

MEMORANDUM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Memo to Mayor & City Council

From: Carl Anderson, Long Range Associate Planner **Meeting Date:** September 23, 2025
Presenters: Carl Anderson **Estimated Time:** 20 Minutes
Topic: Comprehensive Plan Policy Status Update

Summary:

The intent of this update is to provide City Council with an update on the implementation status to the 2019 Comprehensive Plan. This update is in alignment with Plan strategy 3.04.01F which directs staff to “*Review the policies within the adopted Comprehensive Plan on a regular basis and update as needed to ensure that they reflect, support, and advance the City's vision*”. This update includes a summary of each Comprehensive Plan Action Item from Meridian City Departments (Attachment B). Contained within Department updates, potential future minor plan amendments to policy text, priorities, and lead/support departments are identified. Staff are not proposing an amendment to the plan as part of this update.

Background:

The Meridian Comprehensive Plan was adopted in December of 2019. There have been five amendments since that time serving to ensure the Plan remains relevant to the City’s growing community. The last policy status update was in 2023, after which staff brought forward a text amendment to the Comprehensive Plan which amended the policy text, priorities, and lead/support Departments.

The prior update focused on goals, objects and action items that were identified as having a priority of “very high” or “high”. The Plan itself is five and a half years since its adoption. This review provides an update to all policies inclusive of all prioritizations categories. The prioritization hierarchy utilized is listed below:

- Very High = Currently/Immediately;
- High = 1 to 3 years;
- Medium = 3 to 5 years;
- Low = 5 to 10 years; and
- Ongoing = regular duties or at every opportunity.

As a continuous function of ensuring the community’s vision is implemented and to ensure the Plan remains relevant, City staff have provided a status update of the goals, objectives and action items maintained within the Plan. All departments, including various commission liaisons, were engaged to share status updates or questions for City Council on the Plan policies. Each department has responded to the policies and strategies for which they are the identified lead.

The attached documents include a status update from departments assigned as policy lead, across all priority areas. **Potential future revisions** to be made in the Comprehensive Plan are identified in ~~strike through~~ (remove) and underline (addition) format. Updates are listed in the “status update” column of Attachment B, some of which recommended modifications to either lead, priority, or policy text which are not being proposed at this time. These potential amendments, along with any other direction related to the Plan’s goals, policies, and action items, may be brought forward for discussion and amendment as needed.

Future Discussion Items:

Policy changes are not being proposed at this time, though the identified potential revisions may be included in a future amendment to the Plan.

Staff anticipate future work sessions will follow this report focused on plan alignment opportunities and work prioritization direction.

Please feel free to reach out to staff if you have any questions regarding the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Notes:

The following key may be helpful when reviewing attachments on the following pages.

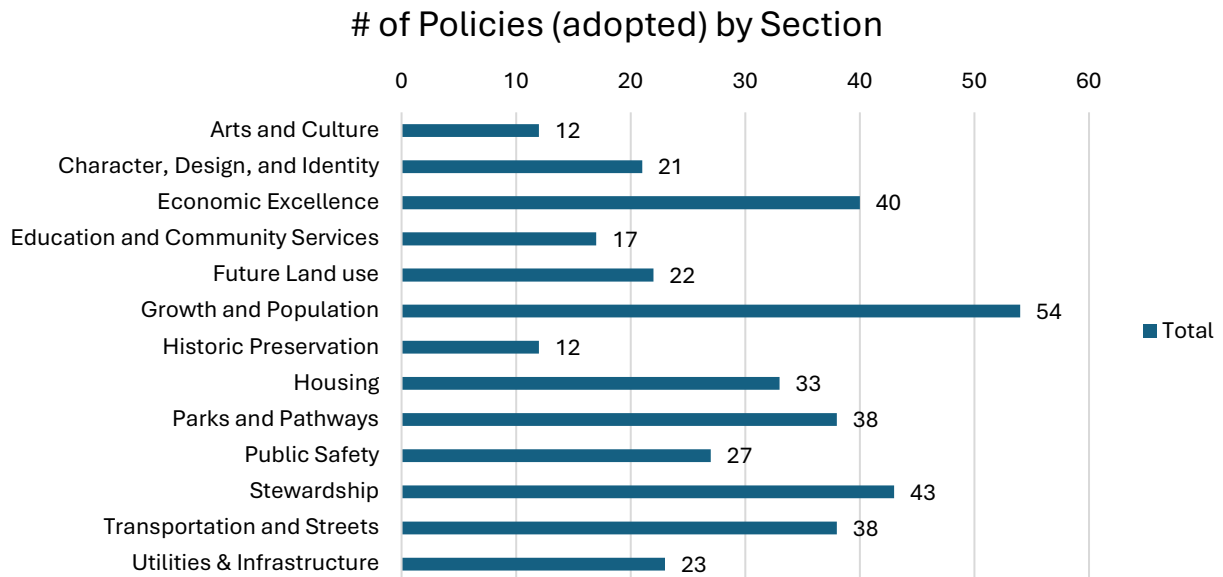
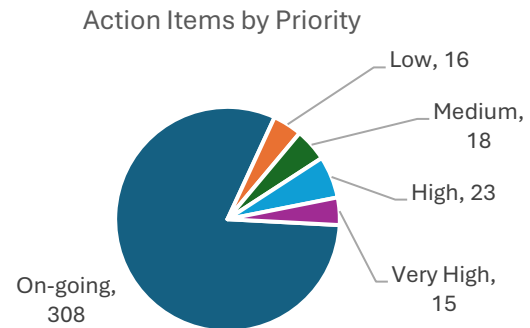
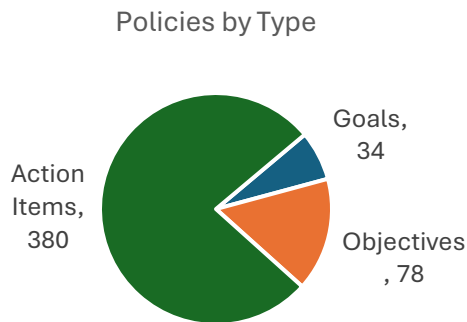
Departments: All = All City Departments, AO = Attorney's Office, CD = Com. Dev., CO = Clerk's Office, FD = Fire Dept., ED = Economic Development, FI = Finance, HR = Human Resources, IT = Information Tech., MO = Mayor's Office, PD = Police Dept., PR = Parks and Recreation, PW = Public Works.

Attachments:

- A. Comprehensive plan policy figures – as adopted
- B. Policies with updates from staff

ATTACHMENT A:

POLICY FIGURES – AS ADOPTED



Note: The figures above provide descriptive data for the Plan policies as currently adopted.

ATTACHMENT B:

POLICIES WITH UPDATES



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ID	Policy	Priority	Lead	Support	Status Update
2.00.00	Chapter 2				
2.01.00	Support a balance and integration of diverse housing and neighborhood types.		CD, MO	CD, AO, MO, ED	
2.01.01	Encourage diverse housing options suitable for various income levels, household sizes, and lifestyle preferences.		CD, MO	AO, MO, ED	
2.01.01A	Align City Code with the policies of the Comprehensive Plan to reflect the community's desires for various types, sizes, and designs of residential neighborhoods.	On-going	CD	AO	City staff have been actively working to amend the UDC to better define and streamline the process to permit ADUs. Additional efforts are needed to incentives a mix of housing types. Additional work may be needed to enhance and clarify City Code relating to Mixed Use development and implement the recently updated Comprehensive Plan.
2.01.01B	Regularly assess permitting activity and work to encourage a mix of housing types.	On-going	CD		CD regularly evaluates and shares permitting activity on the website, with agency partners like COMPASS that do area comparative analysis, and as part of the yearly Land use Report. More work is needed to further integrate the use of permitting activity to inform and support a mix of housing types.
2.01.01C	Maintain a range of residential land use designations that allow diverse lot sizes, housing types, and densities.	On-going	CD		CD tracks and maintains a record of residential land use designations through the annual land use report. More work is needed to utilize the data to achieve a mix of lot sizes and housing types.
2.01.01D	Regularly monitor local codes and ordinances to ensure compliance with state and federal laws such as the Fair Housing Act.	On-going	CD	AO	CD and Legal regularly coordinate on State and Federal codes, ordinances, and laws and modify City Code as appropriate. CD Update: Adding Attorney's Office to support.
2.01.01E	Encourage development of universally accessible home designs within new developments and home retrofits, allowing residents to age in place and creating full accessibility for all residents of varying levels of physical ability.	On-going	CD		Further work is needed to ensure the implementation of this policy. The work typically occurs at the Building Permit phase. More work to support the general public may be beneficial.
2.01.01F	Maintain clear and concise housing development ordinances, codes, requirements, restrictions, and policies that are consist with the Comprehensive Plan.	On-going	CD	AO	CD works to update and maintain the UDC to align with current best practice. The UDC has not had a full review in sometime and an audit may be needed to evaluate consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Changes to principally permitted residential uses across zones should be evaluated. CD Update: Adding Attorney's Office to support.

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2.01.01G	Avoid the concentration of any one housing type or lot size in any geographical area; provide for diverse housing types throughout the City.	On-going	CD		This goal is currently implemented through the development permit review process when evaluating consistency with the plan to mixed results. Further work is needed to update the UDC and support implementation of this goal.
2.01.01H	Locate higher density housing near corridors with existing or planned transit, Downtown, and in proximity to employment centers.	On-going	CD		The Comprehensive Plan is supportive of this policy. Integration has seen inconsistent results and an update to the UDC / Zoning Map is likely needed to achieve implementation.
2.01.01I	Consider providing incentives to developers that produce affordable housing units as defined by federal and state agencies.	Low	CD	CD, AO, MO	No recent work has been done here. There are not many/any identified incentives to offer. However, staff is generally supportive of affordable housing projects when they are proposed in the "right" location, at the "right" time, and with the "right" design.
2.01.01J	Support an open housing market for all persons, regardless of protected class.	On-going	CD		CD is supportive of this policy.
2.01.01K	Remove regulatory barriers and develop design criteria that support the construction of accessory dwelling units and micro homes where appropriate.	Medium	CD	AO	This policy is in-progress. CD staff is currently in the process of updating the ADU standards and will soon be going to Council for adoption. Note: Tiny/micro homes are treated like any other primary dwelling unit by the City. CD Update: Adding Attorney's Office to support.
2.01.01L	Ensure the Unified Development Code provides opportunities for diverse and innovative housing options.	On-going	CD		CD works to update the UDC, however, a deep dive into the UDC is needed to evaluate its effectiveness at achieving this goal. See 2.01.01A & C.
2.01.01M	Support active-adult or independent senior living developments.	On-going	CD		CD encourages active-adult / independent senior living development. Implementation of this goal is largely driven by the outcomes of private development
2.01.01N	Work with the County/State on developing property tax relief programs for seniors and others on low/fixed incomes.	Low	MO		(No update)
2.01.02	Support a balance of housing tenure and supply and demand.		CD		
2.01.02A	Regularly monitor property tax revenue and vacancy rates in the rental and ownership market.	On-going	CD	ED	CD does some of this work on an informal basis. MUBS also has access to some data. Not really reporting or doing much with the information. CD Update: ED added as support.

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2.01.02B	Coordinate and align public and private housing development to improve consistency with local housing agency plans.	On-going	CD		CDBG monitors as part of Economic Development.
2.01.02C	Explore ways to encourage diversity of housing tenure and price points.	High	CD	ED	CD staff has been working to encourage diversity of housing tenure and price points through the entitlement review process as one methodology. Further work may be needed to explore methods of achieving this goal, whether through the UDC, or some other avenue. CD Update: Add ED to Support.
2.01.02D	Encourage a variety of housing types that meet the needs, preferences, and financial capabilities of Meridian's present and future residents.	On-going	CD	ED	CD works to encourage a variety of housing types, however, implementation of this policy is challenging if not also included in the UDC. Further work is needed to ensure alignment of the UDC with the Plan. CD Update: Add ED to Support.
2.01.02E	Support housing affordability, special-needs housing, ownership opportunities, and housing rehabilitation through programs administered by the State of Idaho, Ada County, nonprofits, and federal agencies.	On-going	CD		The aforementioned programs are run through outside agencies. CD continues to be supportive of this policy, but is not proactively engaging. No further update at this time.
2.02.00	Plan for safe, attractive, and well-maintained neighborhoods that have ample open space, and generous amenities that provide varied lifestyle choices.		CD	FD, FI, AO, PR, PD, ED	
2.02.01	Elevate and enhance the quality and connectivity of residential site and subdivision planning.		CD	FD, FI, AO, PR, PD	
2.02.01A	With new subdivision plats, require the design and construction of pathways connections, easy pedestrian and bicycle access to parks, safe routes to schools, and the incorporation of usable open space with quality amenities.	On-going	CD	PR	This policy is implemented through the development review process. Both CD and PR implement this policy. City code not only requires pathways with new subdivisions, but also incentivizes with open space credits that encourage use of and natural expansion (efficacy returns) of existing easements.

