public Safety			CD, PW	CD, FD, Mayor's Office, PD, PW
4.10.01	<i>Reduce the threat of loss of life and property from hazards.</i>	Public Safety			CD, PW	CD, FD, Mayor's Office, PD, PW
4.10.01A	Plan for and allow land uses surrounding the Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility that reduce human exposure to odors.	Public Safety		Very High	PW	CD
4.10.01B	Require industrial uses to conform to disposal, spill, and storage measures as outlined by the Environmental Protection Agency.	Public Safety		On-going	PW	CD, FD, PD
4.10.01C	Work with ITD and ACHD to ensure highways and roadways are designed to mitigate natural hazards and are as safe as possible.	Public Safety		On-going	CD	PD, FD
4.10.01D	Work with Idaho Power to ensure that a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor does not traverse through Meridian.	Public Safety		On-going	CD	Mayor's Office
4.10.01E	Identify and protect areas below canals and laterals that could be damaged if the slope is compromised.	Public Safety		On-going	CD	PW
4.10.01F	Identify target hazards based on commercial/industrial occupancy type.	Public Safety		On-going	FD	PD
4.10.01G	Encourage the installation of residential fire sprinklers as part of a comprehensive fire safe community effort.	Public Safety		On-going	FD	CD
4.10.01H	Develop lot grading, dust, and drainage standards for residential development to mitigate slope erosion and protect property.	Public Safety		Very High	PW	CD, Legal
4.11.00	Create an environment in which the people of Meridian feel safe by providing effective fire, police, and other emergency response services.	Public Safety			FD, PD	CD, Clerk's, FD, Mayor's Office, P&R, PD

















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4.11.01	<i>Ensure the capability to direct, control, and coordinate emergency response and recovery operations.</i>	Public Safety	+		FD, PD	CD, Mayor's Office
4.11.01A	Coordinate with emergency service providers on proposed annexation and development requests, and the reporting of impacts on services through comprehensive analysis and adopted standards.	Public Safety	+	On-going	FD, PD	
4.11.01B	Assess and compare response times to adopted standards for identification of additional needed resources.	Public Safety	+	On-going	FD, PD	CD, Mayor's Office
4.11.01C	Identify future and current fire and police station locations based on adopted service level standards and goals.	Public Safety	+	On-going	FD, PD	
4.11.01D	Prioritize the location of future fire and police stations on collectors to eliminate access issues on arterials.	Public Safety	+	On-going	FD, PD	
4.11.01E	Communicate with staff, elected and appointed officials on impacts from development to adopted Police and Fire Department response time standards and goals.	Public Safety	+	On-going	FD, PD	CD, Mayor's Office
4.11.01F	Based on Police Allocation Model (PAM), ensure adequate Police staff and resources to respond to growth and development.	Public Safety	+	On-going	PD	
4.11.02	<i>Support crime prevention and risk reduction through environmental design, sharing resources and information with other cities, and citizen assistance.</i>	Public Safety	+		PD, FD	
4.11.02A	Develop programs, in partnership with allied agency responders, which focus on preventative emergency medical services risk reduction.	Public Safety	+	On-going	FD, PD	
4.11.02B	Coordinate Fire and Police Department planning, training, and response efforts with neighboring jurisdictions.	Public Safety	+	On-going	FD, PD	
4.11.02C	Coordinate with Meridian Rural Fire Protection District as growth occurs in the Area of City Impact.	Public Safety	+	On-going	FD	
4.11.02D	Help educate and curtail the rate of drug, alcohol, tobacco and other substance use.	Public Safety	+	On-going	PD	
4.11.02E	Work with public and private development and management groups to promote and implement Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies.	Public Safety	+	On-going	PD	
4.11.02F	Enhance crime prevention awareness through the education of neighborhood watch groups, multi-family property management companies, homeowners' associations, and other organizations.	Public Safety	+	On-going	PD	
4.11.02G	Utilize the crime analysis unit to identify ongoing crime trends utilizing statistical analysis, heat maps, and other tools to more effectively and effectively deploy police resources.	Public Safety	+	On-going	PD	
4.11.03	<i>Ensure that quality fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services are provided within Meridian.</i>	Public Safety	+		FD	CD, Clerk's, P&R, PD
4.11.03A	Maintain and enforce construction standards, and adopt fire protection codes that are consistent with International Fire Code standards.	Public Safety	+	On-going	FD	CD
4.11.03B	Develop contingency plans for special events to ensure adequate fire and emergency medical services.	Public Safety	+	On-going	FD	Clerk's, P&R, PD

