



# MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

**From:** Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner      **Meeting Date:** October 12, 2020  
**Presenter:** Miranda Carson      **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes  
**Topic:** Transportation Projects Update

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

### KEY ACHD PROJECTS:

**ACHD Integrated Five-Year Work Program:** The **NEW 2021-20245 IFYWP** was adopted by the ACHD commission on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and can be found here:  
<https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP.aspx>

**Meridian Road, Cherry to Ustick:** Construction started December 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Asphalt paving, striping, and signage are complete. Landscaping is ongoing.** 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](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_meridian-road-cherry-lane-to-ustick-road.aspx)

**Cherry Lane and Meridian Library Pedestrian Crossing:** Notice to proceed. \$214,000 cost. Phase 1 is complete. **Phases 2 and 3 are ongoing. This work will install a pedestrian hybrid beacon crossing (PHB) with Z-crossing on Cherry Lane. This PHB will be between the existing signalized intersections at West 8th and Linder Road. This work also includes new sidewalks and crosswalks.** Here is a link to the project website:  
[http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_cherry-lane-meridian-library-ped-crossing.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_cherry-lane-meridian-library-ped-crossing.aspx)

**Linder Road, Franklin to Pine:** **Concrete flatwork, paving, striping, and signal swap are complete. Landscaping is ongoing.** 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. Here is the project website: [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_linder-road-pine-avenue-to-franklin-road.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_linder-road-pine-avenue-to-franklin-road.aspx)

Ten Mile Road, McMillan to Chinden: **Substantial completion occurred on September 15, 2020.** Widen Ten Mile to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. Design will be done with in-house, ACHD resources. Here is the project website: [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_ten-mile-road-mcmillan-road-to-chinden-boulevard.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_ten-mile-road-mcmillan-road-to-chinden-boulevard.aspx)

Ten Mile Road, Ustick to McMillan: **Asphalt paving is complete. Remaining work includes permanent striping and activation of pedestrian signals.** 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. Here is the project website: [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_ten-mile-road-ustick-road-to-mcmillan-road.aspx](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. **Includes enhanced crossings at the pedestrian pathway near the Ten Mile Feeder Canal, a pedestrian crossing at Rome Dr, and a roundabout at Zaldia Ln.** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. **This project is on the Upcoming project list for November 2020.** Here is the project website: [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_eagle-road-amity-road-to-victory-road.aspx](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 2<sup>nd</sup>. **This project is on the Upcoming project list for November 2020.** Here is the project website: [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_eagle-road-amity-road-to-victory-road.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_eagle-road-amity-road-to-victory-road.aspx)

Ten Mile/Amity Intersection: **This project is on the October 90 day bid list. Utility work is to begin early October 2020.** This project is shown for construction in 2021 in the adopted IFYWP. **Construct a multi-lane roundabout at Ten Mile Rd and Amity Rd as per the 2020 CIP. Project includes Ten Mile Bridge #1182.** Here is the project website:  
[http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_intersection\\_ten-mile-road-and-amity-road-roundabout.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_intersection_ten-mile-road-and-amity-road-roundabout.aspx)

**8<sup>th</sup> St at Meridian Middle:** Install enhanced pedestrian crossings at NW 8th St and Meridian Middle School. **This project is on the October 90 day bid list.**

Lake Hazel and Eagle Signal: Widen and signalize intersection to 4/5 lanes on Eagle and 3/4 lanes on Lake Hazel. Design is happening this calendar year, right-of-way in 2021-**2022**, and construction in **2022** in the IFYWP. **There is a design comment period open now and ending on October 16<sup>th</sup>; details on the survey are on the project webpage. on the project web page. Here is a link to the project website:**  
[http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_intersection\\_lake-hazel-and-eagle.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_intersection_lake-hazel-and-eagle.aspx)

Locust Grove Road, Victory to Overland: Widen Locust Grove to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and **Level 2** bike facility. Design is planned for 2019, right-of-way in **2020-2021** 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 8<sup>th</sup>. There is some concern about the cross-section and impacts to neighborhoods. Council discussed this project during a work session on February 25<sup>th</sup>. A letter was sent to ACHD regarding the design of the bicycle and pedestrian facilities the week of February 24<sup>th</sup>. Here is the project website: [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_locust-grove-victory-to-overland.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_locust-grove-victory-to-overland.aspx)

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 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-**2021**, and construction in 2022-**2023** at a cost of \$3.9M. Here is the project website:  
[http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_ten-mile-victory-to-overland.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_ten-mile-victory-to-overland.aspx)

Eagle Road, Lake Hazel to Amity: Widen Eagle to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and **Level 3** bike facility. **Includes a roundabout at Eagle Rd and Taconic Dr.** Design will be done in 2021. Construction is planned for 2023 in the adopted IFYWP with a cost of \$3.4M.

