



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

From: Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner **Meeting Date:** July 11, 2022
Topic: Staff Communications

Below are summaries of relevant correspondences received by City Staff since the last TC meeting.

Records Ave at Kleiner Park

In response by the Mayor to lower speeds to 25 MPH on Records and reevaluate using loose rocks in landscaping on Eagle, ACHD sent this response:

I spoke with Plans and Projects this morning and they will be looking to see if there is something that can be done with this [the rocks] and will also work to focus on hardscape going forward as you suggested. Our Traffic team will be addressing your requests regarding 25 MPH on Records for River Run to Fairview and looking into speed humps etc. at Kleiner.

Signal Timing at I-84 and Meridian Road

Due to traffic backing up ITD inquired if the City had asked ACHD to change signal timing at I-84 and Meridian Road. The City did not request any changes, but staff followed up with ACHD to determine if changes were made. This is the response that was received:

Over the past couple of weeks, we had noticed a backup, especially for the WB Off Ramp during the PM Peak. Wil has been making some adjustments to try to improve the conditions and I think it has improved over the last few days for sure. He will be looking at it more this week and tweaking the new timing plans as needed.

I think that the Meridian IC is seeing some increased traffic volume due to the closure of Ten Mile from Overland to Amity. We will keep an eye on it.

Citizen Complaint Regarding "No Parking" Signs in Woodbridge

We recently received the following complaint:

Hello,

I live in the Woodbridge neighborhood in Meridian. Recently the city has put "no parking" signs all around our neighborhood effectively eliminating any reasonable place for our visitors to park (no exaggeration). I hear this is happening all across the city. I am writing to let you know that this will make the city less desirable and will negatively impact growth and property values in Meridian. Please consider having these taken down. The justification we have heard is that it is difficult for EMS to get through the neighborhood, which is rubbish. I have seen EMS and bigger vehicles come through for years with no problem. If anyone with

the City of Meridian has driven through the North End of Boise, our streets are enormous comparatively. These signs are ugly, and while I understand easements, it feels like an encroachment on private property, which is just un-Idahoan. It is also classist, making it so that only people with huge garages and driveways can have get-togethers. I have heard all my neighbors express the same sentiments. If neighbors can't have a couple people over because there is no parking in this city, people will leave. Please inject some reason into where these signs are going and rein the City of Meridian back in. This is a great city, and over-regulation, and government over-reach is going to ruin it.

Respectfully,
Jeremy Battershell

Citizen Inquiry Regarding Widening of Chinden

We recently received the following inquiry:

Can someone please explain why no pressure is being put on the developers of Orchard Park to start widening Chinden Blvd from Meridian Rd to Locust Grove Rd? I realize the pressure was removed when there were problems getting the land, but that's been resolved for quite some time now. Perhaps someone should go out there during rush hour and see the traffic backup. Thank you.

Blue Tick Micro-path to Mountain View Highschool

This issue was discussed throughout the last month by Meridian Fire, Police, and Planning staff, as well as ACHD and West Ada School District Staff. The access from Blue Tick will remain open as it is required by the Fire department. A request has been sent to the school district to communicate with parents and students requesting driveways not be blocked.

Valley Regional Transit: Connected Treasure Valley 2022

Valley Regional Transit

seeks public input on

Connected Treasure Valley 2022

Valley Regional Transit (VRT), the regional public transportation authority for Ada County and Canyon County, has announced a public engagement initiative aimed at collecting input on transportation projects that will provide more travel options for the region!

The campaign also features VRT's upcoming Vall-ebike electric bike-share pilot program.

This year's initiative is tentatively scheduled to run through
October.



Valley Regional Transit is all ears

How can I get involved?

The projects can all be found on the Engage VRT platform:

[Link to Participation Hub](#)

VRT will also be conducting outreach throughout the summer across various venues,
including:

- On buses
- At transit centers
- At community events
- Through in-person and virtual town halls

VRT will also work with community organizations and businesses to provide information
sessions by request.

If you have any questions, or are an organization interested in setting up an informative
session, please contact: **Jason Rose** at jrose@valleyregionaltransit.org

or call (208) 258-2739.

Keeping Up with COMPASS

Keeping Up With COMPASS

July 2022

A newsletter for COMPASS members to keep abreast of COMPASS Board, committee, and workgroup actions.

Board of Directors – June 27, 2022

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: August 15, 2022; COMPASS First Floor Board Room/Zoom

June Action Items:

- Executive Director Annual Review. Approved an increase in compensation for the COMPASS Executive Director, following a discussion in Executive Session.
- CIM 2050 Projects. Approved *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050) [project priority rankings and unfunded project lists](#).
- CIM 2050 Implementation. Approved CIM 2050 [implementation policies](#). The implementation policies and priority projects (above) constitute the final two Board actions that inform the draft CIM 2050 plan. The draft plan is scheduled for release for public comment this fall.
- End-of-Year Priorities. Approved priorities for the End-of-Year and Redistribution Program, should funding become available.
- High-Capacity Transit Study. Directed COMPASS staff to fund a high-capacity transit Planning and Environmental Linkages study in the draft FY2023-2029 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- TIP Modification. Approved a Board Administrative Modification to the [FY2022-2028 TIP](#) to decrease the cost of one project and increase the cost of two projects.

June Information/Discussion Item:

FY2023-2029 TIP. Received the draft FY2023-2029 TIP for review, prior to public comment later this summer.

Executive Committee – June 7, 2022

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/execmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: July 12, 2022; COMPASS Second Floor Large Conference Room/Zoom

June Action Items:

- TIP Modifications. Approved two Board Administrative Modifications to the FY2022-2028 TIP to increase the costs of two Idaho Transportation Department projects and one Ada County Highway District (ACHD) project and adjust the timing and decrease right-of-way costs of five ACHD projects. Both items will be brought to the full COMPASS Board of Directors for ratification at the June 27, 2022, Board meeting as part of the Consent Agenda.
- Executive Director Annual Review. Revised a recommendation made in the May 10, 2022, Executive Committee meeting to the full Board of Directors regarding a merit salary increase for the Executive Director. This recommendation will be brought to the full COMPASS Board of Directors for consideration in its June 27, 2022, meeting.

Finance Committee – June 16, 2022

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/financemeetings.htm

Next meeting date: July 14, 2022; COMPASS Second Floor Large Conference Room/Zoom

Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee – June 22, 2022

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/rtacmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: July 27, 2022; COMPASS First Floor Board Room/Zoom

Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Workgroups

Active Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: June 2, 2022

Highlights:

- Reviewed the bicycle/pedestrian counter program, current data, and the process for requesting new data.
- Discussed the 2021 COMPASS Data Bike report and the 2022 COMPASS data bike deployment schedule.

Next meeting date: Late July

Access past editions of *Keeping Up with COMPASS* online at
www.compassidaho.org/comm/newsletters.htm.