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2.02.01B	Evaluate open space and amenity requirements and criteria for consistency with community needs and values.	On-going	CD	PR, PD	CD has worked to implement this policy and will continue to regularly evaluate open space and amenity requirements to ensure they stay consistent with community needs and values.
2.02.01C	Require all new residential neighborhoods to provide complete streets, consistent with the AHCD's Transportation and Land Use Integration Plan.	On-going	CD	FD	CD works to implement this policy in residential neighborhoods. More work is needed to align the City's vision at the neighborhood scale with ACHD's transportation and Integration plan. While not as written, more work may be needed in commercial areas and along arterials. CD Update: Add "ACHD" to ensure clarity. While not as written, more work may be needed in commercial areas and along arterials.
2.02.01D	Require pedestrian access in all new development to link subdivisions together and promote neighborhood connectivity.	On-going	CD		CD works to ensure pedestrian access to all new development is provided. This policy is currently supported by the UDC facilitating implementation of this policy.
2.02.01E	Encourage the development of high quality, dense residential and mixed use areas near in and around Downtown, near employment, large shopping centers, public open spaces and parks, and along major transportation corridors, as shown on the Future Land Use Map.	On-going	CD		CD works to encourage this policy through the development review process and is reflected on the Future Land Use Map. Planning efforts in the downtown area have been undertaken by the MDC. CD actively works to encourage development in alignment with this policy, however, more UDC changes are likely needed to fully realize implementation, including downtown design guidelines.
2.02.01F	Evaluate the potential to incentivize dedication of public school sites, public parks and other open spaces, and public access easements to linear open space corridors, which contain bicycle and/or pedestrian pathway systems.	Low	CD	FI, PR	Implementation is often accomplished through the development review process. Further work is needed to evaluate the potential of further implementation to incentivize this policy .
2.02.01G	Ensure development provides safe routes and access to schools, parks, and other community gathering places.	On-going	CD		CD works to ensure development provides safe routes and access to schools, parks, and other community gather places.

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2.02.01H	Evaluate and improve the current grading and stormwater drainage requirements for subdivisions to ensure they reflect the community's values.	Very High	PW	CD, AO	Carry Forward, Not Completed- Started researching other agency information and policies. Talked to developers about what they would support. Started working on a draft of a policy, but higher priority projects have caused this to be put on hold.
2.02.02	Maximize public services by prioritizing infill development of vacant and underdeveloped parcels within the City over parcels on the fringe.		CD	CD, FI, AO, PW, ED	
2.02.02A	Develop standards for upkeep of vacant lots such as dust and weed mitigation requirements.	Low	PD	CD, AO	Code Enforcement responds to complaints for service and proactively responds when able. They also assist with photos and documentation when Environmental is not available. Code works toward eradicating weed growth on vacant (and developed lots) based on our abatable nuisance code for weeds over 8”, noxious or creating a fire hazard.
2.02.02B	Consider incentives such as density bonuses, reduced open space requirements, and reduced fees for infill development in key areas near existing services.	Very High	CD	FI, AO, PW, ED	This goal, incentives, is also very prevalent in the City's Strategic Plan. There are not many/any incentives that seem to move the needle identified. Progress has not been made towards implementing this goal. Reengagement is needed if still a high priority.
2.02.02C	Support infill development that does not negatively impact the abutting, existing development. Infill projects in Downtown should develop at higher densities, irrespective of existing development.	On-going	CD		CD works to support infill development that is compatibly with the existing neighborhood context, often through the development review process.
2.02.02D	Apply appropriate design and construction standards to infill development in order to reduce adverse impacts to existing development.	On-going	CD		Further work is needed to evaluate infill development standards within the UDC tailored to evaluate new infill development, especially as infill projects become more frequent and scale increases.
2.02.02E	Assist development groups to develop multiple plats into one cohesive plat.	On-going	CD		CD encourages developer to consolidate plans into one cohesive plat, as opposed to many. Further work is needed to update the UDC and improve consistency of implementation.
2.02.02F	Ensure that new development within existing residential neighborhoods is cohesive and complementary in design and construction.	On-going	CD		Work is needed to evaluate development standards within the UDC tailored to evaluate new infill development, especially as infill projects become more frequent and scale increases. This work may be further supported through neighborhood scale planning efforts. See Strategic Plan.

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2.03.00	Improve coordination of long range City and school district planning.		CD, PD	FD	
2.03.01	Jointly plan and site schools and subdivisions to ensure mutual benefits, neighborhood identity, and community health.		CD		
2.03.01A	Assist West Ada School District in identifying potential future school sites, by providing information about anticipated future land uses, utilities, and entitlements.	On-going	CD		CD staff regularly participate and support WASD staff in this action item.
2.03.01B	Support construction of multi-use facilities that can be used by both schools and the community.	On-going	CD		CD is supportive of these types of projects but no recent partnerships have been implemented.
2.03.01C	Invite West Ada School District staff to pre-application meetings with potential developers and discuss school siting and access needs.	On-going	CD		West Ada School District is invited to all pre-application meetings.
2.03.01D	Ensure the location and design of schools are compatible with existing and planned neighborhoods and land uses.	On-going	CD		CD staff works to support this policy. Current UDC requirements/restrictions address fencing and separation between schools and neighborhoods. Further work <i>may</i> be needed to ensure compatibility through amendments to the UDC, or through the permitting process.
2.03.01E	Work with West Ada School District to locate and connect schools to safe and accessible walking, bicycle, transit, and automobile routes.	On-going	CD		CD and PR staff regularly participate and support WASD staff in this.
2.03.02	Coordinate with public safety officials and other local agencies to ensure safe school environments.		PD	FD	
2.03.02A	Support educational and training programs lead by school resource officers and neighborhood contact officers.	On-going	PD	FD	(No update)

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2.04.00	Support a diverse range of educational opportunities that continues lifelong learning.		MO	FD, PR, PD, PW, CD	
2.04.01	Partner with schools, non-profits, and other community-based organizations to provide a variety of educational opportunities throughout all stages of life.		MO	FD, PR, PD, PW, CD	
2.04.01A	Support a network of public resources, schools, community centers and other public facilities that address the city's educational and training needs.	On-going	MO	FD, PR, PD, PW	Community center land has been purchased, and that facility is in design. Partnerships with WASD are growing including the implementation of Watertower Championship foster academics, athletics and extra-curricular activities. Also working with higher education to advance Meridian as medical epicenter of Idaho including work with ISU and ICOM to expand offerings. This remains an on-going element.
2.04.01B	Encourage educational institutions and community organizations to provide a broad set of programs within the community, including programs for special needs students, early childhood, the arts, math and science, English as a Second Language, and life-skills.	On-going	MO		This seems redundant to some degree from policy above and is on-going.
2.04.01C	Investigate potential public-private partnerships to provide additional health and educational programs.	Medium	MO	CD, PR, ED	MO Update: Add ED to support role. This is more on-going work.
2.05.00	Plan for a multi-generational city with adequate public services and health care resources for existing and future residents of all ages.		CD, MO, PR	CD, FD, MO, PR	Planning for a new Community Center that has offerings for all age groups.
2.05.01	Cooperate with other agencies and service providers around the Valley.		CD, MO, PR	MO, PR	Ongoing cooperation with YMCA and West Ada School District.
2.05.01A	Identify partnerships that support multi-generational activities.	Medium	MO	PR, ED	No update. CD update: Add ED to support.

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2.05.01B	Continue to support the Meridian senior citizens' organization as an important social program in the community.	On-going	MO	PR	(No update)
2.05.01C	Support joint use agreements with the West Ada School District, Meridian Library District, and other private and non-profit entities.	On-going	MO	PR	(No update)
2.05.01D	Coordinate planning efforts and strategic growth of the City with other service providers and local decision-makers.	On-going	CD	MO	CD coordinates planning efforts and strategic growth of the City with other services providers and decision makers.
2.05.01E	Support and encourage involvement of seniors in activities, groups, and volunteer opportunities.	On-going	MO	PR	(No update)
2.05.01F	Support and encourage involvement of community youth in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) and other youth activities, groups and volunteer opportunities.	On-going	PR	MO	The lead for MYAC has changed to the Mayor's office.
2.05.01G	Strengthen public services, programs, and community resources to be responsive to and representative of Meridian's diversity.	On-going	PR	MO	The Activity Guide has a variety of different activities and classes.
2.05.02	Support access to high-quality emergency care, primary, outpatient, home care, long-term care, and mental health care within the community.		MO	CD, FD	
2.05.02A	Encourage the expansion of medical service related industries that are needed.	On-going	MO	CD, FD, ED	See educational opportunities item above. CD Update: add ED to support.
2.06.00	Enhance Meridian's economic vitality and position in the local and regional economy.		MO, CD	CD, FI, MO, PW	

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2.06.01	Diversify Meridian's economic base to establish and maintain a self-sustaining, full-service economy.		MO, CD, <u>ED</u>	CD, FI, MO, PW	Update: ED added.
2.06.01A	Provide location-specific standards as incentives to attract high-quality businesses and living-to-high wage jobs.	Medium	MO <u>CD</u> , <u>ED</u>	CD FI, <u>MO</u>	MO Update: This would seem to be more of CD as lead, with adding ED as support as well. (ED could also be lead instead.)
2.06.01B	Establish methods to support the business community by drafting an Economic Development Plan in partnership with the Meridian Chamber of Commerce and Meridian Development Corporation.	High	ED	CD	Economic Development Plan formulation currently underway. 7 key steps : 1) conduct a comprehensive community assessment; 2) identify key strengths and weaknesses; 3) set clear economic goals; 4) strategize targeted initiatives based on local needs; 5) assemble diverse stakeholders; 6) create an implementation plan; and 7) track and measure progress. ED Update: While Chamber of Commerce and Meridian Development Corporation should be considered stakeholders, the plan cannot be realistically drafted in partnership with them. I recommend removing the reference to "Meridian Chamber of Commerce and Meridian Development Corporation." Additionally, this effort should be coordinated with the upcoming revision of the City's Strategic Plan.
2.06.01C	Regularly conduct industry market analysis to determine feasibility of existing and emerging industries to better understand workforce, land use, and transportation needs.	On-going	<u>ED</u> CD	MO, <u>CD</u>	CD is available to support the implementation of this policy, however, this is more appropriately located with Economic Development. CD Update: Lead role is changed to ED.
2.06.01D	Encourage environmentally-friendly industries.	On-going	<u>ED</u> , CD	MO	CD is available to co-lead the implementation of this policy, however, this is more appropriately located with Economic Development. CD Update: Lead role is changed to ED, with CD as a co-lead.
2.06.01E	Focus on developing industries that tend to exceed the living wage, such as technology, healthcare and other similar industries.	High	ED	CD, <u>MO</u>	With the Micron expansion, Meridian is an attractive location for technical support services ranging from research & development (i.e., applied laboratories), small scale advance manufacturing, front/back office support, and logistics. The regional demand for healthcare is creating shortages of skilled healthcare workers, which can be addressed through continued investment in healthcare education and workforce development. A robust healthcare education system can support the growing regional healthcare systems (St. Luke's and St. Alphonsus are consistently ranked as some of Idaho's largest employers). As the technology and healthcare industries evolve, the potential for attracting life science industry start-ups becomes attainable. CD update: Adding MO as support.
2.06.02	Support economic opportunities for a community with diverse income levels.	On-going	CD, ED	CD, ED	Employment is one of the main methods to create economic opportunity. Additionally, diverse income levels require a wide range of housing options. Due to Meridian's success in attracting retail and service-related industry, there is a growing need for affordable and entry-level housing. Meridian should prioritize affordable housing as a key component of the Economic Development Plan, as it will support attraction and retention of a diverse workforce. We might want to consider making "housing" its own policy...it's where our jobs sleep at night.
2.06.02A	Regularly assess changes in local income levels.	On-going	CD	MO , <u>ED</u>	Long-Range in CD tracks this information; nothing tangible is done with it, however. Further work is needed to enhance the integration of this work. CD Update: ED added to support and MO removed.

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2.06.02B	Pursue public-private partnerships and economic development grants that bring additional job opportunities to the community.	On-going	ED	CD	Southwest Idaho (Region 3) does not have an Economic Development District (EDD). Although some collaborative efforts have been made to reestablish the Region 3 EDD, a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) does not exist. As such, cities and counties within Region 3 do not qualify for U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Assistance. Reestablishing the Region 3 EDD is critical if Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (i.e., Tech Hubs) innovation tech hubs are to be considered.
2.06.02C	Coordinate with the public, private, and non-profit sectors on possibilities for creating/sustaining workforce housing.	On-going	CD	MO, <u>ED</u>	Discussions were had over the last few years, with minimal effect. Some tweaks are proposed to UDC requirements/ allowances, but likely won't move the needle very far for workforce housing. Efforts have not been done to program this work. CD Update: ED added to support.
2.06.02D	Work to encourage a diversity of housing, recreation, and mobility options to attract and sustain the local workforce.	On-going	CD	MO, <u>ED</u>	Efforts have been made through Comprehensive Plan and Mixed-Use changes to better further this policy. These efforts have since stalled out and further direction from the Mayor and Council are needed. This policy may be further supported through potential amendments to the UDC. CD Update: ED added to support.
2.07.00	Create a business-friendly environment that supports and expands existing business opportunities by developing a diverse and qualified workforce through educational partnerships.		CD	MO	
2.07.01	Promote business retention, expansion, and improvement programs.		CD	MO	
2.07.01A	Connect businesses with local, state, regional, and federal resources for incentives, resources, and opportunities.	On-going	<u>ED</u> CD	MO	CD status update: Holdover from when ED was in CD. CD Update: Lead role is changed to ED.
2.07.01B	Establish and maintain relationships with existing businesses and industry groups to determine present and future needs.	On-going	<u>ED</u> CD	MO	CD status update: Holdover from when ED was in CD. CD Update: Lead role is changed to ED.
2.07.02	Implement a clear development application review process for new and expanding businesses.		CD		
2.07.02A	Streamline the approval process for development proposals that are consistent with the vision and values of the community.	Very High	CD	MO	Efforts are needed here to address the entitlement process. There are several opportunities that CD may explore to streamline the approval process: including review of UDC and alignment with the plan, as well as explore innovative application types. Reengagement is needed.

