



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

From: Hether Hill

Meeting Date: May 5, 2025

Topic: Staff Communications

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

CORRESPONDENCE #1:

From: Hether Hill

Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 4:17 PM

To: Liz Strader <lstrader@meridiancity.org>; Matthew Pace <matt@matthewapace.com>; Lacy Ooi <looi@meridiancity.org>

Subject: RE: Construction - Ustick

Mr. Pace,

Generally speaking, quiet hours are between 11:00pm and 6:00am, or at any time so as to unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace. Since it sounds like you are searching through Code, Title 6, Chapter 3 of the City Code (6-3-6), should provide you with some clarification - here is a [link](#).

Following consultation with Legal and a review of Section 6-3-6, road construction on publicly owned property is considered an authorized activity so long as the activity has been authorized by the owner and falls under the category of "Exceptions". I presume you are speaking to the Ustick, Black Cat to Ten Mile roadway project, which is an ACHD project in their right-of-way. I understand how this work could be a disturbance and imagine ACHD is working to get this project completed as quickly as possible to minimize impacts to the community and neighboring residents. If you'd like to know more about the project, I recommend visiting ACHD's project webpage: https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick_black_cat_ten_mile. There is up to date project information, as well as contact information for the project staff should you have any additional questions or concerns.

If Lacy Ooi, in Code Enforcement, has anything else to add I welcome her to do so as well.

Thank you for reaching out to us. I hope you have a pleasant evening.

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From: Liz Strader <lstrader@meridiancity.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 8:23 PM

To: Matthew Pace <matt@matthewapace.com>; Lacy Ooi <looi@meridiancity.org>; Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>

Subject: Re: Construction - Ustick

Hi Mr. Pace

Thank you for reaching out to us. I am not personally very versed on this exact code, so let's get you connected with our code enforcement supervisor in the police department, Lacy Ooi. She is amazing and should be able to provide you excellent guidance on this issue. If you send your preferred contact info she can reach out. We can also involve our community development planner who works with our partners in the ACHD (highway district - note another body of elected officials separate from City of Meridian) if needed as well, her name is Hether Hill and she is also CC'd.

I am adding the rest of the council to BCC so they see we have replied, and I'll encourage you and Lacy / Heather to connect soon to get some good advice on your situation. If it is the ACHD itself that is causing the noise or a contractor of theirs, it may make a lot of sense to reach out to them too (208-387-6100).

Take care,
Liz

From: Matthew Pace <matt@matthewapace.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 6:38 PM

To: Brian Whitlock <bwhitlock@meridiancity.org>; Liz Strader <lstrader@meridiancity.org>; Doug Taylor <dtaylor@meridiancity.org>; John Overton <joverton@meridiancity.org>; Anne Little Roberts <alittleroberts@meridiancity.org>; Luke Cavener <lcavener@meridiancity.org>

Subject: Construction - Ustick

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Hi Folks,

I hope this finds you well. I appreciate the expansion of Ustick Rd. Just a question for you, hoping you may be able to lend guidance.

The statutes I find regarding construction noise hours are confusing. I find 8am to 5pm, but then some additional regulation pertaining to distance. I also find prohibitions after 11pm... It's all very confusing.

At 6:30pm this evening the windows in my home are shaking due to some heavy equipment. I'm just hoping you may be able to clarify when such noise is acceptable please.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

Matthew Pace PhD, PE, IEEE Senior Fellow



CORRESPONDENCE #2:

From: Greg Agius <greg.agius@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 1:42 PM

To: Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>

Subject: Re: FW: A new "Contact the Mayor's Office" form has been submitted!

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Thanks, Heather. Also, I sent this note to ACHD last week regarding the road project on Black Cat

I live in Bainbridge off Black Cat and McMillian, I wanted to make two comments regarding the roads in the area.

1) By far, my biggest concern is the lack of bike crossings. There are now bike/walking pathways on all four sides of the intersection with Black Cat and McMillian. However, there is no safe way to cross either road, making a ride between the neighborhoods very dangerous.

To the South of the Intersection, there is now a long bike path leading from McDermot to 10 Mile, but the crossing on Black Cat is not a safe crossing. There isn't even a sign telling drivers that the bike lane exists and the speed limit is 40-45.

On McMillian, at the entrance to Bainbridge, just past WalMart, there is a bike path that crosses McMillian with no crosswalk or even signage. The path currently does not connect to the light at 10 Mile due to construction and debris on the corner. There is NO safe walkway/crosswalk on McMillan between Ten Mile and Black Cat. Even at Ten Mile the unfinished corner lot is not fully connected by sidewalks.

2) The light at the intersection of McMillian and Black Cat - which replaced the 4 way stop, seems to me to have made traffic worse. If anyone up front is making a left the traffic backs up.

On Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 1:38 PM Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

As Josha mentioned below, thank you for reaching out. My name is Hether Hill and I am the Transportation Commission liaison here at the City. I have added your email to the agenda packet to discuss with the Transportation Commission during the next meeting on May 5th. Our meetings also include representation from Meridian Police, ITD and ACHD. I will flag your email to follow up with you pending any feedback received from other agency staff and from the Commissioners.

