

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meridian Transportation Commission**  
**August 2, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting Information**

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**(Meeting called to order at approximately 3:34 p.m.; Zoom Meeting started and roll taken)**

<u>  x  </u> Walter Steed	<u>  x  </u> Stephen Lewis	<u>  x  </u> Shawn Martin (Ex-Officio-ACHD) (via zoom)
<u>  x  </u> David Ballard	<u>  x  </u> Jared Smith	<u>  x  </u> Toni Tisdale (Ex-Officio-COMPASS)
<u>  x  </u> Ryan Lancaster	<u>  o  </u> Zachary Shoemaker (via-zoom)	<u>  x  </u> RD Huntley (Ex-Officio-WASD)
<u>  o  </u> Tom LeClaire (via-zoom)	<u>  x  </u> Joseph Leckie	<u>  o  </u> Alissa Taysom (Ex-Officio VRT)
<u>  x  </u> Tracy Hopkins	<u>  o  </u> Luke Cavener, (Ex-Officio via Zoom)	<u>  x  </u> Mark Wasdahl for Justin Price (Ex-Officio ITD) (via zoom)

Others Present: Edinson Bautista, T. Baird, M. Carson, Sgt. B. Frasier

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

A motion by Commissioner Lancaster to adopt the agenda as written; second by Commissioner Lewis – all ayes – motion passed.

#### **I. Approval of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes**

Chairman Steed called for any corrections, comments or needed changes to the June 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes, none were noted. A motion was made by Commissioner Lancaster to accept the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes; second by Commissioner Ballard – all ayes- motion passed.

Chairman Steed acknowledge Mr. Huntley as the new WASD Ex-Officio to the Transportation Commission. Mr. Huntley gave a brief introduction of himself.

### **Old Business Items**

#### **2. South Meridian Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update (E. Bautista, ACHD)**

Mr. Bautista gave a brief introduction of himself and background on the project. Mr. Bautista, began his update and directed and shared his presentation which was also included in the packet. Mr. Bautista did a high-level review of the goals and objectives of the project and the community outreach surveys conducted. The ACHD Team reviewed the data and based on the survey results recommended sidewalk, pedestrian crossing, and arterial project enhancements. ACHD compiled a list of drafted priorities and scheduled a second round of community outreach, to ensure the

drafted plan was indeed reflective of the community feedback. The printable online story map was shared in the packet and can be found online at ACHD's website [https://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_program\\_south-meridian-neighborhood-bicycle-and-pedestrian-plan.aspx](https://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_program_south-meridian-neighborhood-bicycle-and-pedestrian-plan.aspx). The proposed projects are separated into four maps.

- Bike Project
- Pedestrian Project
- Crossing Projects
- Arterial Projects

Mr. Bautista reviewed next steps and a rough timeline for the draft plan and implementation.

Mr. Bautista stood for questions, none took place. Chairman Steed thanked Mr. Bautista and invited him back for a future update.

### **3. Transportation Projects Update (M. Carson)**

Ms. Carson addressed the Commission and noted that new items are in bold. Ms. Carson will highlight a few of the notable items and stand for questions at the end.

Ms. Carson began on pg. 30 with the Draft 2022-2026 ACHD IFYWP and noted that ACHD is accepting comments through August 20 via their website. Comments can also be provided to Ms. Carson. Ms. Carson also mentioned the Linder, Overland to Franklin project and noted that a letter was sent to ITD in July requesting that the project be included in the FY2022-FY2028 Draft ITIP.

On pg. 31 Ms. Carson noted the substantial completion of the Ten Mile/Amity Intersection and this would be the last time it is on the projects update list.

On pg. 32 Ms. Carson noted several updates as it relates to the Locust Grove Road, Victory to Overland project. Ms. Carson noted that Commissioner Lancaster had presented some setback crossings to City Council, which were recommended to ACHD. However, there have been some additional updates since this update was prepared and ACHD has stated they are pausing on the design process at this time, which may impact if the setbacks will or won't be included in the final design. City Council sent a letter to the ACHD Commission and requested a meeting to discuss. That meeting is set for September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at City Hall. Additionally, the HAWK signal south of Mastiff will be moved north between Mastiff and Puffin. Staff has also requested a pedestrian refuge island, but that is currently not part of the plan.

Ms. Carson also mentioned the delay in the Victory/Locust Grove Roundabout project.

Ms. Carson noted to keep an eye on the Ten Mile Road, Victory to Overland at the bottom of pg. 32 and continuing on to pg. 33, which includes the setback recommendation.

Ms. Carson noted the Eagle Road to Lake Hazel and the landscaped center medians included in the design concept. City Council will consider a cost share including landscaping costs at their August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On pg. 33 the Amity Road and Locust Grove Road Interim Signal project has been terminated, instead a full overhaul is being discussed and will likely be included in a larger project in FY24 or FY25.

Ms. Carson moved onto the ITD project updates on pg. 34. All four lanes from Linder to Meridian on Chinden are open and Locust Grove Road to Meridian is in the property acquisition negotiation phase with expected construction to start in 2022.

Ms. Carson moved onto the Highway 16 extension at the bottom of pg. 34. Construction of Phase 2 is funded and construction will begin in 2022. The project will take 2-3 years to complete.

On pg. 35 Ms. Carson noted that ITD made the interim improvements on Meridian Road at Calderwood.