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2.07.02B	Maintain the integrity of public process and transparency of development review.	On-going	CD		CD works to improve transparency and awareness on land use applications, as well as maintain the integrity of public processes. More recently there seems to have been an increase in application continuances which are difficult for the public. More work is needed to maintain the integrity of the process of the process and improve transparency. Examples of this work may include revisiting how the City is doing sign posting, penalties for pushing hearing dates early and then not providing need required materials.
2.07.02C	Encourage developers to engage with the public early in the development proposal process.	On-going	CD		The Meridian UDC requires neighborhood meetings be held on applications requiring a public hearing, excluding applications for Council review, a vacation, and/or short plat.
2.07.02D	Review development regulations to ensure an efficient process and remove unnecessarily burdensome costs and delays.	On-going	CD	ED	CD staff are currently updating the UDC with a targeted update to development standards, some of which may improve the development review process. A more regular review process is needed.
2.07.03	Support innovative workforce development, training, technology, and education to meet the needs of a diverse workforce.		<u>ED</u> CD		
2.07.03A	Coordinate with business leaders and local, regional, state, and non-profit job-oriented programs to match existing and anticipated business and industry needs and identify gaps in workforce education and training needs.	On-going	<u>ED</u> CD		CD status update: Holdover from when ED was in CD. CD Update: Lead role is changed to ED.
2.08.00	Proactively recruit and attract new businesses to the area.		<u>ED</u> , CD, MO	MO, CD, PR	
2.08.01	Develop effective marketing tools and regional partnerships.		<u>ED</u> CD	MO	
2.08.01A	Develop and maintain marketing materials to share with targeted industries.	High	ED		While important, targeted marketing materials are better developed by our regional Economic Development partners such as BVEP and Idaho Commerce. I recommend removing this as a policy.
2.08.01B	Strengthen relationships with economic development sources for new business referrals and opportunities.	On-going	<u>ED</u> CD	MO	Lead role is a holdover from when ED was in CD. CD Update: Lead role is changed to ED.

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2.08.02	Pursue economic development opportunities with technology, healthcare, environmentally-friendly manufacturing, light industrial, and professional service industries.		ED MO	CD, PR, <u>MO</u>	
2.08.02A	Make Meridian the premier place to create, attract, and retain high-quality businesses and a talented workforce.	On-going	ED MO	CD, PR, <u>MO</u>	MO update: Should move to ED led effort and is on-going work.
2.08.02B	Capitalize on the City's central location by promoting more tourism and business growth along entryways and key corridors.	On-going	MO	CD	On-going work and continuing to advance the effort of an auditorium district via Chamber.
2.08.03	Encourage new dynamic, sustainable, and collaborative opportunities that enhance Meridian's existing and planned industrial nodes.		MO , ED , CD	CD, <u>MO</u>	Update: ED added to joint lead role. MO moved to support role.
2.08.03A	Keep the Future Land Use Map current by defining appropriate locations for industrial, commercial, and office businesses.	On-going	CD		Long-Range in CD tracks this information and is updated through the land use report.
2.08.03B	Identify and consider services and programs desired by potential businesses within the industrial areas.	Medium	ED MO	CD, <u>MO</u>	MO update: ED should be lead
2.08.03C	Work with existing industrial businesses to expand or relocate operations to appropriate areas.	On-going	ED MO	CD, <u>MO</u>	MO update: Ongoing effort and should be ED led.
2.09.00	Create positive, vibrant, and accessible commercial activity centers within the community.		CD, MO, PR, ED	CD, FI, MO, PR, ED	ED Update : Perhaps this policy is better placed in the Community Development world. The Ten-Mile SAP is an excellent example of long-range planning that can create positive, vibrant, and accessible commercial activity centers. ED should probably take on a support role. PR Update: Working on a potential partnership with the YMCA for a potential Fields District.

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2.09.01	Support redevelopment and infill opportunities Downtown.		MO, CD, PW, ED	CD, FI, MO, PR, ED	All great cities have great downtowns. Economic Development can and should take on more responsibility in this area. Coordination between Community Development, MDC, property owners, and businesses should be emphasized. The incomplete Union 93 Project will create significant headwinds for the Downtown and should be assigned the highest of priorities. Winding down the URD #1 and establishing a Business Improvement District (BID) is critical.
2.09.01A	Pursue public-private partnerships to develop parking facilities.	High	ED , MO ED	CD, FI, ED	Staff are in the early stages of reviewing downtown parking and exploring strategies to address parking. Further coordination with MDC is needed as they work towards an update to their Downtown Plan. Further work may be done to implement this policy by pursuing modifications to the UDC to incentivize more "scattered site" style parking facilities. CD Update: recommend modifying lead departments.
2.09.01B	Establish incentives to develop gathering spaces and civic facilities within Downtown.	High	ED , MO	CD, FI, PR, ED	MO Status Update: This is on-going work and more appropriate for ED to be lead. ED is developing and updating an ED plan of which incentives are a part of. MO Update: Add ED to lead role and moved MO to support.
2.09.01C	Work towards mitigating and removing floodplain issues around Downtown.	High	PW	CD	Carry Forward, In progress- currently in the design phase of the 9 Mile Creek Hazard Mitigation Project. Secured Federal grant funding for the first phase of this project.
2.09.01D	Pursue grant and other funding mechanisms to fund complete street and streetscape improvements.	On-going	CD, ED	FI	Work has not been done to further this goal.
2.09.01E	Explore incentives for targeted projects that meet economic development goals.	High	ED	CD	Meridian's incentives should be limited in scope, and tied to statutory compliance. For example, the State of Idaho's Tax Reimbursement Incentive (TRI) Program requires "meaningful community contributions." Likewise, the City should be mindful in avoiding the creation of "disincentives" through code or public policy.
2.09.02	Integrate and maintain quality public spaces throughout Downtown for recreation, social, and civic activities.		CD, MO, PR	MO	Continue maintaining streetscape upgrades, including flower pots. Maintenance of the City Hall Plaza, Generations Plaza, and Centennial Park are a priority in downtown.
2.09.02A	Actively implement action items in the Destination Downtown Plan.	High	MO	CD	This is more on-going work and CD should be lead. Council will be working with MDC to evaluate the draft DD plan and incorporating work elements into city business and efforts accordingly. This will roll out over the next several months.
2.09.02B	Pursue grants and public-private partnerships to enhance Downtown.	On-going	ED , ED , MO	CD , FI	The City has not engaged with this work. Further scoping and dedicated staff are needed to further these efforts. CD Update: Lead role has been changed to be ED and MO, with CD and FI supporting.
2.09.02C	Develop programs with local partners to expand art, cultural, and educational facilities in Downtown.	Medium	PR	MO	Concerts on Broadway, History Walk, Main Street Market, and Art Drop all help to provide cultural activities downtown.

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2.09.02D	Develop and support regular cultural activities and events Downtown, in partnership with the Downtown Business Association and other organizations.	Medium	PR	MO	We partner with the Main Street Market and work with the Chamber periodically on downtown events.
2.09.02E	Implement consistent landscaping, lighting, and historic preservation standards.	On-going	CD	PR, PW	Efforts to support the implementation of this goal are led by three different City Departments. CD reviews landscaping, public works is responsible for lighting and PR is responsible for HPC related efforts. CD notifies these departments when development occurs. Improved implementation may be done by consolidating this effort with 2.09.02G and developing a coherent design manual for downtown focused on Form, infill development, and a reduction in use focus.
2.09.02F	Support a compatible mix of land uses Downtown that activate the area during day and night.	On-going	CD		CD is supportive of this policy. One component needed to fully realize the implementation of this policy is for a willingness to partner and/or consolidate land. This is due to the mostly small substandard infill nature of properties within the downtown area. There may be opportunity for the City to pursue incentives through the UDC to spur redevelopment through design solutions.
2.09.02G	Implement the City of Meridian Design Standards and City of Meridian Architectural Standards Manual to ensure that Downtown remains the historic center for mixed-use tourism, business, retail, residential, and governmental activities.	On-going	CD		Previous efforts supported both in the Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan have stalled out. Direction is needed as to whether CD should re-engage with these efforts and/or find alternative methods of implementation.
2.09.03	Cultivate unique and diverse destination-type activities within Meridian's centers.		CD, PR, ED	MO, CD	ED Update: Perhaps this policy is better placed in the Community Development world. ED should probably take on a support role. PR Comment: Christmas Parade, Dairy Days Parade partnership, and large-scale events at Kleiner Park contribute to Meridian's centers.
2.09.03A	Establish distinct, engaging identities within commercial and mixed use centers through design standards.	High	CD	MO	CD has updated the mixed use standards within the Comprehensive Plan to better frame the design elements desired. The Fields District is a recent example of working towards this goal. Idaho State case law has established the Comprehensive Plan as a guide. <u>Design standards should be established through a rigorous planning process to align the UDC with the plan.</u> Overlays and/or neighborhood specific standards may be one method of implementation. This may have the added benefit of improving the permitting process through efficiency and consistency with the Plan.
2.09.03B	Promote Ten Mile, Downtown, and The Village as centers of activity and growth.	On-going	CD, ED		The City continues to promote Ten Mile, Downtown and the Village as centers of activity and growth. CD Update: ED added to lead role.

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2.09.03C	Support public-private partnerships that provide plazas and public areas within activity centers.	On-going	PR	MO, CD	We support public/private partnerships like the use of Generations Plaza in downtown.
2.09.03D	Develop a collaborative economic development strategy to recruit new businesses.	High	ED		Although the City of Meridian is a member of the Boise Valley Economic Partnership (BVEP), Southwest Idaho (Region 3) does not have an Economic Development District (EDD). Although some collaborative efforts have been made to reestablish the Region 3 EDD, a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) does not exist. As such, cities and counties within Region 3 do not qualify for U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Assistance. Continued membership in BVEP and coordination with Idaho Commerce are recommended, as regional collaboration is key to Meridian's economic development success. To date, Meridian has not independently recruited new businesses.
2.09.03E	Develop concept plans of potential destination activities and promote appropriate development, infill, and redevelopment of activity centers.	Low	CD		Work has not been programmed to implement this goal. A strategy should be identified and presented to Council for further direction.
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3.01.00	Recognize that Meridian's population will continue to grow and positively foster Meridian's continued growth.		CD	All	
3.01.01	Provide facilities and services that maintain a premier level of service commensurate with growth.		CD	All	
3.01.01A	Evaluate comprehensive impacts of growth and consider City Master Plans and Strategic Plans in all land use decisions (e.g., traffic impacts, school enrollment, and parks).	On-going	CD	All	Some progress towards implementation has been made. CD staff implement this goal through the SGR reporting process and include this information into staff reports.

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3.01.01B	Update the Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code as needed to accommodate the community's needs and growth trends.	On-going	CD		CD works to update the Comprehensive Plan as needed, with the most recent update being to the mixed use standards. CD staff work to update the UDC as needed, though capacity to update the UDC is somewhat limited due to current application needs. The UDC has not seen a full rewrite in sometime and a rewrite may be needed to better align the UDC and the policies of the Comprehensive Plan.
3.01.01C	Ensure that regulations and plans support and encourage desired development and land use patterns within the Area of City Impact.	On-going	CD		CD staff works to ensure that regulations and plans support and encourage desired development and land use patterns. Updates to the UDC are needed to further align regulations with the City's plans.
3.01.01D	Evaluate development proposals based on consistency with the vision as well as physical, social, economic, environmental, and aesthetic criteria.	On-going	CD		Development proposals are evaluated based on Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and supporting documents. Many physical, social environmental, and aesthetic impacts are considered as part of the Plan and applicable development review criteria. More work may be need to further evaluate economic impacts of development.
3.01.01E	Coordinate with the City of Nampa, Canyon County, Star, Eagle, Kuna, Boise, and Ada County on land use, transportation, and emergency services.	On-going	CD	All	The City regularly engages with its regional partners.
3.02.00	Maintain, improve, and expand the City's infrastructure to meet existing and growing demands in a timely, orderly, and logical manner.		FI, MO, PW	All, CD, FI, HR	
3.02.01	Develop and implement master plans for all public facilities, services, and safety to guide the growth of the City.		FI, MO, PW	All, CD, FI, HR	
3.02.01A	Provide City utilities in high priority growth areas and discourage in low priority growth areas.	On-going	PW		Ongoing- Currently in construction on the Canada lift station and associated sewer mains that will facilitate growth in the Fields area of Meridian. Expected to be completed in 2027. Next major project will be the McDermott Trunk Line (2027-2032).
3.02.01B	Protect investments in existing public facilities (water, sewer, streets, fire, police, etc.) by ensuring extension of services by new development is in the best interest of the City.	On-going	PW	CD	Ongoing- Every new development proposed to the City is evaluated to make sure it follows the intent of our master plans. Conditions of approval make sure infrastructure and services can be provided without negative impacts to current infrastructure of services. Input from various departments and agencies is solicited.

