

Meeting Minutes

Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, April 1, 2024

Council Chambers – Meridian City Hall • 33 East Broadway Ave., Meridian, Idaho

Roll Call

MEMBERS

David Ballard

Hoyoon Song

Jared Smith

Walter Steed

Stephen Lewis

Tom LeClaire

Zach Shoemaker

Tracy Hopkins

Ryan Lancaster

EX-OFFICIO

John Wasson (ACHD)

Alissa Taysom (VRT)

Lila Klopfenstein (COMPASS)

Justin Price (ITD)

Miranda Carson (WASD)

OTHERS PRESENT

Sgt. Tara Smith (Police)

Hether Hill (Comm. Dev.)

Tishra Murray (Legal)

Kim Warren (Parks)

Caleb Hood (Comm. Dev.)

Adoption of the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda by Staff or Commissioners. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hopkins, 2nd by Commissioner Ballard. All ayes.

Approval of Minutes

1. March 4, 2024

Commissioner Lewis noted a typo. Motion to approve as amended by Commissioner Lewis, 2nd by Commissioner Ballard- all ayes; passes.

Old Business Items

2. Transportation Projects Update – C. Hood

Mr. Hood began on Page 7 of the packet – 2024 IFWYP priorities were sent to ACHD; MOU for 4.3 million dollars from the ITD Board for grant funds will be presented to City Council for signature on April 2nd; no significant change month over. Mr. Hood stood for questions. No questions or comments from the Commission.

New Business Items [ACTION ITEM]

3. Parks Pathways – Kim Warren (City of Meridian- Parks & Recreation)

Ms. Warren shared a PowerPoint presentation and explained her role (Pathways Project Manager) with the City and recent accomplishments; plan for pathways, maintain GIS pathway maps (“Interactive Pathways Map”), condition pathways through the development entitlement process and manage in-house pathway design and implementation. Multiuse pathways include 10-foot wide detached sidewalk facilities (currently over 70 miles of pathway in Meridian). Rail with Trail pathway project- LHTAC funded.

Ms. Warren stood for questions. Commissioner LeClaire asked about the construction standards for pathways and barriers between waterways. Ms. Warren responded that there is a standard width of 10 feet and that asphalt and concrete are both used. As for waterways, there is a master pathway agreement with the irrigation districts that Parks follows. Commissioner LeClaire had additional questions about intersections of pathways and roadways and further discussion ensued. Chair Steed engaged Ms. Warren on clarification of maintenance of pathways (City vs. HOAs).

4. SH-16 Update – Dan Gorley (ITD)

Mr. Gorley provided a PowerPoint presentation for the SH-16 project which addressed the vision, timeline, construction updates and future interchanges. Current work includes new highway between I-84 and US-20/26; I-84 interchange; overpasses at Cherry Lane, McMillan Road and Union Pacific Railroad; new layout of US-20/26; intersections (signals) at Franklin and Ustick Roads; bicycle and pedestrian improvements in immediate project area; and local road improvements- current work has an estimated completion of early 2026. There were several questions, points of clarification and discussion between the Commission, Mr. Hood and Mr. Gorley.

5. ACHD Master Street Map Preservation Corridors – C. Hood

Mr. Hood provided a refresher on section line roadways- most are planned to be 5 lanes wide by ACHD. In June 2023, the City asked ACHD to request ITD to construct the SH-16 overpass assuming McMillan will be a 5-lane roadway in the future. In late January 2024, there was a joint City Council meeting with ACHD where right-of-way preservation for 5-lane roadways was discussed- whether 5 lanes are built out or to provide options for additional transit purposes as development occurs. Mr. Hood displayed ACHD's Master Street Map (MSM) and associated arterial street list. Staff has concerns with some of the listed roadway segments and impacts to the community if roadways were built out to the planned right-of-way width shown on the MSM. Discussion between Commissioners and Mr. Hood ensued. Conversation will be continued during May's Transportation Commission meeting.

6. Ex-Officio Updates

Chair Steed entertained a motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes and skip ex-officio updates unless an update by an agency was warranted. Motion by Commissioner Lancaster to extend the meeting 10 minutes, 2nd by Commissioner Hopkins – all ayes.

A. Taysom (VRT) - VRT has begun installation of new bus stop signs at intersection of Wayfinder Avenue and Peak Cloud Lane.

7. Staff Communications

Ms. Hill provided summaries of relevant transportation-related correspondences received, beginning on page 13 of the packet.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- 8. Belltower and Coppercloud Speed Concerns**
- 9. Lost Rapids/Bird Park**

10. Linder Road Concept Study Update

Next Meeting Date: May 6, 2024

Adjournment; 5:36pm – Motion by Commissioner Hopkins, 2nd by Commissioner LeClaire - all ayes.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

WALTER STEED, CHAIR

DATE _____

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

DATE _____