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MEMORANDUM

TO: Meridian Transportation Commission
CC: City Clerk
FROM: Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner
RE: Transportation Projects Update

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

KEY ACHD PROJECTS:

E. 3rd Street Extension: When ACHD adopted the 2014-2018 Integrated Five Year Work Plan, E. 3rd Street, from Carlton to Fairview, was listed as a project in the Economic Development Program. This project was split into two phases by ACHD – north (phase 2) and south (phase 1) of Carlton. In the adopted ACHD IFYWP, phase 1, between Franklin and Carlton, is in PD.

Meridian Road, Cherry to Ustick: Construction started December 2nd; should be complete **in September**. West side of road is paved and striped and traffic now driving on the west. Asphalt has been removed on the east side of road and clearing and grubbing complete. **Curb and sidewalk are being installed. Paving on the east is anticipated to begin as early as September 8th and last one week. Asphalt paving may cause temporary lane shifts and minor delays.** Project includes widening Meridian Road to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Central Paving is the contractor; \$5.5M. Here is the project website: http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_meridian-road-cherry-lane-to-ustick-road.aspx

Linder Road, Franklin to Pine: Project includes the widening of Linder Road to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Project includes upgrade of the railroad crossing and a Safe Routes to School request; attached sidewalks are being designed. Construction is planned for 2020 to correspond with the upgraded railroad crossing ITD plans to do this year. Knife River is the contractor; cost of \$3M. Traffic swap happened on June 8th. **Sidewalk installation and concrete flatwork are ongoing. Paving was scheduled for late August.** Project should be complete in August. Here is the project website: http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_linder-road-pine-avenue-to-franklin-road.aspx

Ten Mile Road, McMillan to Chinden: Widen Ten Mile to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Design will be done with in-house, ACHD resources. Project is planned for construction in 2020, to correspond with the Costco project. Notice to proceed date: November 14, 2019; project should be complete Fall 2020.

Here is the project website: http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_ten-mile-road-mcmillan-road-to-chinden-boulevard.aspx

Ten Mile Road, Ustick to McMillan: Widen Ten Mile to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Project includes 2 bridges. Design is in 2018, right-of-way acquisition in 2019, and construction is planned for 2020 in the adopted IFYWP with a cost of \$5.5M., to correspond with the Costco project. Project starts the week of January 6th and should complete in September. **Concrete curb and gutter are nearing completion on the east side. Asphalt paving work began August 27th and will continue through mid-September.** Utility relocation work is on-going. Nellis Drive is closed for the duration of construction. Here is the project website: http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_ten-mile-road-ustick-road-to-mcmillan-road.aspx

Eagle Road, Amity to Victory: Widen Eagle to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Design will be done with in-house, ACHD resources. Construction is planned for 2021 in the IFYWP. This project is on the ACHD upcoming project list for August. **This project, coupled with the Eagle/Amity roundabout, is on the ACHD 90 day bid list that was advertised on September 2nd.** Here is the project website: http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_eagle-road-amity-road-to-victory-road.aspx

Eagle Road/Amity Roundabout: ACHD will construct a 2 lane roundabout with a slip lane at the northwest corner for southbound traffic turning west. Based on the COMPASS Regional Long Range Transportation Model an intersection with this volume and dominate direction of traffic would need to be a signalized intersection or a roundabout with a slip lane to accommodate projected traffic demand. ACHD had entered into a Cooperative Development Agreement (CDA) with Albertsons, but the agreement has expired. **Albertsons has indicated they will be moving forward with a time extension for their project; that will require Council approval.** ACHD will now be doing the construction for this project. These improvements include full improvements, curb, gutter, and sidewalk on their frontages of both roads in addition in re-building the roundabout with two-lanes on each leg. NOTE: There is insufficient right-of-way on Amity west of Eagle to allow the striping of the bike lane on the north side of the road, so it will only be

the two travel lanes westbound, the center turn lane, and one eastbound travel lane until ACHD can program a project there in the future and widen to the south. The west side of Eagle Road will be fully improved including a multi-use path. The dual-lane roundabout is on the ACHD upcoming project list for August. **This project, coupled with road widening to the north, is on ACHD 90 day bid list that was advertised on September 2nd.**

Eagle Road, Lake Hazel to Amity: Widen Eagle to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Design will be done in 2021. Construction is planned for 2023 in the adopted IFYWP with a cost of \$3.4M.

