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Kent Goldthorpe
Commission President
Ada County Highway District
3775 Adams Street
Garden City, ID 83714

Dear Commissioner Goldthorpe:

The City of Meridian appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft 2022-2026 Integrated Five Year Work Plan (IFYWP) provided in early November. Our comments continue to reflect the City's position in February, 2021 and we may provide addendum comments prior to the ACHD public hearing in December as our Council has not yet had a chance to review this topic due to the shortened comment period.

As you know, our top priority is the development of the Linder Road Overpass. With direct funding of \$2.5 million from the City, a Federal infrastructure bill that will provide more than \$2 billion for federal highway apportioned programs and bridge projects in Idaho, and an RFQ for the design of Linder overpass nearly complete, we continue to ask ACHD to identify this a top priority project, including identifying 2022 as the target design completion year.

To assist in the advancement of the Linder Road Overpass and to accommodate the transportation needs that already exist within the City limits, we continue to support delay of improvements to the Ten Mile Road corridor, south of Victory Road. We appreciate ACHD's willingness to continue to work with the State to explore creative funding solutions and move this project forward through design so that it is shovel ready as quickly as possible. We also continue to highlight the importance of including programming for local road and intersection projects, including Lake Hazel Road, Locust Grove to Eagle Road and the intersection of Eagle and Overland.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact Miranda Carson, 208-884-5533, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert Simison
Mayor

cc: ACHD Commissioners
Meridian City Council
Kristy Inselman, Senior Transportation Planner
Justin Lucas, Deputy Director of Plans and Projects