

# Meeting Minutes

## Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, December 2, 2024

Council Chambers – Meridian City Hall • 33 East Broadway Ave., Meridian, Idaho

### Roll Call

#### MEMBERS

☒ David Ballard

☒ Ryan Lancaster

☒ Jared Smith

☒ Walter Steed

☒ Stephen Lewis

☒ Tom LeClaire

☒ Zach Shoemaker

☐ Tracy Hopkins

☒ Lilly Miller

#### EX-OFFICIO

☒ John Wasson (ACHD)

☐ Alissa Taysom (VRT)

☒ Lila Klopfenstein (COMPASS)

☒ Justin Price (ITD)

☒ Miranda Carson (WASD)

#### OTHERS PRESENT

☐ Sgt. Tara Smith (Police)

☒ Hether Hill (Comm. Dev.)

☒ Tishra Murray (Legal)

☐ Caleb Hood (Comm. Dev.)

### Adoption of the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda by staff or commissioners. The Chair motioned the Commission for approval – all ayes.

### Approval of Minutes

#### 1. November 4, 2024

The Chair motioned the Commission for approval of the minutes as amended - all ayes.

### Old Business Items

#### 2. Transportation Projects Update – Hether Hill

Ms. Hill began on Page 6 of the packet and recommended the Commission review the updates provided in bolded text through page 12. Ms. Hill noted there was an update on the Ustick, Black Cat to Ten Mile project.

### New Business Items

#### 3. Initial Point Gallery, an Overview – Lizzie Taylor, Meridian Arts Commission, Initial Point Gallery Subcommittee Chair

Ms. Taylor provided an overview of the Initial Point Gallery located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall. The 2025 gallery schedule was provided to the Commission, as well as information on the next gallery showing for December and January. There was discussion between the Commission and Ms. Taylor.

#### 4. ACHD Draft Traffic Calming Policy

Ms. Hill provided a recap of ACHD's Draft Traffic Calming Policy process and opened the floor to the Commission for a final opportunity to provide any additional feedback and/or comments to

ACHD staff. There was some discussion amongst the Commission and staff. Ms. Hill acknowledged several comments had already been provided to ACHD for inclusion in the agenda packet for the ACHD Commission Work Session on December 4, 2024.

#### **5. Meridian Intersection Pedestrian Safety (MIPS) Project Updates**

Ms. Hill provided an update on the MIPS project list and those that have been identified to be included in ACHD maintenance efforts rather than as standalone projects. Ms. Hill was primarily before the Commission to update them on a project, identified by City and ACHD staff, as a feasible project to move forward with using funds allocated by City Council in the FY25 Budget. The project under consideration is a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) on Locust Grove, near Woodbridge and Watertower. ACHD is currently recommending a dual stage, z-type crossing, however, Ms. Hill emphasized the design and location are not final and staff are in the early stages of scoping before presenting to Council in the coming months. There was lengthy discussion amongst and between the Commission, staff and Ex-officio members.

#### **6. Ex-Officio Updates**

Justin Price – A press release related to Eagle Road is forthcoming. The Commission had some questions for Mr. Price regarding the SH-16 project and discussion ensued.

Miranda Carson – The bus driver shortage is getting smaller; Mayor Simison did a tour of the bus shop recently; WASD is working on traffic flow of on-campus traffic at several locations; the bus badge system has been rolled out to every school and so far, WASD is impressed with the outcome of the system, in addition to the enhanced security the badges bring to the school.

Lila Klopfenstein – no updates this month.

John Wasson – Mr. Wasson discussed traffic calming requests and studies for the following neighborhoods; Zaldia, off of Eagle Road and Snorting Bull Subdivision (Woodbridge area). Discussion ensued amongst the Commission and Mr. Wasson.

#### **7. Staff Communications**

Staff Communications began on page 28 of the packet. Chair Steed went through each of the correspondence items (four total), which prompted discussion with the Commission, Ex-Officios and City staff. The 4<sup>th</sup> item was an ACHD press release related to the pilot project at Meridian/Ustick for a new safety tool (Leading Through Interval (LTI)) which works in conjunction with the Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) technology.

#### **FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

- 8. ACHD Master Street Map Changes – Arterial Corridor Preservation (Cherry Lane)**
- 9. Capital Investments Citizens Advisory Committee (CICAC) Update**
- 10. Baraya Subdivision**
- 11. Transportation Commission Bylaws**
- 12. ACHD Queuing Analysis**

**Next Meeting Date: January 6, 2025**

**Adjournment; 5:06pm** – Motion by Commissioner Lancaster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lewis - all ayes.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

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WALTER STEED, CHAIR

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CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

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