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4.11.04	<i>Provide quality police services for public health, safety, and welfare throughout the community.</i>	Public Safety	+		PD	Clerk's, FD, P&R
4.11.04A	Develop contingency plans for special events to ensure adequate police protection.	Public Safety	+	On-going	PD	Clerk's, FD, P&R
4.11.04B	Support and cooperate with federal, state, and local public safety agencies.	Public Safety	+	On-going	PD	
4.11.04C	Consider police protection and enforcement issues as part of the development review process and as part of mobile sales, vehicle immobilization, and alcohol permitting and licensing processes.	Public Safety	+	On-going	PD	
4.11.04D	Continue coordinating with the Idaho Humane Society to ensure delivery of services.	Public Safety	+	On-going	PD	
5.00.00	Chapter 5	Vibrant Community	i +			
5.01.00	Sustain, enhance, promote, and protect elements that contribute to livability and a high quality of life for all Meridian residents.	Character, Design, and Identity	i		CD, Mayor's Office	FD, P&R, PD, PW
5.01.01	<i>Encourage the safety, health, and well-being of the community.</i>	Character, Design, and Identity	i		CD	P&R, PD
5.01.01A	Foster a walkable and bikeable community through good site and street design.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	
5.01.01B	Provide pathways, crosswalks, traffic signals and other improvements that encourage safe, physical activity for pedestrians and bicyclists.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	P&R
5.01.01C	Provide, partner, and preserve public and private indoor and outdoor recreation amenities for a diverse range of physical activities.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	
5.01.01D	Plan for and encourage neighborhoods that provide reasonable pedestrian and bicycle access to services like healthcare, daycare, grocery stores, and recreational areas.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	
5.01.01E	Promote best management practices to control the spread of noxious weeds, in conjunction with Ada County Weed and Pest Control and City Code Enforcement.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	PD
5.01.01F	Minimize noise, lighting, and odor disturbances from commercial developments to residential dwellings by enforcing city code.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	
5.01.01G	Ensure developments employ proper water drainage techniques to eliminate the risks of water contamination, mold, and pests.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	

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5.01.02	<i>Support beautiful and high quality development that reinforces neighborhood character and sustainability.</i>	Character, Design, and Identity	i		CD	
5.01.02A	Maintain and implement community design ordinances, quality design criteria, and complete street policies to set quality standards citywides.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	High	CD	
5.01.02B	Coordinate with ITD regarding interstate beautification and appropriate signage.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	
5.01.02C	Promote area beautification and community identity through context sensitive building and site design principles, appropriate signage, and attractive landscaping.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	
5.01.02D	Require appropriate building design, and landscaping elements to buffer, screen, beautify, and integrate commercial, multifamily, and parking lots into existing neighborhoods.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	
5.01.02E	Support and protect the identity of existing residential neighborhoods.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	
5.01.02F	Explore development and implementation of architectural and/or landscape standards for geographic areas of the City.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	High	CD	
5.01.02G	Require attractive landscaping and pedestrian friendly design within new developments.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	
5.01.02H	Require the improvement and maintenance of landscaping along public rights-of-way and landscaping of dedicated but unimproved rights-of-way strips.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	CD	
5.01.03	<i>Strengthen community pride and identity.</i>	Character, Design, and Identity	i		CD, Mayor's Office, PD	FD, PW
5.01.03A	Continue supporting community-betterment activities, such as "Rake Up Meridian," and implementing new or old programs to support residents in need of help for property cleanup and repair.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	Mayor's Office	
5.01.03B	Work with residents and homeowners associations to maintain and take pride in their common areas and landscaping along public rights of way and other areas visible to the public.	Character, Design, and Identity	i	On-going	Mayor's Office	