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3.02.01C	Utilize preferred methods of communication with citizens and engage their input on public facilities planning, construction, and funding.	On-going	PW		Ongoing- We host public open houses on major projects that will impact residents/businesses and create project specific webpages with the ability to subscribe for updates. An example of this was the E Idaho Street Project.
3.02.01D	Support the appropriate expansion of City facilities, services, staff, and other resources to keep up with demand and established levels of service.	On-going	PW	CD, FI, HR	PW Update: Ongoing HR Update: HR involvement for the two we are included on is to provide support to departments by working with them through the recruitment process. Helping to find good candidates to fill the position. Something that will help us with this process is the new Workday system that we are implementing June 21st.
3.02.01E	Phase-in developments in accordance with their connection to the municipal sewer and water system and the provision of other necessary infrastructure and services.	On-going	PW	CD	Carry Forward, Not Completed- There has been significant effort to ensure that commercial subdivisions, like apartments, are phased to align with the developers plans for occupancy. This helps ensure that permits can be signed off appropriately and in alignment with the building construction schedule. However, there is more work to be done in this area as other commercial developments type still want to construct buildings far away from existing infrastructure. It is usually driven by their marketing plan.
3.02.01F	Maintain an efficient and fair system of fees and development requirements that assesses the costs and benefits of financing public facilities and services, the need for which is generated by new development.	On-going	FI	CD, PW	The City continues to manage all fees in a fair approach following City/State Policy.
3.02.01G	Establish and maintain levels of service for public facilities and services, including water, sewer, police, transportation, schools, fire, and parks.	High	MO	All	On-going and in progress. Two new fire stations, new police precinct, implementing things like Opticom to improve response times, Linder Rd. overpass in progress and significant road widenings have occurred, as well as numerous water/sewer projects
3.03.00	Direct and prioritize development in strategic areas and in accordance with corridor and special area plans.		CD, PW, MO	All, CD, AO, PW, MO	
3.03.01	Plan for an appropriate land use mix, recreational and civic facilities, and phased service extension within specific area plans and urban renewal districts.		CD, PW	All, CD	

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3.03.01A	Continue to develop and implement the desired vision in special areas, areas with specific plans, and along key transportation corridors.	On-going	CD		CD regularly works to implement the desired vision in area specific plans. This work is accomplished through development review and through long-range efforts such as the Fields plan. Current work is underway related to the transportation network in the Magic View Woodbridge area.
3.03.01B	Actively engage with City leadership and community members to explore the idea, process, and potential impacts of implementing districts, subareas, neighborhood association areas, or similar concepts.	On-going	CD		Re-engagement with this goal is needed. Some of this discussion will likely occur as part of the Destination Downtown workshops later this year.
3.03.01C	Consider developing new subarea plans as appropriate for areas with unique characteristics, public/private partnerships in place, and that are compatible with Comprehensive Plan policies in order to provide additional guidance on future land uses, design, infrastructure, and amenities.	Very High	CD	All	The City has developed all sub area plans original conceptualized. Completed the fields subarea plan. Staff will support ISU work, and are in the initial stages of working towards a traffic report of one of the sub area plans identified near ISU.
3.03.01D	Ensure that adequate water supply and pressure are available for fire protection in areas suitable for industrial and commercial uses.	On-going	PW		Ongoing- new wells are planned for in the CFP and developed as identified in the Water Master Plan
3.03.01E	Encourage infill development.	On-going	CD		CD staff encourage infill development often through the development review process. Long-range efforts are needed to define, identify, and plan for future infill development. Establishing infill development standards in the near term is paramount to the integration of infill into the surrounding built environment.
3.03.02	Prioritize growth and development where it furthers the City's vision and allows for the efficient provision of services.		CD, PW	All, MO, CD	

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3.03.02A	Engage with service providers, City leadership, and community members to identify priority growth areas.	On-going	CD	All	Some work has been done in the past towards identifying priority growth areas. However, this work has stalled out and reengagement with this goal is needed.
3.03.02B	Focus future investments within established priority growth areas.	On-going	CD	All	See 3.03.02A. No further comment.
3.03.02C	Utilize the City's Service Impact Tool to help identify potential strategic growth areas.	On-going	CD	All	See 3.03.02B. No further comment.
3.03.02D	As part of establishing and maintaining strategic growth areas, consider including targeted redevelopment/opportunity areas within the Area of City Impact, areas within the City limits and within a specified distance of major utility connections, and unincorporated county enclaves suitable for annexation.	On-going	CD	All	See 3.03.02B. No further comment.
3.03.02E	Develop incentives for appropriate investment in strategic growth areas; discourage development outside of established growth areas.	Low	CD, MO , ED	All	See Strategic Plan and 3.03.02A. No further comment. Update: Adding MO and ED to reflect implementation.
3.03.02F	Require proposed development within areas further away from urban services, existing utilities or	On-going	MO	CD	Ongoing effort and should be CD led.
3.03.02G	Build and provide services in a manner that promotes the vision of priority growth areas, reinforcing and protecting Meridian's growth objectives.	On-going	PW	CD	See 3.02.01A
3.03.02H	Require rural area residential development to submit alternative development plan to allow for the efficient extension of urban services in the future (resubdivision plan).	On-going	PW	CD	Ongoing- When appropriate, the City does require Ada County residential development to install dry lines for sewer and water or to provide an easement for the future extension of these facilities.

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3.03.03	Annex lands into the corporate boundaries of the City only when the annexation proposal conforms to the City's vision and the necessary extension of public services and infrastructure is provided.		PW, CD	CD, All	
3.03.03A	Ensure development is connected to City of Meridian water and sanitary sewer systems and the extension to and through said developments are constructed in conformance with the City of Meridian Water and Sewer System Master Plans in effect at the time of development.	On-going	CD	PW	CD Status Update: Development proposals are reviewed this policy is regularly enforced through the Unified Development Code. Only the Meridian City Council is permitted to not allow utility connections. Land Dev. Update: This is jointly accomplished between LD and PW Engineering. Conformance with Master Plan is verified by Engineering. To and through is confirmed by both LD and Engineering.
3.03.03B	Implement an irrevocable consent to annexation as a condition of hook-up to City sanitary sewer or water and make a deed restriction on all buildable lots to be placed as a note on all final plats.	On-going	PW	CD	Done- The City does require consent to annexation agreements for anyone in the county that connects to Meridian sewer and water. They are required to annex if possible, but in emergency situations we allow them to obtain service with a consent to annexation agreement. I am not aware of any situations where a deed restriction has been required.
3.03.03C	Require all City sewer and water inspections and plan review fees (for the main lines) in effect at the time of development be paid to the City of Meridian.	On-going	PW	CD	Done- fees are developed and collected
3.03.03D	Require all development to be consistent with Future Land Use Map designations for the property.	On-going	CD		Hearing level development proposals are reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. This has been an iterative process and Long-range staff are working to support improve the consistent evaluation of this policy.
3.03.03E	Require all development to be contiguous to the City.	On-going	CD		New development that is contiguous to the City is required to be brought into the City and develop at City standards. There are some development further into the AOI that are not contiguous and are typically at the County scale. CD staff receive notification on applications from ADA County for projects within the AOI and City provides comments when necessary.

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3.03.03F	Permit new development only where it can be adequately served by critical public facilities and urban services at the time of final approval, and in accord with any adopted levels of service for public facilities and services.	On-going	CD	All	CD works to implement this policy, however, further efforts to further implement may be needed to ensure this policy is met.
3.03.03G	Require urban infrastructure be provided for all new developments, including curb and gutter, sidewalks, water and sewer utilities.	On-going	CD	PW, PR	See 3.03.03A. No further comment. This work is supported by Public Works and the Parks Department. CD Update: Add PW and PR to the support role is recommended.
3.03.03H	Evaluate both the short and longer-term fiscal and environmental impacts of annexing lands.	On-going	CD	All	The long term impacts are estimated. A fiscal impact analysis tool was developed with COMPASS and a review is done for larger development. Further integration is recommended to provide further detail. Staff recommends that the City pursue the development of a fiscal impact analysis model customized for the City of Meridian. Work is not done to evaluate the long-term environmental impacts of annexing land.
3.03.03I	Evaluate the feasibility of annexing existing county enclaves and discourage the creation of additional enclaves.	On-going Low	CD		A review is needed to evaluate the feasibility of annexing existing county enclaves. The City discourages the creation of additional enclaves. CD has not engaged in a city initiated annexation for many years. Staff maintain a list for light cleanup, but meaningful cleanup requires tools and funding to not just annex, but hookup enclaves to city services. CD Update: Staff recommends that the priority be modified to a low priority.
3.03.03J	Encourage the assembly of parcels for master planning, design and entitlement purposes; discourage piecemeal annexation and development.	On-going	CD		CD staff require this policy where practicable. The UDC does not currently require this and may be updated to better align implementation with policy. Staff recommends that the word "encourage be substituted for require.
3.03.04	Plan for transportation connectivity and the provision of adequate urban utilities and services for county enclaves.		CD, MO	PW, AO, CD	
3.03.04A	Plan for connectivity between annexed parcels and county enclaves that may develop at a higher intensity.	On-going	CD		CD does this as a general SOP.
3.03.04B	Ensure existing county enclaves provide necessary urban-level transportation and utility infrastructure as part of the annexation process.	On-going	CD	PW	CD does accomplishes this goal for general services, but is not required for schools or roads.

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3.03.04C	Consider the establishment of improvement districts, extra-ordinary impact fee areas, and other funding mechanisms to provide the necessary urban infrastructure and services for existing county enclaves.	High	CD, MO	AO, PW	CD Update: During Prior update, the MO requested to lead this item. This change has been made. CD did the work of identifying tools that the City could use as part of the Fields plan. Consideration is needed towards the establishment of improvement districts, extra-ordinary impact fee areas, and other funding mechanisms.
3.04.00	Shape the future of the City through implementation and coordination of long range planning efforts.		CD, IT, MO	All, CD, PW, AO, CO	
3.04.01	Advance, support, and promote development of City planning tools, including the Comprehensive Plan, City ordinances, plans, and other guiding documents that execute the City's vision.		CD, IT, MO	All, PW	
3.04.01A	Promote the Comprehensive Plan as the primary guide for growth and development of the community.	On-going	CD	All	CD works to promote the Comprehensive Plan as the primary guide for growth and development of the Community. Further engagement is needed as comments received through surveys, members of the public and through development have indicated that this isn't the perception.
3.04.01B	Maintain and update the Unified Development Code and Future Land Use Map to implement the provisions of this Comprehensive Plan.	On-going	CD		CD is working to update the UDC on a more regular basis. A consistency with the comprehensive plan evaluation of the UDC should be done to ensure that the two are in alignment. See also action items 3.01.01B & C for related policies
3.04.01C	Support and expand the capabilities of all City Departments and Staff to better serve the community.	On-going	MO HR	All	Ongoing effort and should be HR led. MO Update: Change lead from Mayor's office to Human Resources.
3.04.01D	Maintain, update, and find better ways to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in everyday City business and for project-specific purposes.	On-going	IT	All, PW	We're making steady progress on our GIS goals, including focusing on enhancing data accuracy and accessibility for daily city operations, collaborating across departments and other agencies through shared data, and maintaining a modern GIS system to ensure we can leverage the latest capabilities for both routine tasks and specialized projects.

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3.04.01E	Monitor the progress of the Comprehensive Plan implementation plan to ensure steady progress.	On-going	CD		High level reporting is done through this process, and updates are completed more informally.
3.04.01F	Review the policies within the adopted Comprehensive Plan on a regular basis and update as needed to ensure that they reflect, support, and advance the City's vision.	On-going	MO CD	All	Ongoing effort and should be CD led. MO Update: Change lead from Mayor's office to Community Development.
3.04.01G	Participate in planning efforts with COMPASS and affiliated local governments and agencies to better coordinate planning policies regionally.	On-going	CD	PW	Community Development regularly participates in planning efforts with COMPASS and affiliated local governments and agencies.
3.04.01H	Organize and fund committees or special commissions consistent with the provisions of this Comprehensive Plan.	On-going	MO	All	Ongoing effort .
3.04.01I	Enforce the Unified Development Code and all other City ordinances and ensure their alignment with the Comprehensive Plan.	On-going	CD		Community Development staff work to enforce the Unified Development Code and all other City Ordinance. Updates are likely needed to further align the UDC with the Comprehensive Plan.
3.04.02	Engage and inform the public about land use planning processes.		CD, MO	CD, AO, CO	
3.04.02A	Solicit public participation in the land use and entitlement process through a variety of digital and in person methods.	On-going	CD		Community Development works to solicit public participation in the land use and entitlement process. Improvements have been made by CD and other Departments since adoption including mapping, more social media networking, and increased radius notification.
3.04.02B	Hold public meetings in conjunction with updates to the Comprehensive Plan to promote a better understanding of the plan and its purpose.	On-going	MO	CD	Ongoing effort and should begin to include area specific efforts like NW sub-fields area as well as the Magic View sub-area efforts.

