

Meeting Minutes
Meridian Transportation Commission
October 4, 2021

Virtual Meeting Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82913177418>

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(Meeting called to order at approximately 3:30 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

Recording was not activated so motion and approval were not available

I. Approval of August 2nd, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion and approval were noted on hardcopy of Agenda provided no changes were noted. A motion was made by Commissioner Ballard to approve August 2nd meeting minutes; second by Commissioner Hopkins – 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. Transportation Projects Update (M. Carson)

As is the normal practice, Ms. Carson provided the Transportation Projects Update as part of the meeting packet. Ms. Carson noted new information in bold and highlighted noteworthy information orally during the meeting.

The following is a summary of updates Ms. Carson provided the Commission:

The ACHD Commission will review the revised 2022-2026 Initial Draft of the Integrated Five Year Work Plan (IFYWP) at their work session on October 6th.

The design phase of the Linder overpass and widening project is being initiated. A project scope for a design RFQ and an interagency agreement between ACHD, ITD and the City are being drafted.

Eagle, Amity to Victory; Ustick/Black Cat; and 8th St Crossing projects have reached substantial completion.

Recessed multiuse pathway crossings will not be included in the Locust Grove, Victory to Overland improvements.

ACHD's upcoming residential maintenance projects include several complete streets projects in downtown Meridian. The full list is supplied in the packet.

Updates on the Hwy-16 project are available in the Project Updates and Staff Communications memos.

New Business Items

3. McMillan, Ten Mile to Linder Concern (Girl Scout Troop 401)

Recording of the audio began at this point in time.

Chairman Steed invited Girl Scout Troop 401 and their adult companions to the podium for introductions and to address the Commission.

Troop 401 consists of 3rd and 4th graders that meet at River Valley Elementary. They presented their Take Action Project as part of badge requirement. The Troop brainstormed ideas regarding safety in their community and then came up with two proposed solutions. The issue is providing a safe route across McMillan between two neighborhoods that have several girl scout members. The Troop shared a visual presentation of the issue and then discussed the two proposed options:

- I. Creating a Crosswalk and paved sidewalk closer to the Hunter Elementary school at Palatine Way
- II. Building a pedestrian bridge closer to the neighborhoods impacted at Goddard Creek way and McMillan.

The Troop concluded their presentation and Chairman Steed praised their efforts to come before the Commission to present and thanked them for their input.

Chairman Steed opened the floor for discussion which took place. Mr. Hood noted that this project is currently part of the Draft Meridian Priorities and is listed as #7 on the list. The description is McMillan Road, Ten Mile to Linder and includes a crossing at Goddard Creek Way and Wild Goose Way to be designed in 2024. The Draft priorities are not currently adopted by ACHD but this is in the top 10 for the City.

4. Meridian Police Department (Lt. B. Frasier)

Lt Frasier was not in attendance at the time of this item so no update was provided. This item will be held over for future meetings or when Lt Frasier arrives.

5. Staff Communications (M. Carson)

Ms. Carson noted that the Staff Communication Memo begins on page 16 of the packet.

Ms. Carson will highlight a few of the items and began by noting the request for a sidewalk at Black Cat at Gondola. Kendal Kemmer at ACHD has confirmed that WASD has a plan to extend and construct a crosswalk to the new Pleasant View Elementary School. ACHD and WASD will work together to get this planned, designed and constructed.

On page 17, Ms. Carson noted that the Meridian City Council and ACHD Commission held their joint meeting on September 20th. The full meeting can be viewed at the link following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EpY6bNftSyQ>

Ms. Carson gave a brief summary of the issues discussed around Multi-Use Pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists, the 2022 legislative coordination of HB389, and ITD Highway 16 update.

Ms. Carson congratulated Joseph Leckie on his reappointment as the Youth Commissioner on the Transportation Commission. Commissioner Leckie's appointment will run through August 31, 2022.

Ms. Carson continued through the Staff Communications and noted that she would not update about SH16 since she did that during the projects update.

Ms. Carson noted a citizen request for transit and highlighted the Deer Crest restricted parking issue that was brought forth to the Commission back in June/July. The citizen requesting the time restricted parking, Mr. Peters was not able to secure the needed signatures to move this forward so it is a closed issue at this time. Ms. Carson advised Mr. Peters on the parking code and enforcement procedures in his area.

On Page 20 Ms. Carson noted the Master Street Map and the request for comments from ACHD. A summary of comments is provided in the packet for your review. Only sections of the master street map that staff provided comments on are included in the packet.

Lastly, Ms. Carson noted the Keeping Up With COMPASS publication included in the packet and then spoke on the COMPASS traffic issue. The City has received a couple citizen concerns about traffic on Black Cat between Pine and Franklin as it relates to the new Compass Charter School for morning arrivals and afternoon departures. Lt. Harper of the MPD Traffic Team has worked with the school to prepare and disseminate messaging to the parents to help quell those issues. Busing shortages have exacerbated the traffic problem, another outcome of the Covid pandemic.

Ms. Carson directed the attention of the Commission to the ACHD message from Kendell Kemmer in the packet and noted ACHD's design plan for a southbound left turn lane on Black Cat. This will occur as part of the expansion of Black Cat project and be addressed in the regular integrated five-year work plan. Ms. Carson suggested that the Prioritization subcommittee review this information and take this item into consideration as they assess the prioritization priorities of the City.

Ms. Carson stood for questions and Chairman Steed opened the floor for discussion on the Staff Communication topics, or any other topic the Commission wished to address, which took place.

Chairman Steed reviewed the Future Meeting Topics and asked for any needed updates. None were noted which completed the Agenda topics.

Future Meeting Topics

- 6. Harvest and VRT Service Update (November)**
- 7. ACHD Bike and Pedestrian Treatment**

Next Meeting Date: November 1st, 2021

Adjourn

Chairman Steed asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Commissioner Hopkins; second by Commissioner Ballard. Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

WALTER STEED, CHAIR

DATE

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

DATE