Lake Hazel and Eagle Signal: Widen and signalize intersection to 4/5 lanes on Eagle and 3/5 lanes on Lake Hazel. Design is happening this calendar year, right-of-way in 2021, and construction in 2023 in the IFYWP. A project kick-off meeting was held on January 8th at ACHD.

Lake Hazel Road, Eagle to Cloverdale: Widen Lake Hazel to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Design will be done in 2022. Construction is planned for 2024 in the adopted IFYWP with a total cost of \$2.3M.

Locust Grove Road, Victory to Overland: Widen Locust Grove to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Design is planned for 2019, right-of-way in 2021 and construction in 2022 in the IFYWP with a cost of \$4.07M. PIM held 9/10/2019. The 50% plans shared with Council on October 8th. There is some concern about the cross-section and impacts to neighborhoods. Council discussed this project during a work session on February 25th. A letter was sent to ACHD regarding the design of the bicycle and pedestrian facilities the week of February 24th. Here is the project website: http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_locust-grove-victory-to-overland.aspx

Locust Grove Road, Fairview to Ustick: Widen Locust Grove to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Design will be done in 2023 (\$365K); construction is in PD in the adopted IFYWP with a cost of \$3.9M (\$4.56M total cost).

Fairview/Locust Grove Signal: Widen intersection to 8 lanes on Fairview and 7 lanes on Locust Grove, including curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Design in 2020, right-of-way acquisition in 2021-22, and construction in 2023 in adopted IFYWP with a cost of \$4.26M. Project kick-off meeting held on October 24th. Project moving into design with consultant help for a 9 x 7 intersection. December 1st consultant should be under contract. Right-of-way acquisition occurring in 2021 and construction planned for 2022. *The scope of this project is being expanded to include widening of Fairview Avenue, between Locust Grove and Eagle Road.* ACHD received a total of 118 online public comments; those are available on the project website. On July 22nd, ACHD Staff presented an update to the ACHD Commission on this project. Unfortunately, they ran out of time and continued the discussion to an upcoming meeting. Here is a link to the project website: https://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_fairview-avenue-locust-grove-road-to-eagle-road.aspx

Overland and Eagle Signal: Widen intersection to 7 lanes on Eagle and 9 on Overland. Project to be done in coordination with ITD. **Design is indicated for 2025 in the IFYWP.** All phases shown as Unfunded in the IFYWP at a cost of \$8.16M.

Victory/Locust Grove Roundabout: Construct a multi-lane roundabout. Design is in 2019, right-of-way acquisition in 2020-**2021**, and construction is planned for **2022-2023** in the adopted IFYWP with a cost of \$4.1M.

Ten Mile/Amity Intersection: A dual-lane roundabout will be the ultimate build-out condition of the intersection. Initially though, a single-lane roundabout will be constructed; designed for easy expansion to a dual-lane. This project is shown for construction in 2021 in the adopted IFYWP. Here is the project website:
http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_intersection_ten-mile-road-and-amity-road-roundabout.aspx

Ten Mile Road, Victory to Overland: Widen Ten Mile to 5-lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and a Level 3 bike facility. In the IFYWP, this project was designed in 2019, right-of-way in 2020, and construction in 2022 at a cost of \$3.9M. Here is the project website:
http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_ten-mile-victory-to-overland.aspx

FY19 Capital Maintenance: **Fairview Ave, Eagle Road to Dixie Lane asphalt paving is complete.**

FY20 Capital Maintenance, Phase 1: Locust Grove, Ustick to McMillan *and* Pine, Linder to Meridian. Knife River is the contractor. **Pine Street, Linder Road to Meridian Road concrete work is ongoing and roadway work is scheduled for September.**

Cherry Lane and Meridian Library Pedestrian Crossing: Notice to proceed. \$214,000 cost. **Phase 1 is complete; project completion is anticipated for September.**

Victory Road & Standing Timber Avenue Pedestrian Crossing: **Project is complete.**

ITD PROJECTS

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

ID-16 to Linder: **Black Cat has reopened from Chinden to McMillan Road in both directions. Black Cat was closed since early July as crews made improvements to the Chinden/Black Cat intersection. Black Cat will have a dedicated left-turn lane to Chinden and a center turn lane that connects to the existing three-lane configuration south of Larry Lane.**

On Chinden beginning August 27th, traffic will shift to the southern lanes, from Linder Road to State Highway 16, while crews continue shoulder work on the south side of the roadway and tie-in existing pavement with the new surface on the north. This two-lane (one in each direction) configuration will remain in place until traffic moves to the new four-lane highway in fall 2020.