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3.04.02C	Convey the Comprehensive Plan's legal elements and intent by informing and educating the public, agencies and service providers, advisory boards and other stakeholders to improve the overall planning process.	On-going	CD		Community Development accomplishes this task through review of consistency with the plan as part of the application review process. This work is also done on a case by case basis with customers.
3.04.02D	Improve the neighborhood meeting and public notice process.	On-going	CD	AO, CO	Community Development worked to improve the neighborhood meeting and public notice process. These efforts are now considered on-going.
3.05.00	Ensure that all planning, zoning and land use decisions balance the interests of the community by protecting private property rights for current citizens and future generations.		AO	CD	
3.05.01	Enact land use ordinances, policies, and fees, and make decisions, including land use restrictions and conditions of approval, that do not violate private property rights.		AO	CD	
3.05.01A	Conduct regular training with City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, and City staff to ensure that Idaho Code section 67-8003 is properly applied in land use planning and development review processes.	On-going	AO	CD	The City Attorney's Office collaborates with the Community Development Department to provide regular training on land use topics, including Idaho Code section 67-8003. Training was most recently provided to the City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, and City staff in December 2024.
3.05.01B	Regularly review policies, the Unified Development Code, and other City regulations for consistency with Idaho Code.	On-going	AO	CD	The City Attorney's Office collaborates with the Community Development Department to review and update the UDC and related City policies on a regular basis. The UDC is typically updated at least one time per year.

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3.05.01C	Preserve private property rights and values by enforcing regulations that will prevent and mitigate against incompatible and detrimental neighboring uses.	On-going	AO	CD	The City Attorney's Office routinely works with the Community Development Department and Code Enforcement to ensure the UDC is enforced in a fair and consistent manner. This preserves private property rights and values by preventing or eliminating uses that may be detrimental to adjoining properties.
3.06.00	Ensure a variety and balance of land uses within the Area of City Impact.		CD	ED, MO, PW	
3.06.01	Plan for periodic review, monitoring, and updating of land uses within City limits and Area of City Impact.		CD	ED, MO	
3.06.01A	Maintain the Future Land Use Map to reflect existing facilities.	On-going	CD		Community Development maintains the Future Land Use Map to reflect existing facilities. Since 2019 CD amended the map (as part of a hearing) to allow agency "icon" facilities to be added to the map without requiring a public hearing process.
3.06.01B	Monitor and adjust the amount and mix of industrial, commercial, and office areas needed to meet the employment needs of the City.	On-going	CD	ED	The Community Development Department monitors the amount and mix of industrial, commercial and office areas need to meet the employment needs of the City. Further efforts are needed here to increase the accessibility and awareness of this information to the general public.
3.06.01C	Coordinate with Ada County to ensure all applicable land use ordinances and provisions of this Plan are recognized when development within the Area of City Impact but outside City Limits is proposed.	On-going	CD	MO	The Community Development Department receives notice from ADA County on applications within the Area of City Impact, but outside of City Limits. Staff regularly provide comment on the aforementioned applications to ensure applicable land use ordinances and provisions of the plan are recognized.
3.06.02	Plan for an appropriate mix of land uses that ensures connectivity, livability, and economic vitality.		CD	PW, ED	
3.06.02A	Support the inclusion of small-scale neighborhood commercial areas within planned residential developments as part of the development plan, where appropriate.	On-going	CD		Community Development has worked to accomplish this goal through efforts such as recent updates to the Mixed-use standards of the Comprehensive Plan, however, development trends of not been responsive to these efforts. Further efforts are needed to encourage the desired development patterns identified here.

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3.06.02B	Encourage and support mixed-use areas that provide the benefits of being able to live, shop, dine, play, and work in close proximity, thereby reducing vehicle trips, and enhancing overall livability and sustainability.	On-going	CD		See update to 3.06.02A. No further comment.
3.06.02C	Encourage the development of supportive commercial near employment areas.	On-going	CD	ED	Community Development staff work to encourage development of supportive commercial near employment areas. This work has been supported through updates to the mixed use policies of the Comprehensive Plan and through the application review process. Update: Economic Development should be added as supportive to these efforts in their everyday dealings with the business community. CD Update: Add Economic Development to support role.
3.06.02D	Plan for industrial areas with convenient access to state highways or the rail corridor, where appropriate.	On-going	CD		The City has done this with the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map, and other efforts such as corridor and market analysis.
3.06.02E	Discourage residential land uses in close proximity to the Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility, the Intermountain Gas Facility on Can-Ada Road, and other incompatible land uses.	On-going	CD	PW, ED	Community development has done this with 2017 and 2019 work, and strengthened in the 2022 ECR, for IMLNG plant. The WWRF is becoming less sensitive with better treatment and more indoor facilities. The policies are reflected on the Future Land Use Map.
3.06.02F	Allocate land uses near the rail corridor to both support industrial and freight movement but also residential and the movement of people within the corridor.	On-going	CD		This policy is reflected on the Future Land Use Map, as well as in other corridor and market analysis.
3.07.00	Encourage compatible uses and site design to minimize conflicts and maximize use of land.		CD	MO, PR	
3.07.01	Proactively address potential conflicts between incompatible uses.		CD	MO	

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3.07.01A	Require all new development to create a site design compatible with surrounding uses through buffering, screening, transitional densities, and other best site design practices.	On-going	CD		Community development enforces this policy as part of the development review process.
3.07.01B	Encourage land uses and site designs that do not harm natural systems and resources.	On-going	CD		CD generally and adamantly supports identified corridors, but more work is needed to preserve that "little bit of nature" that has big impacts to health and well being.
3.07.01C	Require appropriate landscaping, buffers, and noise mitigation with new development along transportation corridors (setback, vegetation, low walls, berms, etc.).	On-going	CD		Community development enforces this policy as part of the development review process, and is included in the Unified Development Code.
3.07.01D	Preserve the industrial base within designated industrial land use areas by discouraging non-industrial uses and focusing on light manufacturing, distribution, flex-space, and base-employment.	Very High	CD	ED	Some review and analysis has occurred in the past. Re-engagement with this goal is needed.
3.07.01E	Where feasible, encourage large transmission and pipeline utility corridors to function as transitional buffers, parkland, pathways, and gathering spaces within and adjacent to their right of way.	On-going	CD		CD actively works towards this, including with Idaho Power, Eastern Treasure Valley Facility planning work. No new large transmission corridors are planned in Meridian (only smaller 138KV).
3.07.02	Integrate land use and transportation planning to ensure that they mutually support the communities' goals and desires.		CD	PR	

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3.07.02A	Require pedestrian circulation plans to ensure safety and convenient access across large commercial and mixed-use developments.	On-going	CD		Pedestrian circulation is reviewed as part of the development review process.
3.07.02B	Locate smaller-scale, neighborhood-serving commercial and office use clusters so they complement and provide convenient access from nearby residential areas, limiting access to arterial roadways and multimodal corridors.	On-going	CD		See related previous comments.
3.07.02C	Focus development and redevelopment intensity on key transportation corridors.	On-going	CD		Higher intensity developments are typically located along key transportation corridors as shown on the future land use map. CD staff works to implement this policy through the development review process. Currently, these factors are market driven and implemented through the development review process.
3.07.02D	Pursue transit-supportive densities of residential and employment uses along key multi-modal corridors.	On-going	CD		Community Development works towards this in alignment with the Future Land Use Map and Valley Regional Transit Plans. This work is largely done as part of the development review process and as designated on the FLUM.
3.07.02E	Explore the development of additional design guidelines or standards for transit-oriented development.	On-going Low	CD		No additional efforts have been made here. CD Update: priority change from "On-going" to "Low". While not an urgent item, it is important to explore the feasibility of these standards. Establishing a timeline will reflect the wording of the policy be a task.
3.07.02F	Coordinate with transportation agencies to align future needed infrastructure with land use plans and implement through the development review processes.	On-going	CD		The City of Meridian coordinates with transportation agencies to align future needed infrastructure with land use plans, which is then largely implemented through the development review process. Efforts are needed to strengthen these relationships and improve communication.
3.07.02G	Coordinate with transportation agencies, private property owners and the public to plan for appropriate land uses that will accommodate both freight and public transportation access within the rail corridor.	On-going	CD		Re-engagement with this goal is needed.

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3.07.02H	Integrate the Meridian Pathways Master Plan into the site development review process to ensure planned paths are built out as adjacent land develops.	On-going	CD	PR	CD requires as part of development review and staff approvals.
3.08.00	Coordinate with service providers to ensure the long-term utility needs of Meridian's existing and future residents and businesses are met.		CD, PW, PR, MO	All, CD, IT, PW	Continued work with ACHD to add aesthetic improvements to road projects.
3.08.01	Plan and expand public utility facilities and services as part of the development process.		CD	All	
3.08.01A	Require that development projects have planned for the efficient provision of all public services.	On-going	CD	All	This policy is reviewed and enforced through the development review process.
3.08.01B	Require adequate fees from new development to fund expansion of services.	On-going	CD	All	Fees are required for new development. Council may wish to have discussion on the fee amount that would best fund the expansion of services.
3.08.01C	Ensure that other City departments, area agencies, and service providers are informed about and have an opportunity to participate in the City's development review process.	On-going	CD	All	City Departments, area agencies and services providers are notified of development applications at both the pre-application and application review stage.
3.08.01D	Consider the impact on key service providers prior to acting on annexation requests at a public hearing.	On-going	CD	All	The impact of proposed annexations on key service providers is considered prior to annexation. Further work may be done to forecast future maintenance cost of improvements to service providers.
3.08.01E	Ensure key service providers have provided written comment on the impact and potential mitigation measures that may be necessary, prior to acting on large development applications.	On-going	CD	All	See comment in section 3.08.01C. No further comment.

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3.08.02	Cooperate with other agencies and service providers around the Valley to continuously provide essential services and utilities to all residents.		PW, PR, MO	CD, IT, PW	PR Update: We review all development applications to ensure that open space and pathway connections are provided as essential services.
3.08.02A	Communicate planning efforts with local decision makers and utility service providers, including irrigation districts, energy, natural gas, solid waste, and telecommunications.	On-going	PW	CD	Ongoing work
3.08.02B	Coordinate with developers, irrigation districts, and drainage entities to implement the proposed pathway network along canals, ditches, creeks, laterals and sloughs.	Very High	PR	CD	We coordinate with all these entities to provide pathways on a regular basis.
3.08.02C	Regularly coordinate with other public utilities and essential service providers and annually review master plans for public facilities and services; update as needed.	On-going	PW	CD	Ongoing work
3.08.02D	Coordinate with Idaho Power to make additions and improvements to their facilities so that adequate capacity for projected growth is realized.	On-going	CD	PW	Community Development has implemented tools to promote coordination, and regularly works with Idaho Power on growth.
3.08.02E	Encourage the enhancement of the capacity and reliability of renewable energy resources.	On-going	PW	CD	Carry Forward, Not Complete- Currently performing a City and Utility energy study
3.08.02F	Encourage multi-use utility corridors.	On-going	CD	PW	Work has not been done to further this goal. Council may wish to discuss whether this is a priority policy or if it should be removed, or efforts restarted.

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3.08.02G	Support the expansion of and accessibility to high-speed internet and broadband throughout the Area of City Impact.	On-going	MO	IT, PW	Ongoing effort and fiber companies are actively investing in Meridian networks.
3.08.03	Coordinate with utility providers on acceptable landscape materials, design and site locations for their future facilities to avoid negative impacts to the community.		CD	PW	CD participates in Idaho Powers planning process, part of the Eastern Treasure Valley Electrical Plan, and then for larger users and suppliers. There have been no issues with landscaping compliance. Public Works complies with all current standards.
3.08.03A	Minimize the impact of electric facilities in environmentally sensitive areas and consider social and environmental justice impacts.	On-going	CD	PW	Community Development worked with Idaho Power on this and other similar topics for Idaho Power Eastern Treasure Valley Electric Plan (2023). CD Update: The updated plan should be adapted into the plan as an update. The prior plan of 2012 is referenced, whereas the 2023 plan is the most current.
3.08.03B	Site utility corridors within identified or designated transportation corridors and ensure that they connect to similar facilities in adjacent jurisdictions.	On-going	CD PW	PW CD	CD Update: Public Work as lead as they typically lead these efforts with Land Development staff support.
3.08.03C	Coordinate future placement of Idaho Power electrical transmission lines and substations in accordance with Eastern Treasure Valley Electric Plan.	On-going	CD	PW	See comment in section 3.08.03A. No further comment.
3.08.03D	Encourage all electrical distribution utilities to be located underground.	On-going	CD	PW	The undergrounding of power lines is encouraged, however, there exist challenges to implementation such as high cost to developers, and a barrier to maintenance. Further engagement is needed.
3.09.00	Maximize diversion of the municipal waste stream from disposal to recycling and reduce the amount of solid waste generated in the City.		PW	FI, AO, MO	
3.09.01	Develop and support markets for recycled materials and products.		PW	AO, MO	

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3.09.01A	Investigate opportunities with other jurisdictions and private refuse contractors for new waste reduction and recycling markets.	Medium	PW	AO	SWAC status update: Republic Services has purchased the local recycling center and has invested in substantial upgrades to allow for additional recyclable materials to be collected. Republic Services is in the process of purchasing a private landfill.
3.09.01B	Establish solid waste fees that encourage waste reduction and recycling.	Low	PW	AO	SWAC status update: Done- recycling cart is automatically included on all residential accounts
3.09.01C	Develop and implement public education and outreach activities to raise awareness on waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and hazardous waste reduction.	On-going	PW	MO	SWAC status update: Ongoing- MUBS billing insert information, Social media posts and maintain Trash Talk Facebook Group, annual Trash or Treasure Event, improvements on Bulky Item pickup process
3.09.02	Establish recycling/diversion and hazardous waste disposal goals.		PW		
3.09.02A	Maintain opportunities for proper disposal of target priority waste streams such as mercury, used oil, fluorescent lamps, used gas, and waste tires.	On-going	PW		SWAC status update: Done- City maintains a Household Hazardous Waste contract with a weekly local residential drop off site for residents
3.09.02B	Work with local stakeholders to develop public education campaigns regarding the importance of and opportunities for the proper disposal of hazardous waste.	On-going	PW		SWAC status update: Ongoing
3.09.03	Reinforce existing City recycling and procurement policies.		PW	FI	
3.09.03A	Partner with City's solid waste contractor to investigate conservation options including composting, recycling, and green waste.	Medium	PW		SWAC status update: In progress- working on developing the costs for a City wide compost/organics program. Expected to present finding to SWAC and City Council in late 2025.