Thank you,
Hether

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From: Josha Iverson <jiverson@meridiancity.org>

Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 1:13 PM

To: greg.agius@gmail.com

Cc: Mayor Office Feedback <MayorOfficeFeedback@meridiancity.org>; Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>; Clerks Comment <comment@meridiancity.org>

Subject: RE: A new "Contact the Mayor's Office" form has been submitted!

Good After,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your thoughts about the proposed project. Your email has been received by the office, and we will make sure to share it with the Mayor and Council. Because there is an open application for this project, the Mayor and Council are prohibited from conversations unless on the official record in the public forum. I understand that the application for this project is next heard at the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 6:00pm.

We take public feedback seriously and want you to know that we have received your email and have read your comments. I appreciate your remarks and have copied the City Clerk so that they can add your comments and email to the public record.

Regarding your input on speed limits and pedestrian crossings, I have copied our Transportation Commission liaison and ask that they reach out to you for any additional inputs, so they can review with the local highway district (ACHD).

Thank you,

Josha Iverson | Executive Assistant

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From: greg.agius@gmail.com <greg.agius@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 9:58 AM

To: Mayor Office Feedback <MayorOfficeFeedback@meridiancity.org>

Subject: A new "Contact the Mayor's Office" form has been submitted!

From: Gregory Agius

Email: greg.agius@gmail.com

Phone: 3109235313

Question/Comment: Hi there

Gregory and Dorothea Agius from 5972 N Lichfield Ave, Meridian, ID 83646. We live less than a mile from the proposed In N Out in the Bainbridge Neighborhood.

We are In N Out fans actually but I do have concerns about adding one in this location because the traffic from Costco is already creating traffic problems that would be made worse by the addition of In n Out.

Specifically, the intersection with Ten Mile and Lost Rapids is the entry into our neighborhood. Numerous accidents have already resulted in severe injuries due to heavy traffic and the high speed, especially as people try to turn left and cross traffic heading south from Chinden. It's another topic, but the stretch of Ten Mile between Chinden and Lost Rapids needs to have its speed reduced! Its also a major pedestrian crossing for folks going to Heroes Park.

The traffic problem is also acute on Lost Rapids at the Costco exit next to the Olivia apartments. Traffic from Costco customers often cuts off people trying to go further down Lost Rapids as they attempt to turn out to Ten Mile. This has caused me issues both coming home and leaving. An In n Out at this location would seem to us to only make these already bad problems worse.

Thank you

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Greg Agius

310-923-5313

Should we contact you?: Yes

CORRESPONDENCE #3:

From: John Wasson <jwasson@achdidaho.org>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 3:09 PM
To: Tara Smith <tsmith@meridiancity.org>; Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>
Cc: Trevor Weitzel <tweitzel@meridiancity.org>
Subject: RE: Request for Mayor and Council

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Tara and all,

Thanks very much for allowing me to weigh in on this. We received a similar request from the RP. I am hoping she will call me so I can explain that our most recent study does not indicate the level of the problem she is describing. It is possible she is off on her speed estimation. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions about the information I've provided.

Harris is classified as a collector road. This section is 1875' in length with C, G, detached S and bike lanes. It is posted for 25 MPH. It has a vertical curve descending from just east of Bloomington down to Meridian. It has DSY centerline striping starting about 200' E of Kentucky. This will be done as a speed study. At this time, based upon upcoming construction, lack of completion of development and input from Meridian Fire, ACHD will not install TC on this road

Harris E/O Bloomington:

ADT = 1447

Peak Hour Volume = 147 (Fail)(Criteria is 240)

Segment Length 1900'

Posted S/L = 25 MPH

Average Speed = 25 MPH

85th Perc. Speed = 36 MPH (Pass) (Criteria is 32 MPH)

95th Perc. Speed = 40 MPH (Pass) (Criteria is 36 MPH)

ACHD staff just completed a study on Kentucky S/O Victory.

Kentucky is classified as a collector road. It has C, G & detached S. It is approx 2950' in length.

Kentucky S/O Victory:

ADT = 1852

Average speed = 24 mph

85th percentile speed = 27 mph

95th percentile speed = 30 mph

Development at the SW end of Kentucky is not completed. For this reason, we would not consider it eligible for traffic calming at present. Once development along Kentucky is completed, it may be eligible for traffic calming – but that may take some additional time. Harris is going to, at some time, extend all the way over to Linder, and Buroak is also designed to be extended in the future

Regards,

John

John Wasson

Assistant Traffic Engineer | Traffic Engineering

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From: Tara Smith <tsmith@meridiancity.org>

Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 1:08 PM

To: Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>

Cc: John Wasson <jwasson@achdidaho.org>; Trevor Weitzel <tweitzel@meridiancity.org>

Subject: FW: Request for Mayor and Council

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Hey Hether,

Just wanted to touch base with you on this one. ACHD completed a speed study in this location late February, early March, and determined while there is some speeding happening, it doesn't qualify for traffic calming at this time. I copied John in case he wants to chime in. The traffic team plans to do some day time speed enforcement as time allows, but we won't be able to address the evening/night time ATV issues unless patrol gets involved. For that issue, the best way to approach it is for the citizen to call in to dispatch when it's occurring, or provide addresses for where the offenders live for follow up there, if possible, as they are difficult to catch in the act. I don't feel like this needs addressed past our level, but I will leave that up to you. Just let me know if you want me to reply to the citizen.