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5.01.03C	Review and implement design guidelines for properties along entryway corridors and gateways to promote aesthetic features and clearly identify the community.	Character, Design, and Identity		Medium	CD	
5.01.03D	Continue property maintenance programs to remove junk vehicles, abate weed nuisances, and eliminate trash build up.	Character, Design, and Identity		On-going	PD	FD
5.01.03E	Implement the Welcome to Meridian Signage Plan by budgeting for construction and maintenance of signs at key locations throughout the City; look for partnership opportunities with property owners and developers.	Character, Design, and Identity		On-going	CD	PW
5.01.03F	Encourage volunteerism within the community, City Hall, and City Boards and Commissions.	Character, Design, and Identity		On-going	Mayor's Office	
5.02.00	Celebrate Meridian's historical, cultural, and agricultural heritage.	Historic Preservation			P&R	CD, Finance, Mayor's Office
5.02.01	<i>Enhance and restore the historical quality of Old Town.</i>	Historic Preservation			P&R	CD
5.02.01A	Maintain and implement design and building standards for historically significant buildings and resources in Old Town.	Historic Preservation		Medium	P&R	CD
5.02.01B	Support owners of historic buildings in their efforts to restore and/or preserve their properties.	Historic Preservation		On-going	P&R	CD
5.02.02	<i>Preserve and enhance historic and cultural resources.</i>	Historic Preservation			P&R	CD, Finance
5.02.02A	Coordinate with the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission to recommend use, restoration, and preservation of historical structures and sites throughout Meridian.	Historic Preservation		On-going	P&R	CD
5.02.02B	Investigate and promote incentive programs for historic properties.	Historic Preservation		On-going	P&R	Finance
5.02.02C	Implement tools and undertake programs that will increase the community's awareness of its heritage as well as the economic and aesthetic value of historic preservation.	Historic Preservation		Low	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.02.02D	Stimulate private and public investment in the restoration and preservation of historic buildings, outdoor spaces, and natural historical features.	Historic Preservation		On-going	P&R	CD, Finance
5.02.02E	Support the efforts of the Historic Preservation Commission to foster preservation and conservation.	Historic Preservation		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.02.02F	When appropriate, seek comments and approval from the Historic Preservation Commission prior to any changes to City-owned or controlled property, including buildings, outdoor spaces, and natural features.	Historic Preservation		On-going	P&R	CD
5.02.02G	Place informational plaques on historic structures and special sites.	Historic Preservation		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office

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5.02.02H	Incorporate, into the development review process, a way to determine any impact on unique geological, historical, and archeological sites; preserve and protect as appropriate.	Historic Preservation		On-going	P&R	CD
5.02.02I	Encourage events and activities that celebrate the cultural heritage of Meridian.	Historic Preservation		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.02.02J	Develop policies to preserve and protect or document and memorialize historic and culturally significance structures and sites.	Historic Preservation		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.03.00	Create opportunities for all Meridian residents and visitors to experience public art.	Arts and Culture			P&R	CD, Legal Mayor's Office
5.03.01	<i>Support art throughout the community.</i>	Arts and Culture			P&R	CD, Legal, Mayor's Office
5.03.01A	Exhibit both permanent and rotating works of art in City Hall and other public places.	Arts and Culture		On-going	P&R	Legal, Mayor's Office
5.03.01B	Encourage the integration of public art as an integrated component with new development.	Arts and Culture		On-going	P&R	CD
5.03.01C	Consider a central Art and Cultural District to showcase a wide variety of cultural offerings.	Arts and Culture		Low	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.03.01D	Provide local artists with opportunities to showcase their work.	Arts and Culture		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.03.01E	Determine and respond to the community's art and cultural facility needs.	Arts and Culture		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.03.02	<i>Raise awareness and promote existing arts offerings and artwork within the community.</i>	Arts and Culture			P&R	Legal, Mayor's Office
5.03.02A	Utilize the Meridian Art in Public Spaces program to raise awareness and appreciation of the arts.	Arts and Culture		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.03.02B	Partner with the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) to create and install artwork on traffic boxes, within roundabouts, and as part of other roadway improvement projects as appropriate.	Arts and Culture		On-going	P&R	Legal, Mayor's Office
5.04.00	Support hands-on experiences in the arts.	Arts and Culture			P&R, Mayor's Office	Mayor's Office, P&R
5.04.01	<i>Provide a diversity of education and art experiences for all residents.</i>	Arts and Culture			P&R, Mayor's Office	Mayor's Office, P&R
5.04.01A	Develop and offer youth art opportunities in partnership with the School District and afterschool programs.	Arts and Culture		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.04.01B	Strengthen partnerships with community organizations, schools, and institutions to support and encourage arts programs and education for adults and seniors.	Arts and Culture		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.04.01C	Sponsor a variety of musical and performing arts in partnership with community organizations.	Arts and Culture		On-going	Mayor's Office	P&R

