



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

From: Hether Hill

Meeting Date: May 6, 2024

Topic: Staff Communications

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

From: James Craft <jcraft@alumni.nmt.edu>

Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 9:46 PM

To: planninginquiries <planning@meridiancity.org>

Subject: Traffic Congestion at Ten Mile Crossing

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To whom it may concern,

The traffic congestion at Ten Mile Crossing has become a major problem, especially with the opening of Scheels. Longer commutes, frustration, and overwhelmed roads are now the norm, particularly on Ten Mile Road and the nearby I-84 exit. It's surprising how this increase in traffic wasn't expected or planned for properly. Now, with Scheels adding to the chaos, things have only gotten worse. The Ten Mile interchange is struggling to keep up, and there doesn't seem to be any relief in sight. Even minor incidents, like a fender bender on the offramp to Ten Mile Road, can cause huge traffic jams stretching all the way back onto I-84. And that stoplight at S. Vanguard Way only makes things worse. Honestly, dealing with this chaos every day is exhausting. Many of us have to avoid the Ten Mile Exit after 3pm, taking longer routes through Meridian Road and surface streets just to get home. But it's not just one party to blame. The City of Meridian, Ada County Highway District, and Idaho Transportation Department all share responsibility for this mess. It's clear that everyone involved needs to step up and fix this before it gets even worse. We can't keep being stuck in this massive traffic jam. What's being done to ease the congestion and make our commutes more bearable?

Regards,

James Craft

Meridian Resident: 3736 W Angelica Drive

From: kevin.kakadelas@yahoo.com <kevin.kakadelas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Mayor Office Feedback <MayorOfficeFeedback@meridiancity.org>; citycouncil <citycouncil@meridiancity.org>
Subject: Request for Mayor and Council

Name: Kevin Kakadelas
Email: kevin.kakadelas@yahoo.com
Address: 5264 S Hill Farm Avenue, , Meridian, Idaho, 83642, United States
Subject: roundabouts

Message: The roundabouts are causing accidents and problems with driving conditions. Signals would be a better option and not cost as much. People that I speak with say they avoid the roads with roundabouts.

The Mayor's office received a voicemail from Courtney Morris. Ms. Morris expressed concerns over the plans for the proposed Eagle Rd, Lake Hazel Rd / Amity Rd - Eagle & Taconic Roundabout and requested that ACHD and the City add a pedestrian tunnel, connecting Century Farm to Sky Mesa/Blackrock. This would allow children to safely and easily access and cross the road to get to Discovery Park and nearby elementary schools.

Good morning! I have confirmed with the developer that 5 stop signs have been installed in Knighthill Center. He has a striper coming to paint the stop bars in the near future. He does not plan any further changes.

Regards,
Caleb

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From: David Miles
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 3:21 PM
To: Kimberly Lawson <kimberlyjilllawson@gmail.com>; Liz Strader <lstrader@meridiancity.org>
Cc: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org>; hrogson@challengerschool.com
Subject: RE: Traffic Signs Surrounding Challenger Campus

Hi Kim,

To Councilwoman Strader's point, the private land owner has met with the highway district (ACHD) and discussed the topic. Given that this is private development/land, ACHD will not use public funds for private property but the developer had committed to installing some signage. Sounds like some of that has already occurred, which is great!

I will ask our Community Development Department to reach out to the developer asking for some updates on timing of the additional signage you are referring to, as I know they looked at those areas as well. Caleb Hood will follow up once he knows any more.

Sincerely,

Dave Miles | Chief of Staff

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From: Kimberly Lawson <kimberlyjilllawson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 11:27 AM
To: Liz Strader <lstrader@meridiancity.org>
Cc: David Miles <dmiles@meridiancity.org>; Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org>; hrogson@challengerschool.com
Subject: Re: Traffic Signs Surrounding Challenger Campus

Hi Liz,

Thank you for your quick response. As of this morning there are new stop signs on the side streets, which is wonderful, but they unfortunately won't curb the traffic zooming through the parking lot. Will be interested to hear if signs are planned for The Dollar Store.

Kim

Sent from Kimberly Lawson's iPhone

On Apr 24, 2024, at 11:21 AM, Liz Strader <lstrader@meridiancity.org> wrote:

Hi Kim

I am out of the office this week, but will forward to the Mayor's Chief of Staff and Planning Dept. Staff (cc'd) to provide an update on this issue.

The latest I'd heard was the Dollar store owner was researching what is needed and trying to move forward in installing signs... but let's hear if there is an update with any specific timing..

Thank you,
Liz

Liz Strader | City Councilwoman

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From: Kimberly Lawson <kimberlyjilllawson@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:14:57 AM

To: Liz Strader

Cc: hrogson@challengerschool.com

Subject: Traffic Signs Surrounding Challenger Campus

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Hi Liz,

My name is Kimberly Lawson, I'm a resident of Meridian and parent of a third grader at the Challenger campus on Everest Way.

When dropping off / picking up my daughter from school I've noticed a steady stream of cars driving through the Dollar Tree parking lot (presumably from Locust Grove) to effectively "cut off" the steady flow of traffic on the surface street off Chinden leading to W Everest Lane (parallel to the new Blind Source building). Essentially what occurs is a game of chicken where those that have the right of way are made to yield to cars zooming through the parking lot because they do not stop.

Not only are there children in the vehicles but as the weather gets warmer, more and more kids (and adults) are on the street.

Our head of school, Heather Rogson mentioned stops signs had been approved for the Dollar Tree parking lot. Could you tell us when they'll be installed? I'm hoping it's sooner rather than later as I fear there will be an accident; and with Blind Source opening it will bring an additional source of traffic.

Thank you,
Kim

From: Angela Perez <Angela.Perez@doralidaho.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 1:45 PM
To: Hether Hill <hhill@meridiacity.org>
Cc: Miquelle Crosland <Miquelle.Crosland@doralidaho.org>; Greg Lindsay <Greg.Lindsay@doralidaho.org>
Subject: Re: Doral Academy School Zone / Street Crossing Help Needed

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Hi Heidi,

Thank you for reaching out. We are very close to implementing a crossing guard program and Kendall from ACHD was assisting with the timing of the lights. It seems that all other options were not possible such as an extended school zone, etc.

Are there any other options available to us such as repainting the cross walk or adding a cross walk across the driveway? I am adding Greg Lindsay as he is leading the implementation of the crossing guard program and other safety topics.

Thank You,
Angela Perez
Treasurer - Doral Academy of Idaho
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From: Hether Hill <hhill@meridiacity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 12:31 PM
To: Angela Perez <Angela.Perez@doralidaho.org>
Cc: Mack Allred <Mack.Allred@doralidaho.org>; Jackie Collins <Jackie.Collins@academicaidaho.com>; Kendal Fleshman <Kendal.Fleshman@doralidaho.org>
Subject: RE: Doral Academy School Zone / Street Crossing Help Needed

Good afternoon Angela,

I am the staff liaison to the Meridian Transportation Commission and would like to provide an update to the Commissioners during an upcoming meeting, if not the next scheduled meeting on May 6th. I understand Doral Academy has been in communication with ACHD, specifically Kendall Kemmer, about potential changes to improve safety of the crossing as well as traffic flow and timing of the school zone.

Have any changes been implemented to address the issues or are there plans in the works to do so? Is there any coordination I can assist with?

I'm happy to discuss over the phone if that's best. I look forward to hearing from you.

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