

## MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## **Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda**

From: Hether Hill Meeting Date: January 6, 2025

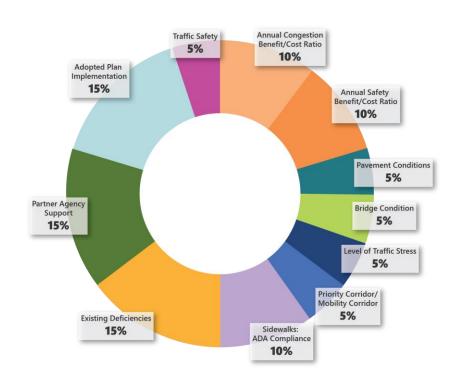
**Topic:** 2025 Roadway, Intersection and Community Program Prioritization

Annually, the City prepares and prioritizes transportation projects within our community for the ACHD Commission to consider in their programming and budget processes. The Meridian Transportation Commission (TC) is tasked with making recommendations to the City Council on these priority transportation projects. The intent of this memo is to share some high-level programming info from ACHD, a timeline and tee-up the discussion of this process for 2025. During the January meeting the TC will receive a brief refresher on the process and kick-off the process to re-prioritize.

**Programming Methodology** - The metrics ACHD uses for scoring projects are split into two categories: 1) Roads and Intersections and 2) Community Programs.

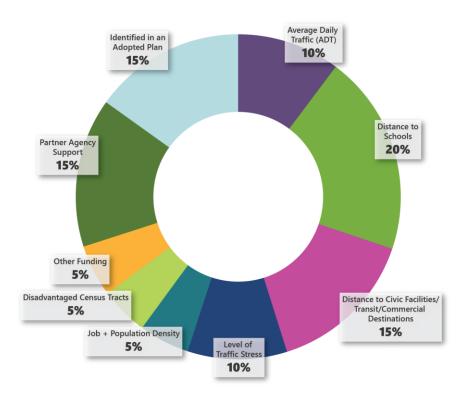
Roads and Intersections: Consist of major capital projects; arterial roadway widening projects as well as major intersection improvements.

## NEW METHODOLOGY: ROADWAY & INTERSECTION PROJECTS



Community Programs: may include a diverse range of improvements, including pedestrian enhancements (such as sidewalks, pathways, and ADA upgrades), upgraded pedestrian crossings (such as RRFB/PHB signals), bike facility projects, and traffic calming initiatives.





The Partner Agency Support metric is based on the prioritization of requests that Council will approve for submittal to ACHD prior to March 19<sup>th</sup>, ACHD's deadline to receive the City's priorities. The TC is tasked with working through a list of City transportation projects (including adding projects as needed) and recommending a priority order to Council by mid-February.

ACHD has made a change to the lists submitted. There will be a list for roads and intersections and one for community programs. Each of these lists will prioritize projects, regardless of funding and whether programmed or not. Staff has a list of additional projects, as well as those that were deferred in the adoption of the 2025-2029 IFYWP, that will be shared with the Prioritization Subcommittee and then with the full TC.

Also new this year, the name of the Plan is now the "Five Year Plan" (FYP), formerly the "Integrated Five Year Work Plan" (IFYWP). ACHD has consolidated our previous list(s) into one for the 2026-2030 FYP (attached). Please note, the format of this list will be slightly different next time it is before the Transportation Commission. The full ACHD project webpage for the 2025-2029 IFYWP is here: <a href="https://www.achdidaho.org/projects/achd-plans/integrated-five-year-work-plan">https://www.achdidaho.org/projects/achd-plans/integrated-five-year-work-plan</a> As of the print of this memo, it does not appear a 2026-2030 FYP webpage is active.

Timeline: The TC Prioritization Subcommittee will meet later in January to give a thorough review of projects and make a recommendation to the full TC during the February meeting. On February 3rd, it should be the goal

of the TC to discuss and finalize project rankings for Council consideration. Staff will then share TC's priorities with Council later in February and into early March if needed.

## Attachments:

Exhibit A: ACHD's – Meridian Prioritization Request Form

Exhibit B: ACHD's 2026-2030 FYP Key Dates