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3.09.03B	Maintain internal recycling and sustainability programs that procure specific recycled content and less hazardous materials.	On-going	PW	FI	SWAC status update: Attempted to change City Recycling Policy to include procurement of recyclable material but this was not adopted.
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4.01.00	Pursue partnerships and funding sources to facilitate and expand access to parks and recreational facilities, programming, and services.		FI, PR	CD, FI, HR, AO, MO, PR	Exploring the partnership at Fields District for a new park and amenities.
4.01.01	Increase appropriate partnerships within the community to provide programs and activities to the community.		FI, PR	CD, FI, AO, MO	Working with Meridian Youth Baseball/Softball for a new agreement/partnership.
4.01.01A	Explore additional partnership opportunities as well as build on existing partnerships with focus on low-service areas.	On-going	PR	CD, FI	Working with a developer on a potential public/private partnership in a low service area of South Meridian.
4.01.01B	Identify desired sports facilities or complexes and establish partnerships that foster their development.	High	PR	FI, MO	Opened Discovery Park sports facilities.
4.01.01C	Continue to explore partnerships with alternative providers, such as schools, to increase level of service.	On-going	PR	CD, AO	Exploring the ability for the school district to staff our gym needs.
4.01.01D	Evaluate impact fees for public open space to ensure development is paying the full allowable fee.	On-going	FI	PR	The City continues to manage all fees in a fair approach following City/State Policy.
4.01.02	Increase opportunities to fund programming, services, and facility improvements.		FI, PR	FI, AO, PR	We are working on a beverage contract and sponsorship program for our recreation facilities to help bring in more revenues.
4.01.02A	Increase special event and activities sponsorships.	On-going	PR	AO	We just added sponsorships to Concerts on Broadway in anticipation of MDC's funds ending.

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4.01.02B	Pursue grant and philanthropic opportunities at the federal, state, regional, and local levels.	On-going	PR	FI	Working to secure federal funding for the Rail With Trail.
4.01.02C	Implement a cost recovery and pricing policy to determine a consistent method of pricing Parks and Recreation activities.	Medium	FI	PR	The City policy has been accepted.
4.01.02D	Explore feasibility of a dedicated funding source for parks and recreation through special revenue, sports, or other available sources.	Medium	PR	FI	Reviewing and updating all existing fees.
4.01.02E	Consider a process and policies for the acceptance of donated land and or money to be dedicated to public open space or facilities.	Low	PR	FI, AO	Recently accepted donation of land from Marti Hill/Owyhee Holdings. Accepted monetary donation from BAPA, as well as Care Enough to Share donations.
4.01.02F	Explore the use of digital displays to show showcase and advertise City events near parks.	Low	PR	AO	We recently met with RYZE to explore digital marketing at the Homecourt, Lakeview Golf Course, and Community Pool.
4.01.03	Continue to improve organizational efficiencies and maintain existing quality standards for park facilities and recreational amenities.		PR	FI, HR	Worked with Human Resources to streamline the hiring process.
4.01.03A	Enhance and improve internal and external communication regarding recreation activities and services using social media and mobile tools.	On-going	PR	IT	We started a new monthly Parks and Recreation Newsletter for the public.
4.01.03B	Staff appropriately to meet demand and maintain established quality of service.	On-going	PR	FI	Struggling to staff appropriately with budget constraints, especially for seasonal labor.
4.01.03C	Expand and improve the volunteer program to meet growing needs.	On-going	PR	HR	PR status update: We brought back the Volunteer Coordinator position combined with Administrative Assistant I. HR status update: HR involvement for the two we are included on is to provide support to departments by working with them through the recruitment process. Helping to find good candidates to fill the position. Something that will help us with this process is the new Workday system that we are implementing June 21st.

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4.02.00	Provide for park acquisition and maintenance to meet projected city and population growth and demands.		FI, PR	CD, FI, AO, MO	We updated the ten year CFP to align with future growth projections.
4.02.01	Continue working toward the park land level of service goal of four acres/1,000 persons and a 0.5 miles service area radius from residences.		FI, PR	CD, FI, AO, MO	4 acres per 1,000 is a stretch goal, and we are currently working to maintain 3 acres per 1,000.
4.02.01A	Evaluate developer impact fee to align with Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) requests and current park land level of service.	On-going	FI	PR	The City continues to manage all fees in a fair approach following City/State Policy.
4.02.01B	Continue to find and purchase additional land for future park development where level of service is below threshold.	On-going	PR	FI	We added 41 acres in the Fields District and 11 acres adjacent to Settlers Park.
4.02.01C	Identify and require future park sites using information in the Meridian Parks and Recreation Master Plan and on the Future Land Use Map.	On-going	PR	CD	The FLUM and Master Plan are referenced when determining locations for future park sites.
4.02.01D	Look for opportunities to add parks and pathways in new growth areas.	On-going	PR	FI, AO, MO	Comments are submitted on every development application to take advantage of opportunities for new parks and pathways.
4.02.01E	Consider population/housing density and accessibility when acquiring future land for parks and recreation.	On-going	PR	CD	The Parks System Master Plan identifies level of service goals.
4.02.02	Provide a variety of park types (neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks) with a diversity of uses and activities interspersed throughout the community.		PR	FI, MO	We provide the full variety of park types with an increased focus on community and regional parks, per Council direction.

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4.02.02A	Consider programming needs for all ages and abilities when adding new components to existing parks or when developing new parks.	On-going	PR	FI	Settlers Park expansion includes a dog park, unique playground, and programming for all ages.
4.02.02B	Continue to monitor recreational trends to stay current with programming and demand.	On-going	PR	MO	We recently hosted the annual Idaho Recreation & Parks Association Conference and continue to attend NRPA, as budget allows.
4.02.02C	Consider future operation and maintenance costs and work to minimize those costs into the development of park while delivering a highly functional and quality park.	On-going	PR	FI	New parks are designed with durability and sustainability in mind.
4.02.03	Monitor and evaluate the use, demands, and trends of recreation components.		PR	FI, MO	We monitor trends and add components accordingly, such as new pickleball facilities, bike repair stations, outdoor gym space, etc.
4.02.03A	Implement and maintain the existing Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Master Plan, Comprehensive Parks and Recreation System Plan, and Life Cycle Replacement Programs.	On-going	PR	FI, MO	The CIP is updated annually. The Parks and Recreation System Master Plan was updated in 2023. The Life Cycle Replacement Program is reviewed annually as part of the budget process.
4.03.00	Maintain and improve the user experience and awareness of recreational facilities, amenities, and programs.		PR	CD, IT, AO, MO	We strive to increase awareness of our facilities and programs through social media, newsletters, and speaking engagements.
4.03.01	Increase year round recreational programming and activities that encourage education, health and wellness, community involvement, and multi-sensory play.		PR	CD, IT, AO, MO	We opened Discovery Park with sand/water play, climbing map of the state of Idaho, interpretive panels on the destination playground, etc.
4.03.01A	Explore opportunities for additional indoor recreation space through partnerships, agreements, and the construction of a new Community Center.	Very High	PR	CD, AO, MO	The new Community Center is currently in design.

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4.03.01B	Continue to look for opportunities to expand programs around working hours and commuting citizens.	On-going	PR	MO	Our activity classes are designed to work around working hours.
4.03.01C	Explore increasing the number of program opportunities for seniors, young adults, teens, tweens, and people with special needs.	On-going	PR	MO	We added a communication board at the Tully Park playground. We added a teen/tween area at Discovery Park, including a Ninja style course.
4.03.01D	Set targets, identify gaps, and deploy programs, activities, and events that provide multigenerational recreational opportunities.	On-going	PR	IT, MO	We focus on providing recreational opportunities for all ages.
4.03.01E	Support symbiotic uses of facilities through programs that encourage community interactions.	On-going	PR	MO	Dual striping on the tennis courts and basketball standards in an expanded parking lot at Heroes Park are examples of partnerships that encourage community interactions.
4.03.02	Add destination park amenities that uniquely blend arts, entertainment, and culture.		PR	FI, MO	We have added unique, artistic elements to Seasons Park, Chateau Park, Champion Park, Renaissance Park, and Discovery Park and will be working on Settlers Park next.
4.03.02A	Explore opportunities to add destination playground and natural play areas with climbing features and multi-sensory play.	High	PR	FI, MO	Destination playground area and Ninja course was added to Discovery Park. New climbing net was added to Tully Park.
4.03.02B	Foster development of discovery-oriented parks that uniquely blend arts, entertainment, and culture.	High	PR	FI, MO	Discovery Park was opened.
4.04.00	Develop a connected, comfortable, and comprehensive network of multi-purpose pathways.		PR	CD	This goal is ongoing.
4.04.01	Seamlessly connect local pathways with regionally significant pathways.		PR	CD	Working with City of Eagle to connect our pathways with the Boise River Greenbelt.
4.04.01A	Ensure that new development and subdivisions connect to the pathway system.	Very High	PR	CD	Review all development applications for pathway needs.

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4.04.01B	Provide options for passive recreational opportunities not typically supplied by parks and facilities, such as jogging, walking, and bicycling.	Very High	PR	CD	The pathways provide for these passive recreational opportunities.
4.04.01C	Establish and enhance regional pathway connections to the adjacent communities of Eagle, Nampa, Boise, Caldwell, and Kuna.	Very High	PR	CD	We widened Linder and Locust Grove sidewalks north to Chinden to facilitate connections to the City of Eagle.
4.04.02	Link pathways to important pedestrian generators, environmental features, historic landmarks, public facilities, Town Centers, and business districts.		PR	CD	Currently evaluating future pathway connections in the Pathways Master Plan Update.
4.04.02A	Identify opportunities for new paths that connect residential neighborhoods and community facilities, such as the library and city hall, parks, schools, athletic facilities, swimming pools, historic districts, the Downtown, as well as other commercial and retail activity centers in Meridian.	Very High	PR	CD	Currently evaluating future pathway connections in the Pathways Master Plan Update.
4.04.02B	Preserve existing public rights-of-way and other easements for future pathways and accessways, particularly along powerline and utility corridors, railway corridors, and waterway or irrigation corridors.	Very High	PR	CD	ACHD recently adopted standards for multi-use pathways on major arterials. Our Master Agreement with the NMID gives us ongoing access to those drains and canals.
4.04.02C	Continue partnerships with area irrigation districts to continue to expand pathway system along existing waterways.	On-going	PR	CD	We are in communication with the water districts regularly.

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4.04.03	Facilitate accessibility of pathway system for people of all abilities, pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized pathway users.		PR	CD, FD, MO, PD	Constantly working to expand the pathway network.
4.04.03A	Through coordination with Pathway Plan updates, locate trailheads at or in conjunction with park sites, schools, and other community facilities to increase local access to the pathway system and reduce duplication of supporting improvements.	High	PR	CD	Opened a new Trailhub at Ten Mile near Ustick. Proposing to explore a new Five Mile Creek Trailhead parking area at Meridian Road.
4.04.03B	Furnish pathway systems with trailhead improvements that include interpretive and directional signage systems, benches, drinking fountains, restrooms, parking and staging areas, and other services for all ages and abilities.	High	PR	MO	Adding a restroom this year at the Ten Mile Trailhub. Proposing to add a budget for the design of new pathway amenities.
4.04.03C	Develop pathway design and development standards that are easy to maintain and access by maintenance, security, and emergency vehicles.	High	PR	FD, PD	Pathways are easy to access by maintenance, security, and emergency vehicles.
4.05.00	Preserve, protect, enhance, and wisely use natural resources.		CD, MO, PR, PW	CD, FI, AO, PR, PW, ED	
4.05.01	Protect and enhance existing waterways, groundwater, wetlands, wildlife habitat, air, soils, and other natural resources.		CD, PR, PW	CD	We strive to be good stewards of the land through using water wisely and measured use of herbicides and pesticides.
4.05.01A	Identify waterways, wetlands, other natural resources, viewsheds, and natural features of topographic interest for preservation.	On-going	PW	CD	Ongoing

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4.05.01B	Develop and implement programs to encourage and promote tree health and preservation throughout the City, including along waterways and within proposed development.	Medium	PR	CD	Continued active participation in the Tree City USA program through the National Arbor Day Foundation. We maintain a tree inventory database with information, including species, size, and health characteristics.
4.05.01C	Limit canal tiling and piping of creeks, sloughs, laterals, and drains to man-made facilities where public safety issues cannot be mitigated or are not of concern.	On-going	CD		Progress has not been made towards implementation of this policy.
4.05.01D	Improve and protect creeks and other natural waterways throughout commercial, industrial, and residential areas.	On-going	CD		The Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Code both require this.
4.05.01E	Assess environmental impact of potential new development, infill, and redevelopment.	On-going	CD		Progress has not been made towards implementation of this policy. Efforts are needed to establish a system to accomplish this policy. Note: Ada County requires relevant materials to as part of their baseline submittals.
4.05.01F	Preserve, protect, and provide open space for recreation, conservation, and aesthetics.	On-going	CD		The real word application of this policy may be somewhat disjointed from the intent. Previous high priority efforts found less public support through surveys, outside of typical urban/suburban developed open space. The UDC does require open space with residential development in terms of how much open space needs to be provided, however, this does little for conservation. Further refinement of the implementation of this policy is needed.
4.05.01G	Support a long-term transportation system that conforms to the public health standard for carbon monoxide attainment.	On-going	CD		Progress has not been made towards this implementation of this policy. Reengagement is needed. We will be engaging with COMPASS in 2025 related to their Carbon Reduction Strategy.
4.05.02	Protect Meridian's surface water quality.		CD, PW	CD, FI, AO, PR, PW	
4.05.02A	Refine framework of environmental programs including construction, storm water compliance, and floodplain management to satisfy the City's requirements under the Clean Water Act, FEMA, and the National Flood insurance program.	Medium	PW		The Environmental Programs Coordinator's regular job duties are to ensure compliance with these regulations.