Fairview, Locust Grove to Eagle & Locust Grove Signal: Widen intersection to **9 lanes** on Fairview and 7 lanes on Locust Grove. **Widen Fairview to 7 lanes** with curb, gutter, sidewalk and **Level 3** bike facility. Design in 2020-**2021**, right-of-way acquisition in 2021-22, and construction in 2023 in adopted IFYWP with a cost of \$4.26M. Here is a link to the project website:

[https://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_fairview-avenue-locust-grove-road-to-eagle-road.aspx](https://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_fairview-avenue-locust-grove-road-to-eagle-road.aspx)

Lake Hazel Road, Eagle to Cloverdale: Widen Lake Hazel to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, and **Level 3** bike facility. Design will be done in 2022. Construction is planned for 2024 in the adopted IFYWP with a total cost of \$2.3M.

Overland/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.

Locust Grove Road, Fairview to Ustick: Widen Locust Grove to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and bike lanes. **This is not programmed in the adopted IFYWP.**

E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Extension: When ACHD adopted the 2014-2018 Integrated Five Year Work Plan, E. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. **This is not programmed in the adopted IFYWP.**

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

FY20 Capital Maintenance, Phase 1: Locust Grove, Ustick to McMillan **concrete work is complete.** Pine Street, Linder Road to Meridian Road **concrete work is complete and roadway work is scheduled for October.**

## **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](http://www.ITDprojects.org/ChindenWest)

ID-16 to Linder: **Substantial completion.** ITD has opened four lanes of Chinden Boulevard from Idaho Highway 16 to Linder Road to traffic. The new traffic signal at Black Cat Road is also operational. The widening of this section of Chinden Boulevard from two lanes to four began this spring. The new roadway includes four 12-foot travel lanes, two in each direction, and a detached 10-foot pathway to the south for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Locust Grove Road to Eagle Road: **Paving operations are underway.** Traffic shift began **September 25<sup>th</sup>** that eliminates one through lane, both east and westbound, at the Eagle

intersection. The necessary lane shift may result in increased congestion during peak drive times. All residential streets between Locust Grove and Eagle are right-in and right-out only, during construction and after work is complete.

Linder Road to Locust Grove Road: **Fox Run Way, south of Chinden, will be closed late September through November, from Chinden to Boulder Bar Lane, as crews remove the overhead structure, widen the roadway and connect the road with the Linder Village development. Additionally, the sidewalk on the west side of Fox Run is closed. The east side sidewalk is open for pedestrian use. Beginning mid-October, crews will demolish the sidewalk on the south side of Chinden, between Fox Run and Meridian Road. Pedestrians will be detoured to the road shoulder, separated from traffic by a concrete barrier.**

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](http://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.

Nine Mile Creek, Linder to Meridian: The path is proposed to run from Linder to Meridian along the Nine Mile Creek drain just north of the railroad; this is COMPASS project # KN 13918. Federal funding close to \$400k has been allocated, but no federal funds have been used yet as the scope is not fully defined. City Parks Department is currently working with a consultant to negotiate easements for four (4) parcels from Linder to 8<sup>th</sup> St. The City currently has obtained all but one required easement from 8th to 3rd. We are currently pursuing acquisition of easements from 8th Street west to Linder, and from 3rd Street to Meridian Road as a future phase of this project.

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 Resource Recovery Center (WWRRC). The City informed COMPASS that we will pursue completion of this project with local funds instead of Federal. **There has been purchase and development action on the properties north of Five Mile Creek, west of the WWRRC. Additionally, ACHD has purchased a parcel to the south of the WWRRC. It appears that the bulk of this pathway will be constructed by these new owners as a condition of development. The City plans to invest in pedestrian crossings of the Nine Mile and Five Mile Drains to skirt the WWRRC and achieve continuity with existing McNelis Pathway along the Five Mile Drain.**

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. **This plan is complementary to the City's Pathways Plan with more of an emphasis on on-street bike facilities. The North Meridian Neighborhood Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was adopted by the ACHD Commission on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Here is a link to the project site:**

[https://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_program\\_north-meridian-neighborhood-bicycle-and-pedestrian-plan.aspx](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.) **VRT has a DRAFT FY 2021 Program of Projects (POP) out for review. It can be viewed here:** <https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/blog/vrt-accepting-comments-on-draft-fy-2021-program-of-projects/>

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>; 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.