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5.04.01D	Identify opportunities to partner with existing organizations and businesses to make their facilities available for civic and cultural purposes.	Arts and Culture		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
5.04.01E	Engage with and support the full diversity of the community in the planning for arts and culture facilities, programs, and events.	Arts and Culture		On-going	P&R	Mayor's Office
6.00.00	Chapter 6	Connected Community				
6.01.00	Facilitate the efficient movement of people and products to and from the City.	Transportation and Streets			CD, P&R	CD, Finance, Mayor's Office, P&R, PW
6.01.01	<i>Support multi-modal and complete-street transportation improvements.</i>	Transportation and Streets			CD, P&R	Finance, Mayor's Office, P&R, PW
6.01.01A	Work with the Union Pacific Railroad, Watco Companies and other interested stakeholders to preserve and protect the existing Boise Cut-off rail corridor as a multi-use corridor, including freight.	Transportation and Streets		High	CD	PW
6.01.01B	Support Valley Regional Transit's (VRT) efforts to construct multi-modal transit centers in areas of high commercial activity and employment as well as areas with transit-supportive residential densities.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.01C	Improve ingress and egress opportunities for all modes of transportation in Downtown.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.01D	Pursue construction of the City's pathways network.	Transportation and Streets		Very High	P&R	Finance, Mayor's Office
6.01.01E	Pursue bicycle routes/lanes/paths on roadways that will be appropriate for a wide range of ages and abilities.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.01F	Work with transportation providers to implement transportation plans, projects, and studies.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.01G	Develop criteria for plan review in determining whether a development proposal is safe, accessible, and comfortable for pedestrians and cyclists.	Transportation and Streets		High	CD	
6.01.01H	Require pedestrian access connectors in all new development to link subdivisions together and to promote neighborhood connectivity as part of a community pathway system.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	P&R
6.01.01I	Work with Ada County Highway District (ACHD) to identify gaps in the sidewalk system and pursue sidewalk construction for existing substandard streets.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.01J	Encourage new development to include buffered sidewalks, a sidewalk separated from the motor vehicle lane by a planter strip, especially on collector and arterial roadways.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.02	<i>Enhance existing transportation systems.</i>	Transportation and Streets			CD	PW

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6.01.02A	Work with transportation partners to include Meridian's highest priority transportation projects within their plans and budgets.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.02B	Reduce the number of existing access points onto arterial streets by using methods such as cross-access agreements, access management, and frontage/backage roads, and promoting local and collector street connectivity.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.02C	Require new development to establish street connections to existing local roads and collectors as well as to underdeveloped adjacent properties.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.02D	Consider needed sidewalk, pathway, landscaping, and lighting improvements with all land use decisions.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.02E	Consider incomplete and underserved roadways and timing of necessary roadway improvements in all land use decisions.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.02F	Improve coordination with ACHD, ITD, VRT, COMPASS, and developers in addressing transportation issues and needs before public hearings, including having school and transportation agency comments in with adequate time to allow for review by the City before a decision is made on a land-use application.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.02G	Work with the Transportation Commission and transportation partners to implement needed neighborhood traffic calming and address safety concerns.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.02H	Work with transportation partners to establish and implement a system of performance measures to gauge whether transportation goals and objectives are being realized.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.02I	Pursue the extension of Idaho Ave. and/or Broadway Ave. to Commercial Dr. and the extension of East 3rd St. from Fairview Ave. to Pine Ave. in Downtown.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.02J	Pursue the extension of Overland Road into Canyon County, consistent with the 2011 Airport-Overland Corridor Study.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.02K	Pursue the expansion of US 20/26; the development of an overpass of I-84 at Linder Road; the extension of SH-16 from US 20/26 to I-84; and SH-55 and SH-69 corridor improvements.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.02L	Work with ACHD to implement projects from the 2012 Downtown Meridian Neighborhood Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.02M	Work with transportation agencies and private property owners to preserve transportation corridors, future transit routes and infrastructure, road, and highway extensions, and to facilitate access management.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.02N	Coordinate with ACHD to more carefully examine the appropriateness of roundabouts with intersection improvements in relation to pedestrians and other users.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.03	<i>Provide the most efficient transportation network possible.</i>	Transportation and Streets			CD	
6.01.03A	Work with ITD and ACHD to establish truck routes and design routes appropriately for their contexts.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	