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4.05.02B	Provide incentives for developers to grant conservation easements along creek-side corridors.	Medium	CD	FI, AO, PR, PW	While not a conservation easement, the City has found success supporting pathway development along creeks with landscape improvements. Pathways are often required, but also count towards open space requirements.
4.05.02C	Encourage the incorporation of creek corridors as amenities in development design.	On-going	CD		This policy is encouraged through the development review process. See related previous comments.
4.05.02D	Identify and implement Low Impact Development (LID) in storm water drainage systems that are administered by the City of Meridian.	Low	CD		CD status update: CD has made efforts to partner on these projects with ACHD in the past, but their EPA Phase 2 permit area excludes Meridian, and so most of their efforts are in other jurisdictions. Additional standards may be needed to improve implementation. Land Dev. status update: Most storm water systems are through ACHD. Private systems are not looked at by LD. Letters from the Engineers sent to the City verify all condition requirements are met. It is possible that the City's Environmental Department looks at this prior to approval.
4.05.02E	Develop and cultivate partnerships with local and regional stakeholders on public education campaigns for water conservation and water quality.	On-going	CD		Progress has not been made towards this implementation of this policy. Reengagement is needed.
4.05.02F	Promote the increase of permeable areas through sound site design and use of materials that limit stormwater runoff.	On-going	PW	CD	Done- Grading and Drainage Design Standards were updated in 2024. The standards allow for the use of permeable materials as stormwater management as long as they conform to the latest revision of IDEQs Catalog of Stormwater BMPs. We see permeable pavers and swales frequently in areas with high groundwater. CD establishes landscaping requirements.
4.05.03	Preserve prime farmland within the Area of City Impact to maintain rural character and provide opportunities for local produce and continued farming operations.		CD, MO	MO, CD, ED	
4.05.03A	Encourage, as appropriate, the continued use of land for farming near Area of City Impact boundaries to effectively transition from rural uses to urban.	On-going	CD		City supports large acreage development of 0 (literal) to 3 DU/Acre. It is not required with the Rural designation, but rather encouraged.

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4.05.03B	Slow the outward progression of the City's limits by discouraging fringe area development; encourage development of vacant or underutilized parcels currently within City limits.	On-going	MO	CD, ED	This should refocus based on CD input to encouraging infill and under-utilized properties, and less of discouraging development elsewhere.
4.05.03C	Support appropriate agriculture operations within the Area of City Impact as a source of locally grown food.	On-going	MO	CD	(No update)
4.05.03D	Consider public support for funding to preserve open space as part of permanent land trust.	Low	MO	CD	After feedback from public via survey, there is not current support for what this could look like.
4.06.00	Improve air quality and reduce air pollution in the Meridian and Treasure Valley airshed.		CD, PW, FI, MO	All, FD	
4.06.01	Protect public health by reducing ozone, fine particulate matter and other greenhouse gases and toxics in the air.		CD, PW, MO	All, FD	
4.06.01A	Coordinate with ACHD to improve traffic flow, minimize vehicle time spent idling and accelerating, and reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicles.	On-going	CD		Either re-engagement with this goal is needed or clear direction from Council
4.06.01B	Promote transportation choices, facilities, and alternatives such as car and van pooling, public transit, alternative fleet vehicles, bicycle racks/storage and telecommuting.	On-going	CD		Either re-engagement with this goal is needed or clear direction from Council; this is challenging given our constraints and limitations of funding VRT receives; recent legislation also may pose a challenge to improving access/availability of alternative modes of transportation
4.06.01C	Partner with transportation agencies and large employers to promote public awareness of air quality concerns and the need/benefits of making alternative transportation choices.	On-going	CD		Either re-engagement with this goal is needed or clear direction from Council; this is challenging given our constraints and limitations of funding VRT receives; recent legislation also may pose a challenge to improving access/availability of alternative modes of transportation

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4.06.01D	Research utilization/installation of Energy Management Systems in municipal buildings to track and cut energy costs for lighting and heating/cooling.	Medium	PW		In Progress- currently completing the City Energy Study which will establish energy baseline and monitoring methods.
4.06.01E	Convert appropriate municipal fleet vehicles to low-emission/alternative fuel vehicles when feasible.	On-going	PW	All	The Meridian Fleet Committee has developed and implemented a EV vehicle evaluation model that looks at all replacement and new vehicles to identify if gas, electric, or hybrid vehicles are cost effective.
4.06.01F	Participate with Ada County in publicizing burning bans when necessary.	On-going	MO	FD	(No update)
4.07.00	Reduce energy consumption in municipal facilities and operations; provide leadership in promoting energy conservation throughout the City.		PW, CD	CD, FI, MO, PW	
4.07.01	Provide City services in an environmentally sustainable and cost effective manner.		PW, CD	CD, FI, MO, PW	
4.07.01A	Investigate funding opportunities to finance City conservation programs and projects, and retrofit Meridian public buildings to improve energy efficiency.	On-going	PW	FI	Currently completing the City Energy study which will identify priority projects for building retrofits
4.07.01B	Support construction projects that demonstrate an innovative and effective approach to stormwater management and Low Impact Development.	On-going	PW	CD	Done- Grading and Drainage Design Standards were updated in 2024 . Section 7-5: The City encourages integration of storm water management with landscaping. While landscaping requirements cannot be altered to accommodate certain storm water management techniques, innovative and alternative site planning which integrates both aspects will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. CD establishes landscaping requirements.
4.07.01C	Partner with other entities to expand opportunities for energy conservation outreach and education, such as schools, utility providers, and other public places.	On-going	PW	MO	No updates or progress in this area

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4.07.01D	Seek opportunities for public-private partnerships to develop and showcase alternative electricity-generating facilities or to enhance the capacity and reliability of renewable energy resources.	On-going	PW	MO	No updates or progress in this area
4.07.01E	Build public facilities that utilize energy conservation technologies.	On-going	PW	MO	Ongoing- we look for ways to implement energy conservation initiatives with an eye for budget/cost implications
4.07.01F	Adopt and implement guidelines and standards for energy conservation practices.	Low	PW		In progress- currently completing City energy study
4.07.01G	Partner with regional stakeholders to increase public awareness of the benefits of sustainable design and constructing high-performance built environments.	On-going	PW	CD, MO	No updates or progress in this area
4.07.01H	Collaborate with stakeholders to develop demonstration projects incorporating water and energy conservation; and energy efficient construction methods and materials.	Low	PW		Currently constructing an innovative thermally enhanced solar greenhouse project to dry the City's biosolids. This project will utilize the City's excess biogas to dry biosolids reducing landfill hauling and disposal costs.
4.07.01I	Integrate new technologies and advancements in building science to promote a whole-building approach to sustainability. Recognize performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.	On-going	CD	PW	Progress has not been made towards the implementation of this policy.
4.07.01J	Identify funding sources and appropriate partners to stimulate energy efficient retrofits in existing housing stock.	On-going	CD	FI, PW, ED	Staff is unaware of progress being made towards the implementation of this policy. Update: Adding ED (and CDBG) to support.

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4.08.00	Responsibly treat wastewater for current and future users by focusing on stewardship and fiscal and environmental sustainability.		PW	CD	
4.08.01	Protect public health and watersheds through adequate treatment and disposal of wastewater.		PW		
4.08.01A	Implement and maintain the Public Works Department's Sewer Master Plan and Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility Plan.	On-going	PW		Sewer Master Plan Updated in 2023, currently updating WRRF Facility Plan (expected completion 2025).
4.08.02	Provide cost effective and environmentally sustainable wastewater service to citizens and business.		PW	CD	
4.08.02A	Eliminate existing private treatment and septic systems on properties annexed into the City and instead connect users to the City wastewater system; discourage the prolonged use of private treatment septic systems for enclave properties.	On-going	PW	CD	Properties that annex into the City of Meridian are required to annex if annexation is an option. If immediate annexation is not an option, then a consent to annex agreement is required and annexation is required as soon as it is available.
4.09.00	Provide ample and clean water to the citizens of Meridian in perpetuity.		PW	CD, MO, FI	
4.09.01	Protect the quality of source water.		PW	CD	
4.09.01A	Ensure that new development is connected to the City's sanitary sewer system (no septic systems).	On-going	PW	CD	Connection to the municipal water and wastewater system is a requirement of all new developments that annex into the City.
4.09.01B	Develop a source water protection plan.	High	PW	CD	Complete (2024)
4.09.02	Provide water in a cost effective and healthy manner.		PW		
4.09.02A	Develop and implement a water supply master plan.	On-going	PW		Water Master Plan Updated in 2025.

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4.09.02B	Assess and provide new water sources.	On-going	PW		Ongoing- model shows adequate future supply
4.09.03	Conserve existing water supplies.		PW, CD	MO, PW	
4.09.03A	Implement and maintain the Public Works Department Water Conservation Plan.	On-going	PW		Complete (2024)
4.09.03B	Reduce reliance on City potable water for landscape irrigation purposes by educating the public, encouraging the use of recycled water, and adoption of water conserving landscape guidelines.	On-going	PW		Currently working on a project to identify surface water alternatives and conversion costs for all City sites that irrigate with potable water.
4.09.03C	Maintain a public outreach program on water conservation.	On-going	PW	MO	PW maintains a Conservation Plan and webpage for water conservation. Public Works also held a Water Town Hall to discuss water conservation.
4.09.03D	Encourage the appropriate and attractive use of xeric, drought-tolerant plant species and non- plant materials that reduce landscape maintenance and water consumption.	On-going	CD	PW	The Unified Development Code has been amended over time to better support this policy. Further implementation is done by staff through the development review process and feedback.
4.10.00	Protect public health and safety by guiding growth and development away from		CD, PW	CD, FD, MO, PD, PW	
4.10.01	Reduce the threat of loss of life and property from hazards.		CD, PW	CD, FD, MO, PD, PW	
4.10.01A	Plan for and allow land uses surrounding the Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility that reduce human exposure to odors.	Very High	PW	CD	PW purchased 40 acres to the north of the WRRF. Public Works is in the process of constructing odor control on the process unit with the highest source of odor at the WRRF (expected completion in early 2026)
4.10.01B	Require industrial uses to conform to disposal, spill, and storage measures as outlined by the Environmental	On-going	PW	CD, FD, PD	Ongoing- included in Pretreatment Code
4.10.01C	Work with ITD and ACHD to ensure highways and	On-going	CD	PD, FD	Staff is unaware of progress being made towards the implementation of this policy

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4.10.01D	Work with Idaho Power to ensure that a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor does not traverse through Meridian.	On-going	CD	MO	Work has been successful here. See comment in section 3.08.03A. No further comment.
4.10.01E	Identify and protect areas below canals and laterals that could be damaged if the slope is compromised.	On-going	CD	PW	CD status update: Staff is unaware of progress being made towards the implementation of this policy. Land Dev. status update: This is not something LD looks at. It is possible this is looked at by the City’s Environmental Department or by the Irrigation Districts where the canals and laterals are located.
4.10.01F	Identify target hazards based on commercial/industrial occupancy type.	On-going	FD	PD	CRA-SOC created 2023. Updating in 2027. Priority: On-Going, high
4.10.01G	Encourage the installation of residential fire sprinklers as part of a comprehensive fire safe community effort.	On-going	FD	CD	State law does not prohibit this action. Priority: Low
4.10.01H	Develop lot grading, dust, and drainage standards for residential development to mitigate slope erosion and protect property.	Very High	CD	AO	CD status update: Standards have not been developed. The divisions of Land Development and Building, potentially public works as well, should be engaged to develop standards. Efforts should be made to identify the barriers of implementation. Land Dev. status update: This is not something LD looks at. It is possible this is looked at by the City’s Environmental Department or possibly ACHD if the project will impact their right-of-way.
4.11.00	Create an environment in which the people of Meridian feel safe by providing effective fire, police, and other emergency response services.		FD, PD	CD, CO, FD, MO, PR, PD	
4.11.01	Ensure the capability to direct, control, and coordinate emergency response and recovery operations.		FD, PD	CD, MO	
4.11.01A	Coordinate with emergency service providers on proposed annexation and development requests, and the reporting of impacts on services through comprehensive analysis and adopted standards.	On-going	FD, PD		Priority: Ongoing, high
4.11.01B	Assess and compare response times to adopted standards for identification of additional needed resources.	On-going	FD, PD	CD, MO	FD status update: Priority: Ongoing, high. PD status update: The Police Departments response times went down in two of the three categories in 2024 over 2023. P1 calls decreased from 13:01 to 12:50, P2 calls increased from 7:38 to 7:41 and P3 decreased from 3:56 to 3:54.

