



# MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

**From:** Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner      **Meeting Date:** February 6, 2023  
**Topic:** Staff Communications

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Below are summaries of relevant correspondences received by City Staff since the last TC meeting.

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### **Traffic Concern Lost Rapids at Bird Park**

After discussion at the Commission and staff level, ACHD requested Mr. McLean, the resident who initially requested review, reach out to ACHD directly. Mr. McLean sent the following request on 1/2/2023.

Good morning Mr. Martin, my name is Chuck MacLean, a resident of the relatively new Cadence development next to the Costco on Ten Mile Rd. A few weeks ago, Mayor Simison and his staff visited with us in our clubhouse, and asked if we had any concerns. I mentioned that we had some concerns with traffic speed on Lost Rapids between our development and Bird Park. After talking with his team, they suggested we contact ACHD directly.

It appears that some drivers use Tree Farm / Lost Rapids as a bit of a shortcut between Chinden heading West and Ten Mile heading South. Given that there is a lot of pedestrian traffic between our development across Lost Rapids Rd. to Bird Park, along with the fact that the intersection is being used as a school bus pick-up and delivery point, we recommend that a crosswalk be painted on the intersection to facilitate more caution at that point. I'm referring to a painted crosswalk, not the traffic light type found on busier roads. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding our concern. Thank you for your help.

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### **Black Cat at Gondola Crosswalk Progress**

The 100% plans were approved by ACHD on 1/25. We are awaiting news from West Ada on a construction timeline.

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### **Traffic Light at E Blue Heron and Meridian Road**

We received the following request from Carrie Ann Shuter requesting a traffic light at Blue Heron at Meridian Road:

The intersection is the only way out for 185 apartments, 36 senior condos and a meat packing plant. And, it is very busy and during rush hours it is near impossible to get out. When there is snow and traffic is slow it is bad. If there is an incident on Meridian Road we are trapped. Please push this and get us a traffic light.

After staff coordination we received the following updates from Shawn Martin:

We will get the signal evaluation request moving.

There are currently no plans to extend Blue Heron. With the apartment development (staff report attached), the applicant was to make that connection a ped/bike/emergency access only.

Note: The required improvement for ped/bike/emergency access was made with development.

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### **Speed Limit on Locust Grove, Fairview to Ustick**

We received the following request from Dan Derby regarding the speed limit on Locust Grove:

We are glad to see the traffic signal changed at the intersection of Locust Grove and Chateau Street. We were also happy to see police checking for speeding cars. Speeding on this section of road has been a problem for quite a while. Maybe you can lower the speed limit back down from Fairview to Ustick. Our sympathy goes out to the family of the child that was killed.

After staff coordination we received the following updates from Joshua Saak at ACHD:

I have no record of any recent changes in speed limit on Locust Grove from Ustick to Fairview – it has been posted 40 mph for at least the last 15 years, as evidenced by past Street View imagery.

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### **Joint Meetings with ACHD and WASD**

City Council will be holding back to back joint meetings with ACHD and WASD on February 23<sup>rd</sup> in Council Chambers. ACHD Commission will be meeting with Council from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM. WASD will be meeting with Council from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

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### **Intersection and Pedestrian Safety Taskforce**

After requests from elected officials and administration at both the City and ACHD, the City will be leading an interagency taskforce focusing on intersection and pedestrian safety in Meridian, particularly around schools. I recognize and appreciate the work that already goes into these safety efforts at the Meridian Police Department, ACHD, and West Ada. The goal of this taskforce will be to discuss the efforts that have already been made, determine what efforts could come from an interagency team, and perform site visits of major intersections. The kick off meeting will be held February 9<sup>th</sup>.

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