



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Topic on the City Council Agenda

From: Meridian Transportation Commission **Meeting Date:** TBD
Presenter: Walter Steed, Chair **Estimated Time:** 15 minutes
Topic: Transportation Commission 2025 End of Year Report

Meridian Transportation Commission

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| - Walter Steed, Chair | - Stephen Lewis | - Jared Smith |
| - Tom LeClaire, Vice Chair | - Tracy Hopkins | - Zachary Shoemaker |
| - David Ballard | - Ryan Lancaster | - Lilly Miller & Advik Bansal |

The Meridian Transportation Commission (TC) was formed in February 2013 with Ordinance No. 13-152. The Commission consists of nine appointed commissioners and meets in the Council Chambers on the first Monday of each month. Myself and Jared Smith served as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively from 2022 to 2024. In 2025 I was re-elected Chair and Tom LeClaire was elected Vice-Chair. Lilly Miller and Advik Bansal were the youth representatives for the commission during the year.

The Transportation Commission maintains working relationships with all our ex-officio partners. Representatives from Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) District 3, Ada County Highway District (ACHD), COMPASS, Valley Regional Transit (VRT), and the West Ada School District (WASD). Caleb Hood, Brian McClure, and Hether Hill provided the commission with staff support during 2025. Deputy City Attorneys Tishra Murray and Ali Breshears provided legal guidance. Sergeant Tara Smith and Corporal Trevor Weitzel from the Meridian Police Department provided updates and expertise related to traffic issues and safety.

City staff provided monthly updates to the Transportation Commission on ITD and ACHD transportation projects in design and construction. Each meeting also included time for ex-officio agencies to report on current activities, with additional participation from City departments, partner agencies, and members of the public.

In January and February 2025, the Commission finalized and approved its recommendations to the City Council regarding the highest priority roadway, intersection, and community program projects as part of ACHD's 2026–2030 Five-Year Plan. This effort reflected work completed by the Transportation Commission's Prioritization Subcommittee and continued coordination with ACHD staff.

In March, the Commission received updates on the Meridian Intersection Pedestrian Safety (MIPS) program, including implementation of marked crosswalks and pedestrian ramp improvements. The

Commission also revisited the Five-Year Plan prioritization following City Council discussions and provided additional input on transportation priorities.

In April, the Commission reviewed its 2024 End-of-Year Report, discussed legislative impacts on transportation planning, and received updates on downtown pedestrian improvement projects as well as regional transportation coordination efforts.

In May, the Commission continued to track progress on pedestrian safety improvements, reviewed updates related to major roadway corridors including Eagle and Ustick Roads and discussed regional population growth forecasts and transit planning efforts.

In June, the Commission received a detailed presentation on the SH-69 (Kuna to Meridian) Corridor Traffic Study, including proposed roadway widening, access management strategies, and multimodal components. The Commission also reviewed ACHD's queuing analysis process and discussed upcoming Five-Year Plan milestones.

The regularly scheduled July meeting was canceled.

In August, the Commission reviewed proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code related to drive-through standards and initiated a formal review of Transportation Commission bylaws. The Commission also discussed transit survey results and received updates on major regional projects, including SH-16 and Eagle Road safety improvements.

In September, Commissioners and staff met for an informational presentation and demonstration at ACHD's new Traffic Operations Center on Franklin Road east of Eagle. It houses their traffic operations teams, video wall for traffic signal cameras and construction materials lab.

In October, the Commission adopted updated Transportation Commission bylaws, improving procedural clarity and governance consistency. Additional discussions focused on subdivision traffic concerns, feasibility studies for new roadway connections, and ongoing corridor planning efforts.

In November, the Commission received confirmation that ACHD had formally adopted its updated Five-Year Plan, incorporating the City's top transportation priorities. The Commission also reviewed updates on traffic calming initiatives, downtown pedestrian improvements, and regional capital investment planning.

In December, the Commission reviewed the East 3rd Street Extension alignment, discussed staff transportation project tracking improvements, and received final ex-officio updates for the year. The Commission also welcomed the transition of the Meridian Police Department liaison role and discussed anticipated transportation topics for early 2026.

A complete record of Transportation Commission minutes can be found here:

<https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/Browse.aspx?id=311586&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity>

The Transportation Commission is grateful for the opportunity to provide service to the citizens of Meridian, the Mayor and the City Council regarding transportation systems in our community.