Ms. Carson concluded by noting on pg.36 that Ada County Transportation Action Plan is open for comments until August 16. Comments can be provided via their website or directly to Ms. Carson prior to the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Carson stood for questions, which took place. Additional discussion within the Commission took place regarding comments for the IFYWP. Chairman Steed recommended that Commissioner Smith contact Ms. Carson to discuss, if comments are needed from the Transportation Commission.

## **New Business Items**

### **4. Meridian Police Department (Sgt. B. Frasier)**

Sgt. Frasier provided a few updates. MPD discussed the recommended ATV/UTV ordinance with City Council. Sgt. Frasier noted that the discussion was slotted for 10 minutes but exceeded that as there was robust discussion with the Council now that HB129 has gone into effect as of July 1, 2021. Council was split on the proposed Ordinance and asked Ms. Kane to rewrite to strike verbiage regarding arterial and collector streets and to insert verbiage to allow HOV's on streets with speed limits 25mph or less. Ms. Kane has redrafted the Ordinance and City Council will be holding a Public Hearing. Ms. Carson will send the new draft to the Transportation Commission and a reminder of the date of the Hearing.

Sgt. Frasier stood for questions, which took place.

### **5. ChindenWest Project Update (Mark Wasdahl, ACHD)**

Item 5 will be postponed until the next meeting

## **6. COMPASS Draft FY2022-2028 RTIP (T. Tisdale)**

Ms. Tisdale addressed the Commission and provided some historical background and shared her presentation. Ms. Tisdale reviewed the following five areas:

- What is COMPASS – COMPASS is the forum for regional collaboration in southwest Idaho with a mission to conduct regional planning and facilitate collaboration across the region as it relates to transportation topics. The presentation focused on the planning and implementation of the long-range transportation plan.
- Communities in Motion (CIM) 2040 2.0 Amendment – The current long-range plan is CIM 2040 2.0 for both Ada and Canyon Counties. The CIM 2040 2.0 can be found on the COMPASS website at <https://compassidaho.org/CIM2040-2.0/>. The 2040 2.0 Plan was reviewed. COMPASS is currently working on the next update plan with a horizon year of 2050. The current plan projects over 1 million people in the Treasure Valley by 2040 and COMPASS is working to plan for that growth with a Fiscally Constrained (funded) multimodal transportation system.
- Draft FY2022-2028 (Regional) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Document can be found at <https://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/transimprovement.htm>. Ms. Tisdale noted that the Federal Funding will be focused on the urbanized areas in Nampa and Boise. The current TIP looks at approximately 7 years of funding, however the Federal Government typically looks at the first four years. Ms. Tisdale did a high-level overview for the Commissioners to provide context and understanding of the report. There are several detailed supporting documents on the website that help to understand the project report. Ms. Tisdale reviewed the Basic Project List as well as the Major Changes List and the TIP Viewer (interactive visual map)
- Draft Air Quality Conformity – Ms. Tisdale did a brief review of this topic. On a simplified level any transportation program using federal funds must comply with the air quality standards set through the state budgeting process.
- Timeline – Ms. Tisdale concluded by reviewing the public comment period of Aug 2-31 and next steps through to final Federal approval of the State and COMPASS plan on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 202.

Ms. Tisdale stood for questions, none took place.

## **7. Staff Communications (M. Carson)**

Ms. Carson noted that the Staff Communication Memo begins on page 45.

Ms. Carson began by noting the July 6<sup>th</sup> Pathway Crossing Presentation to City Council by Commissioner Lancaster. The presentation is included in the packet. Additionally, the letter that was mentioned in the projects update, and sent to ACHD can be found on pg. 61.

On pg. 63 there is an update on the Deercree restricted parking topic. If any changes occur with Mr. Peters and securing the needed signatures, Ms. Carson will, invite bring the information to the TC.

Ms. Carson concluded with a brief review of the last two items in the packet:

- Keeping Up With COMPASS – this newsletter will be included in the TC packet each month, but can also be found on the COMPASS website.
- The Chinden West updates are on pg. 65 & 66.

Ms. Carson stood for questions and Chairman Steed opened the floor for discussion on the Staff Communication topics, which took place.

**8. September Meeting Date – W. Steed**

Chairman Steed opened the topic for discussion, which took place. Ms. Carson reminded the Commission that the bylaws for the TC explicitly state there is no meeting on the first Monday of September. If the Commissioner’s want to meet in September they can notice for a special meeting. Commissioner Lewis noted that previously in today’s meeting the ChindenWest Project was postponed to September and would need to be considered in the Future Meeting Topics if there was no September meeting. Ms. Carson also mentioned, the Meridian Bus service will likely be postponed until ridership is up to 90% of ridership.

A motion to cancel the September meeting was made by Commissioner Hopkins; second by Commissioner Lewis – all ayes – motion passed.

No formal field trip to the VRT ribbon cutting will occur, but if individual commissioners would like to attend please inform Ms. Carson so proper noticing can occur if quorum is met.

**Future Meeting Topics**

- 9. ACHD Bike and Pedestrian Treatment**
- 10. Comprehensive Plan and Master Mobility Map**
- 11. Harvest Service Update**

**Next Meeting Date: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Adjourn**

Chairman Steed asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Commissioner Lewis; second by Commissioner Ballard. Meeting adjourned at 4:45.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

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WALTER STEED, CHAIR

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CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

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