Locust Grove Road to Eagle Road: Night work will occur periodically between Locust Grove and Eagle Road requiring temporary lane closures and flagger control. Residents can expect vibration, illumination and noise impacts. Traffic will resume to normal construction zone conditions (45 mph) in the morning. Sound wall installation on the south side of the road is ongoing.

Linder Road to Meridian Road: Construction is planned for 2020.

Meridian Road to Locust Grove Road: Construction is planned for 2021.

Star Road to ID-16: Construction is planned for 2024.

Idaho Highway 16 extension, U.S. 20/26 to I-84: **ITD has completed the re-evaluation of the 2011 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and preliminary design of Idaho 16. ITD is in the process of acquiring property now and anticipates this will continue through 2021. ITD is investigating funding sources and options.** The Idaho Transportation Board has allocated nearly \$90 million to acquire right-of-way for the future highway. The remaining cost to design and construct the corridor is estimated to be \$350 million (in 2019 dollars). Project website: www.ITDprojects.org/Idaho16

SH-69, Kuna to Meridian Traffic Study: ITD has completed enough technical evaluation to now present a proposal to the public. ITD hosted an online public engagement from June 29 – July 20 to solicit feedback on the work to date. ITD will consider the feedback and make appropriate updates to the plan before presenting the plan for concurrence to the Cities of Meridian and Kuna and ACHD. Here is a link to the project website: <https://itdprojects.org/projects/id69corridor/>

PATHWAYS

Rail with Trail: In the fall of 2012, the City applied for an \$85,000 grant to study the Rail with Trail (RWT) pathway crossing of streets (7 crossings; Black Cat to Locust Grove). Currently, there are funds for pathway construction in the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in 2022.

Five Mile Creek Pathway: The City applied for a COMPASS grant to design and construct a portion of the Five Mile Creek pathway near the wastewater recovery facility. Parametrix has prepared the project development report which should be available on the COMPASS website in the near future. The City recently informed COMPASS that we will pursue completion of this project with local funds instead of Federal.

North Meridian Neighborhood Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan: ACHD and several partners including the City have been working on developing a plan to help improve walking and bicycling routes in North Meridian neighborhoods. The North Meridian Neighborhood Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan will be presented to the ACHD Commissioners for possible adoption on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6pm. Here is a link to the project site:

https://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_program_north-meridian-neighborhood-bicycle-and-pedestrian-plan.aspx

MDC / OTHER PROJECTS

Harvest Lifestyle Service: A public transit service focusing on seniors and persons with disabilities has been operating since December 2016. This Lifestyle Service concept, which includes two service zones, was presented to the Council in July of 2016. The service is operated by Harvest Church. An enhancement to the City Budget for FY2019 was approved by the Council for a third Harvest van. The third van is operational. *Staff will invite VRT Staff to an upcoming TC meeting to discuss this service and possible expansion.*

Transit: VRT has won a grant for electric buses. Staff from the City and VRT are coordinating infrastructure, capital and service needs for a route from the Ten Mile Interchange area through downtown to The Village. The launch is anticipated for in early 2021. The TC will be actively involved in developing outreach plan, stops/alignment, and other service considerations (i.e. – time of day operation, amenities/shelters, etc.) (This route is part of the ValleyConnect 2.0 plan.)

Eagle Road Bike/Ped Project Development: COMPASS has contracted with Keller Associates to further develop a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the corridor. The boundaries of the project are Overland and Chinden.

Shared Vehicles: On Friday, December 13th a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for shared vehicle (e-scooters) services for 2020. The RFP was sent to six known, potential vendors/contractors. A pre-proposal conference was held on Friday, December 27th; no one attended in person. Proposals are due prior to 4:00 pm on Friday, January 10, 2020. One response was received, from Slidr LLC. On January 23rd a 7-member scoring team met to discuss the proposal. The scoring team recommended that City Council not enter into a contract with any vendor at this time due to all of the construction and lack of destinations currently. The scoring team further recommended that the MDBA continue to monitor the climate and recommend back to the City when they believe another RFP should be issued. On January 28th, these recommendations were presented to the Mayor and City Council. The Council largely concurred with the scoring team's recommendation and further recommended that Staff be part of discussions around a regional management model for micro mobility.

ACHD Integrated Five-Year Work Program: The 2020-2024 IFYWP can be found here: <http://achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP.aspx>

The ACHD Commission will consider adoption of the 2021-2025 Integrated Five Year Work Plan (IFYWP) on September 23, 2020. More information can be found here:

http://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP_2125draft.aspx.