Thanks!

From: Hether Hill

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 1:04 PM

To: sjav47@yahoo.com

Cc: Josha Iverson <jiverson@meridiancity.org>

Subject: RE: Request for Mayor and Council

Shannon,

Thank you for your email. I hear your concerns and have included your email in the agenda packet for the Transportation Commission and Ex-officio members (including Police and ACHD) to review during the next meeting on May 5th. In the meantime, the following website contains information on ACHD's residential traffic

calming process, including the portal to request consideration. Please see the following link:

<https://www.achdidaho.org/projects/propose-a-project/traffic-calming>

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist and I'll be in touch.

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From: Josha Iverson <jiverson@meridiancity.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:34 AM

To: sjav47@yahoo.com

Cc: Mayor Office Feedback <MayorOfficeFeedback@meridiancity.org>; citycouncil <citycouncil@meridiancity.org>; Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>; Tracy Basterrechea <tbasterrechea@meridiancity.org>

Subject: RE: Request for Mayor and Council

Good morning Shannon,

Thank you for your email, it has been received by the Mayor and City Council. We appreciate you reaching out and sharing your concerns about traffic in your neighborhood and some possible solutions.

Speed bumps, as one possible solution, are roadway improvements that do require feedback and evaluation by the Ada County Highway District, who own and operate the public roadways in Meridian. That said, the Meridian Transportation Commission and supporting staff also review and discuss these types of concerns and issues. I have copied Hether Hill, the Long-Range Associate Coordination Planner, and ask that she reach out to you directly this week to get some additional details so she can help determine a good path forward to have these concerns reviewed.

Additionally, I have copied Police Chief Basterrechea on this email so he is aware of your experiences, and I will ask that he look into the traffic enforcement in that area and provide any comments from his perspective.

ACHD does have a link (found [HERE](#)) on their website for a form to submit a Traffic Investigation Report. I suggest talking with Hether first, and if this is a good added approach than you and she can determine who is best to submit the request.

Again, thank you for reaching out, as we appreciate you sharing your thoughts and bringing this to our attention.

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Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:01 AM

To: Mayor Office Feedback <MayorOfficeFeedback@meridiancity.org>; citycouncil <citycouncil@meridiancity.org>

Subject: Request for Mayor and Council

Name: Shannon J.

Email: sjav47@yahoo.com

Address: 632 W. Oak View Drive, , Meridian, ID, 83642,

Subject: Neighborhood speeding

Message: Good Morning,

I live off of Kentucky in between Victory and Harris. We've had substantial development over the last couple of years so the amount of traffic passing thru has grown immensely. The problem has been the ridiculous amount of people who speed thru the neighborhoods. Not to mention some are kids on electric bikes and quads with no helmets going at least 45 mph...sometimes at night in the dark. Has there been any mention of the city installing speed bumps on Harris and Kentucky? With the high traffic volume growing because of houses/apartments being built, there aren't many options for entering/exiting the neighborhood and the excessive speeding is really a problem. Speed bumps would at least prevent most of it. Thanks.

From: ACHD <ACHD@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 4:39 PM
To: Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>
Subject: ACHD NEWS: Crews Fill Over 950 Potholes During Pothole Days

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For Immediate Release

Rachel Bjornestad, Public Information Officer
208-387-6107 or communications@achdidaho.org

ACHD Crews Fill Over 950 Potholes During Pothole Days

ADA COUNTY — Thanks to help from the public, maintenance crews at the Ada County Highway District are staying on top of roadway repairs.

During the first week of April, ACHD crews filled 959 potholes as part of ACHD's annual Pothole Days campaign. During the campaign, ACHD maintenance crews focus on identifying and repairing potholes across Ada County, taking advantage of warmer spring temperatures that allow for more durable asphalt. Despite some hail and light rain at the beginning of the week, crews worked steadily to address pothole reports throughout the county.

On average, ACHD crews fill approximately 5,000 potholes each year. This year, thanks to the addition of a new patch truck, crews have filled around 2,900 potholes so far in 2025.

"We're always looking for ways to improve how we serve the public, and this year's Pothole Days is a great example of that," said Tom Otte, Deputy Director of Operations at ACHD. "Our crews did a great job, and we appreciate the community's help in reporting potholes so we can respond quickly."

While Pothole Days is an annual week-long campaign in April, residents can report potholes any time using [ACHD Connect](#), which allows residents to pinpoint the location of a pothole using a map on ACHD's website. Reports can also be submitted by calling (208) 387-6100.

Reports should include the location of the pothole, nearby cross streets or landmarks, and a photo if it's safe to take one. ACHD aims to respond to potholes in its jurisdiction within one business day, weather and workload permitting.