

## Craige Bergman

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**From:** Craige Bergman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2026 10:28 AM  
**To:** Craige Bergman  
**Subject:** FW: Mayor and Council | SPEED LIMIT ON CHINDEN

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**From:** Caleb Hood  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2026 3:51 PM  
**To:** Kendall Nagy <[knagy@meridiancity.org](mailto:knagy@meridiancity.org)>  
**Cc:** Dave Miles <[dmiles@meridiancity.org](mailto:dmiles@meridiancity.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Mayor and Council | SPEED LIMIT ON CHINDEN

Kendall – I appreciate you thinking of the TC. If you want to see if Chris wants to address the TC, they meet the first Monday of each month at 3:30 in Council Chambers, that seems like a good next step. Please just make sure that he understands that the TC has no authority over speed limits, but I'm sure they'd be willing to hear him out and discuss.

Thanks!

Caleb

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**From:** Kendall Nagy <[knagy@meridiancity.org](mailto:knagy@meridiancity.org)>  
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**Cc:** Dave Miles <[dmiles@meridiancity.org](mailto:dmiles@meridiancity.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Mayor and Council | SPEED LIMIT ON CHINDEN

Hi Caleb,

Is the email below one you could help respond to? Maybe mention the Transportation Commission and ACHD contact as possible resources?

**Kendall Nagy | Chief of Staff**  
City of Meridian | Mayor's Office  
33 E. Broadway Ave., Meridian Idaho 83642  
Phone: 208-489-0389



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Per my earlier email (below) – we had a major accident this morning on the corner of Ten Mile and Chinden.

Reviewing community response on Instagram – EVERYONE is asking why the speed limit is 55mph in this section. A death is sure to come as a result of the city and state not taking action to slow down the traffic. I encourage you to look at this situation very carefully.

<https://www.instagram.com/reels/DVv9cNGlRxb/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwggIDv1EVc>

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**From:** [chris@sommerassociates.com](mailto:chris@sommerassociates.com)

**Sent:** Friday, January 9, 2026 9:45 AM

**To:** Kendall Nagy <[knagy@meridiancity.org](mailto:knagy@meridiancity.org)>; Vincent Trimboli <[vincent.trimboli@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:vincent.trimboli@itd.idaho.gov)>

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**Subject:** RE: Request for Mayor and Council

To Vincent Trimboli at the Idaho Transportation Department,

I am writing on behalf of myself and many other residents who live along and around Highway 20/36 between Black Cat Road and Linder Road. This corridor has become increasingly congested, and current policies regarding speed limits and engine braking are no longer appropriate for the conditions or the community.

First, the use of engine braking in this area should be explicitly forbidden and enforced. The constant noise generated by heavy trucks using engine brakes is disruptive, unnecessary, and negatively impacts the quality of life for the hundreds of residents who live, work, and raise families along this stretch of highway. This is no longer a rural bypass—it is a densely populated, high-traffic corridor. “No Engine Braking” signage is a simple and effective step that would immediately improve livability for the surrounding neighborhoods.

More importantly, the current 55 mph speed limit through this segment is dangerous and unreasonable given the realities of the roadway. There is a high volume of traffic entering and exiting the highway, frequent turning movements, and multiple traffic signals in a relatively short distance. Allowing heavy trucks and commuter traffic to travel at 55 mph in such a congested area creates unnecessary risk for accidents and puts drivers, pedestrians, and nearby residents in harm’s way.

It makes no sense to maintain a highway-level speed limit in an area that functions more like an urban arterial. Lowering the speed limit would improve safety, reduce noise, and better reflect the actual driving conditions. This change would not only protect motorists but also demonstrate that ITD values data, common sense, and the voices of the people who live here.

The community is asking to be heard. We want safer roads, reduced noise, and policies that match the growth and development of this area. Lower the speed limit. Prohibit engine braking. Take meaningful action. If these changes are implemented, the hundreds of residents affected by this corridor will notice—and they will be grateful.

Please listen to the community. We want change, and it is long overdue.

Sincerely,

Christopher Sommer  
A Concerned Resident of the Highway 20/36 Corridor

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**From:** Kendall Nagy <[knagy@meridiancity.org](mailto:knagy@meridiancity.org)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Request for Mayor and Council

Hello Chris,

After input from legal, Meridian Police Department, Idaho Transportation Department, and reviewing policy I have a better understanding of the challenges surrounding you and your neighbors' frustrations regarding the noise caused by trucks using air brakes on Highway 20/26.

I just spoke with Vincent Trimboli at Idaho Transportation Department, and he helped me understand the nuances with this issue. As Idaho has grown, towns have filled in around many state highways, placing homes closer to interstate transit, which is noisy. Vincent assured me there are others around the state that share your frustration.

Bottom line, the use of compression brakes is not illegal for interstate commerce and during my discussion with Vincent he acknowledged ITD needs to have a bigger conversation to address the use of signs relating to braking. He said he'd be happy to talk to you about that, and I have included him on this email.

If you have additional questions, either now or after you talk to Vincent, please reach out. Thank you for your patience.

Regards,

**Kendall Nagy | Chief of Staff**  
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**Subject:** RE: Request for Mayor and Council

Hello Chris,

I wanted to provide you a quick update. I am continuing to learn about the different organizations and policies governing no braking signs. I need some information from Idaho Transportation Department and will be in touch once I hear from them.

Regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Request for Mayor and Council

Hello Chris,

I wanted to follow-up and provide a status update regarding the concerns you shared with the Mayor's Office. I have reached out to legal, the police department, and ITD as I work to understand the complexities around this topic. I am still waiting on some responses. I will be out of the office over the holidays and plan to follow up again after the new year.

Regards,

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Thank you for the follow up.

As a point conversation – the speed limit is 55mph in this section. With the amount of traffic congestion going in and out of Costco shopping center, smaller strip mall and all the residential, it begs the question . . . why isn't the speed limit 45mph? This in turn would keep the trucks at slower speeds which would allow them to not engine brake.

Just a thought.

Regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Request for Mayor and Council

Good afternoon Christopher,

Thank you for your email, it has been received by the Mayor's Office. We appreciate you taking time to share your thoughts and comments with us.

Our Chief of Staff is reaching out to ITD and our Police Department regarding your concerns and we will be back in touch with you soon.

Thank you,

**Josha Iverson | Executive Assistant**  
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**Subject:** Request for Mayor and Council

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**Address:** 3459 W Sand Wedge St, , Meridian, ID, 83646, United States

**Subject:** Highway 20/26 - Black Cat to Linder NO ENGINE BRAKING

**Message:** I would like to formally request that you have the ID Department of Transportation install NO ENGINE BRAKING SIGNS between Black Cat and Linder Rd - both east and west bound. The big trucks that think it really fun to use their engines to brake are blowing us out of our houses. YOU NEED TO CONTACT the IDT and tell them to get these signs up and then enforce it. ALL THE NEIGHBORS are getting sick and tired of the truck noise! PLEASE HELP TO GET THIS DONE!!!!