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6.01.03B	Require collectors consistent with the ACHD Master Street Map (MSM), generally at/near the mid-mile location within the Area of City Impact.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.03C	Require the public street system to be continuous through each mile section, avoiding long, straight stretches.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.03D	Consider ACHD's Master Street Map (MSM), Complete Streets Policy and the Transportation and Land Use Integration Plan in all land use decisions.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.03E	Participate in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (CIM 2.0) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW
6.01.04	<i>Encourage new and alternative transportation systems that reflect changes in technology and lifestyles.</i>	Transportation and Streets			CD, P&R	CD, Mayor's Office, P&R
6.01.04A	Support efforts to evaluate and plan for future transportation services such as public transit, on-demand services, autonomous and shared vehicles.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.04B	Develop and implement agreements with irrigation districts and the Union Pacific Railroad to allow for bike/pedestrian pathways.	Transportation and Streets		Medium	P&R	CD, Mayor's Office
6.01.04C	Work with transportation partners to identify and promote strategies for reducing reliance on the single-occupant automobile.	Transportation and Streets		Low	CD	
6.01.04D	Work with COMPASS and VRT to expand public transportation in Meridian.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.04E	Integrate new technologies (e.g., connected and automated vehicle technology, micro-mobility options) to increase efficiency, safety, and opportunities of transportation users.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.04F	Consider and mitigate undesired impacts of emerging transportation and delivery technologies.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.05	<i>Work with transportation partners to identify locations for future park & ride lots, shuttle buses, and/or transit stations.</i>	Transportation and Streets			CD	PW
6.01.05A	In coordination with VRT and COMPASS, explore grants and other funding opportunities to provide incentives for developers to locate public transit infrastructure within areas planned for transit.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.05B	Work with VRT in developing design guidelines for transit stations.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	
6.01.05C	Support alternative public and private sector funding opportunities for transportation investment.	Transportation and Streets		On-going	CD	PW

VIII. CITY/AGENCY COMMENTS & CONDITIONS

All City Departments with identified roles were coordinated with on these priorities. Prioritization and roles were done by consensus over the course of two months, with Planning coordinating any role or timing conflicts prior to submitting the application. There are a few areas where Departments have requested language improvements. For example, to break-up policies with multiple ideas onto several distinct policies. Planning will carry these text changes forward in the next update, most likely in 2021, when the Plan is not so new.

IX. FINDINGS

A. Required Findings from the Unified Development Code

1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the other elements of the comprehensive plan.
The Commission finds the proposed amendment is consistent with other elements of the Plan. It is described as a next step in the adopted Plan and required to implement it.
2. The proposed amendment provides an improved guide to future growth and development of the city.
The Commission finds the proposed amendment is an improved guide for future development. The amendment helps to prioritize implementation of the Plan and improves its transparency.
3. The proposed amendment is internally consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.
The Commission finds the proposed amendment is internally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. It is a required step to implement the plan, and required to implement policy 3.04.01E.
4. The proposed amendment is consistent with this Unified Development Code.
The Commission finds the proposed amendment is consistent with the Unified Development Code (UDC). The amendment provides further guidance on implementation for work to maintain the UDC.
5. The amendment will be compatible with existing and planned surrounding land uses.
The Commission finds the amendment is compatible with existing and planned surrounding land uses. The amendment does not modify the text or map of the adopted Plan except to prioritize implementation efforts.
6. The proposed amendment will not burden existing and planned service capabilities.
The Commission finds that the proposed amendment will not burden existing and planned service capabilities. The amendment will help to prioritize work to ensure continuity of service planning.
7. The proposed map amendment (as applicable) provides a logical juxtaposition of uses that allows sufficient area to mitigate any anticipated impact associated with the development of the area.
Not applicable. The proposed amendment does not revise the map or land use descriptions.
8. The proposed amendment is in the best interest of the City of Meridian.
The Commission finds the proposed amendment is in the best interest of the City. Prioritization and assignment of policies will improve the effectiveness of the Plan.