



Mayor Robert E. Simison
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June 20, 2024

The Honorable Alexis Pickering
President
Ada County Highway District
3775 Adams Street
Garden City, ID 83714

Dear Commission President Pickering,

In follow-up to the conversation had during the joint ACHD-Meridian meeting held on January 29th and to City Council's feedback on Tuesday's discussion regarding arterial corridor preservation, the City is officially requesting changes to the ACHD Master Street Plan (MSP) for all section line arterial roadways within Meridian's Area of City Impact to preserve for at least five travel lanes, or 100 feet of right-of-way.

Except for segments of Cherry/Fairview and Overland, which are being preserved for 7-lanes (approximately 120 feet of right-of-way), the City requests the following changes to the MSP (see attached map): 7 miles of the McMillan corridor, between the County line and Locust Grove; 2 miles of the Overland corridor, east of the County line; 2 miles of S. Eagle Road; 6 miles of the Victory corridor, west of Eagle Road; 5 miles of the Locust Grove corridor, 2 miles south of Chinden and 3 miles south of Victory; 3 miles of Columbia Road, east of Meridian Road; Amity, east of Eagle Road; and 2 miles of N Meridian Road, north of Ustick. The segment changes requested were reviewed by Meridian's Transportation Commission and are endorsed by City Council.

Some opportunities have already been lost for right-of-way preservation along some of these segments. However, opportunity still exists to preserve land area along many section line arterials. In addition to accommodating the transportation needs of the region, this will assist the City in trying to avoid, as much as possible, the need to remove neighborhood landscape buffers, homes, businesses and other structures as these segments will someday be widened. Thank you in advance for considering the ultimate needs for these corridors in your planning efforts and making needed investments in Meridian.

If there are any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Caleb Hood, Deputy Director of Community Development, at 208-884-5533.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob E. Simison".

Robert E. Simison
Mayor

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