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4.11.01C	Identify future and current fire and police station locations based on adopted service level standards and goals.	On-going	FD, PD		FD Update: Priority: Ongoing, high PD Update: The Police Departments current fire and police station went down in two level the three categories in 2024 over 2023. P1 calls decreased from 13:01 and 12:50, P2 calls increased from 7:38 and 7:41 future P3 decreased from 3:56 and 3:54.
4.11.01D	Prioritize the location of future fire and police stations on collectors to eliminate access issues on arterials.	On-going	FD, PD		Priority: Ongoing, high
4.11.01E	Communicate with staff, elected and appointed officials on impacts from development to adopted Police and Fire Department response time standards and goals.	On-going	FD, PD	CD, MO	Priority: Ongoing, high
4.11.01F	Based on Police Allocation Model (PAM), ensure adequate Police staff and resources to respond to growth and development.	On-going	PD		The PAM allocation model is completed each year by a département Analyst and provide to command staff for budget.
4.11.02	Support crime prevention and risk reduction through environmental design, sharing resources and information with other cities, and citizen assistance.		PD, FD		By the end of 2024 our Crime Prevention Unit has created and grown the apartment managers group to include 79 apartment communities in Meridian and over 20 from neighboring cities. Crime Prevention also started working on a Realtor safety group. They aim to share information about CPTED, gather and share crime stats to keep residents safe, and give the community opportunities to engage with Meridian Police Officers.
4.11.02A	Develop programs, in partnership with allied agency responders, which focus on preventative emergency medical services risk reduction.	On-going	FD, PD		Priority: Ongoing, high. Fall reduction program, 2025.
4.11.02B	Coordinate Fire and Police Department planning, training, and response efforts with neighboring jurisdictions.	On-going	FD, PD		Priority: Ongoing, medium.
4.11.02C	Coordinate with Meridian Rural Fire Protection District as growth occurs in the Area of City Impact.	On-going	FD		Monthly meetings. Priority: Ongoing

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4.11.02D	Help educate and curtail the rate of drug, alcohol, tobacco and other substance use.	On-going	PD		The department has two dedicated professional staff who lead the efforts of our Substance Abuse Prevention Unit and the Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition. They work closely with local schools and our SRO Team to educate youth and parents about trends that endanger our community. In 2024 they hosted 34 prevention booths and gave 24 community presentations, in combination with other events their total number of trainings was 83 and they reached 9919 attendees.
4.11.02E	Work with public and private development and management groups to promote and implement Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies.	On-going	PD		All development plans are currently reviewed by a Lieutenant in the Police department to ensure CPTED compliance. Information and the importance of the strategy is also shared with existing businesses and complexes by our CPTED Certified Crime Prevention Specialists.
4.11.02F	Enhance crime prevention awareness through the education of neighborhood watch groups, multi-family property management companies, homeowners' associations, and other organizations.	On-going	PD		The Crime Prevention unit in 2024 held 65 events reaching 2,991 attendees. The highest number of events include 19 community presentations, 11 prevention boots, and 15 neighborhood watch meetings.
4.11.02G	Utilize the crime analysis unit to identify ongoing crime trends utilizing statistical analysis, heat maps, and other tools to more effectively and effectively deploy police resources.	On-going	PD		The Crime Analysis Unit worked this year to develop several Power BI dashboards to track crime trends, accidents and officer activities. Crime Analysts attend Patrol and CID briefings to share officer safety information and gain feedback on ways they can assist with investigations. With improvements to technology, Crime Analysts and our Criminal Intelligence Analyst are becoming a bigger resource to Officers in the field for real-time crime information.
4.11.03	Ensure that quality fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services are provided within Meridian.		FD	CD, CO, PR, PD	
4.11.03A	Maintain and enforce construction standards, and adopt fire protection codes that are consistent with International Fire Code standards.	On-going	FD	CD	Updating fire code amendment package. Waiting on State to adopt 2024 code.
4.11.03B	Develop contingency plans for special events to ensure adequate fire and emergency medical services.	On-going	FD	CO, PR, PD	Working with Ada County EOM on an EOP. Priority: Ongoing, high

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4.11.04	Provide quality police services for public health, safety, and welfare throughout the community.		PD	CO, FD, PR	
4.11.04A	Develop contingency plans for special events to ensure adequate police protection.	On-going	PD	CO, FD, PR	This is an ongoing process that happens multiple times a year to include the two annual parades as well as events that are unexpected. An example would be the recent protests at our local Tesla dealership. Plus readiness of our crowd control team for events outside of Meridian where additional responders may be needed.
4.11.04B	Support and cooperate with federal, state, and local public safety agencies.	On-going	PD		We collaborate with other local law enforcement agencies on investigations and in the field. We often work together to make improvements for our citizens and employees through local advisory committees, focus groups, and trainings. We have analysts involved weekly with the Fusion Center at Idaho State Police.
4.11.04C	Consider police protection and enforcement issues as part of the development review process and as part of mobile sales, vehicle immobilization, and alcohol permitting and licensing processes.	On-going	PD		We work very closely with the City Clerks office in regards to alcohol permits and licensing. We have worked with legal to update city code to allow for the police department to increase our abilities to maintain a safe environment in the downtown bar area. We also collaborated with the clerks office to bring the fingerprinting process in house to make the process to applicants who are applying for a city license.
4.11.04D	Continue coordinating with the Idaho Humane Society to ensure delivery of services.	On-going	PD		Idaho Humane Society remains a good partner with the Police Department, we are currently looking at being able to better share information with them by sharing our report writing system. This will allow better information flow between agencies and the prosecutor.
5.00.00	Chapter 5				
5.01.00	Sustain, enhance, promote, and protect elements that contribute to livability and a high quality of life for all Meridian residents.		CD, MO	FD, PR, PD, PW	
5.01.01	Encourage the safety, health, and well-being of the community.		CD	PR, PD	
5.01.01A	Foster a walkable and bikeable community through good site and street design.	On-going	CD	PR	CD primarily works to support the implementation of this policy through Parks, ACHD, and COMPASS programs. Further engagement may be needed to better define desired street cross sections throughout the City. CD Update: Adding Parks & Recreation to support.

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5.01.01B	Provide pathways, crosswalks, traffic signals and other improvements that encourage safe, physical activity for pedestrians and bicyclists.	On-going	CD	PR	See comment in section 5.010.01A. No further comment.
5.01.01C	Provide, partner, and preserve public and private indoor and outdoor recreation amenities for a diverse range of physical activities.	On-going	CD	PR , ED	CD primarily works to support the implementation of this policy through Parks, ACHD, and COMPASS programs. The MIPS program has also had success in this area. CD Update: Adding Parks & Rec. as work has been done from parks supporting this goal. Adding ED to reflect the economic partnership opportunities present.
5.01.01D	Plan for and encourage neighborhoods that provide reasonable pedestrian and bicycle access to services like healthcare, daycare, grocery stores, and recreational areas.	On-going	CD		Work has been done to update the Mixed-use policies of the Comprehensive Plan. Without further implementation through the Unified Development Code the potential for achieving this goal is limited to the Plan itself. Enforcement through the development review process has achieved varied results.
5.01.01E	Promote best management practices to control the spread of noxious weeds, in conjunction with Ada County Weed and Pest Control and City Code Enforcement.	On-going	CD PD , AO	PD CD	CD Update: This is proposed to be moved to the Police Department and the Attorneys office to reflect the City's enforcement process. CD moved to support.
5.01.01F	Minimize noise, lighting, and odor disturbances from commercial developments to residential dwellings by enforcing city code.	On-going	CD PD , AO	CD	CD Update: This has been moved to PD and the Attorneys office to reflect the City's enforcement process.
5.01.01G	Ensure developments employ proper water drainage techniques to eliminate the risks of water contamination, mold, and pests.	On-going	CD		Progress has not been made here. It is staff's understanding that individual grading plans for lots are not reviewed as part of the development review process. Stormwater requirements are employed by ACHD.
5.01.02	Support beautiful and high quality development that reinforces neighborhood character and sustainability.		CD		

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5.01.02A	Maintain and implement community design ordinances, quality design criteria, and complete street policies to set quality standards citywide.	High	CD		No major changes have occurred to design criteria since open space revisions. Community Development participates on ACHD and COMPASS efforts for complete street related planning.
5.01.02B	Coordinate with ITD regarding interstate beautification and appropriate signage.	On-going	CD		The Welcome to Meridian Program has been established for signage. Staff is unaware of any progress related to beautification and appropriate signage.
5.01.02C	Promote area beautification and community identity through context sensitive building and site design principles, appropriate signage, and attractive landscaping.	On-going	CD		Citywide efforts have not been made to support this policy. However, the Fields Plan and recent mixed use update has supported some of these policy objectives.
5.01.02D	Require appropriate building design, and landscaping elements to buffer, screen, beautify, and integrate commercial, multifamily, and parking lots into existing neighborhoods.	On-going	CD		See update in section 5.01.02C. No additional comments.
5.01.02E	Support and protect the identity of existing residential neighborhoods.	On-going	CD		Staff are unaware of specific programs that support neighborhood identify of existing neighborhood outside of planning efforts conducted by ACHD which are transportation focused. Programs and planning efforts may be pursued to further support and protect the character of existing neighborhoods. These efforts may include specific neighborhood plans.
5.01.02F	Explore development and implementation of architectural and/or landscape standards for geographic areas of the City.	High	CD		See update to 2.09.03A. This work may be accomplished through updates to the UDC. One methodology would be the establishment of neighborhood "place" specific standards" in the UDC.
5.01.02G	Require attractive landscaping and pedestrian friendly design within new developments.	On-going	CD		No new efforts have not been made to support this policy. Landscaping and pedestrian connectivity is largely enforced through the development review process.

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5.01.02H	Require the improvement and maintenance of landscaping along public rights-of-way and landscaping of dedicated but unimproved rights-of-way strips.	On-going	CD	PD	CD requires landscape treatment as part of development review. Code enforcement ensures compliance with maintenance requirements. CD Update: PD added as support due to the enforcement of maintenance requirements.
5.01.03	Strengthen community pride and identity.		CD, MO, PD	FD, PW	(No update)
5.01.03A	Continue supporting community-betterment activities, such as "Rake Up Meridian," and implementing new or old programs to support residents in need of help for property cleanup and repair.	On-going	MO		
5.01.03B	Work with residents and homeowners associations to maintain and take pride in their common areas and landscaping along public rights of way and other areas visible to the public.	On-going	MO		City has been working on three specific areas at Cherry Ln., Pine Ave and Rose Circle to address lines of sight and beautification. This is on-going work and element.
5.01.03C	Review and implement design guidelines for properties along entryway corridors and gateways to promote aesthetic features and clearly identify the community.	Medium	CD		Community Development implemented entryway corridor landscaping standards. Work is needed to follow-up on the implementation of the updated standards and their effectiveness.
5.01.03D	Continue property maintenance programs to remove junk vehicles, abate weed nuisances, and eliminate trash build up.	On-going	PD	FD	Our Code Enforcement team is very active in responding to community needs and being proactive in locating and addressing city code violations. There was a 7% increase total incidents handled by this unit in 2024 over 2023 and 21.46% of the calls they handle are officer initiated.
5.01.03E	Implement the Welcome to Meridian Signage Plan by budgeting for construction and maintenance of signs at key locations throughout the City; look for partnership opportunities with property owners and developers.	On-going	CD	PW, PR	This policy is implemented every year or two and is supported by Public Works and Parks and Recreation staff. CD Update: Adding Parks & Recreation to support.

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5.01.03F	Encourage volunteerism within the community, City Hall, and City Boards and Commissions.	On-going	MO		(No update)
5.02.00	Celebrate Meridian's historical, cultural, and agricultural heritage.		PR	CD, FI, MO	
5.02.01	Enhance and restore the historical quality of Old Town.		PR	CD	
5.02.01A	Maintain and implement design and building standards for historically significant buildings and resources in Old Town.	Medium	PR	CD	PR - HPC/Arts status update: The City has not adopted any design/building standards for historically significant buildings for Old Town or elsewhere. HPC is interested in this effort. Recommend that Planning department take the lead on this goal, since it relates to design and building standards.
5.02.01B	Support owners of historic buildings in their efforts to restore and/or preserve their properties.	On-going	PR	CD	PR - HPC/Arts status update: HPC is interested in this effort. Many property owners and developers may lack the expertise to undertake historic preservation projects. How can we better support owners of historic buildings? What incentives could the city provide for owners to restore/preserve their property? We are currently in progress with updating the Meridian Historic Preservation Plan, and it may provide specific ideas and goals to meet this objective. We could possibly develop resource manuals for technical assistance and connect property owners with qualified architects, contractors, and preservation consultants.
5.02.02	Preserve and enhance historic and cultural resources.		PR	CD, FI	
5.02.02A	Coordinate with the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission to recommend use, restoration, and preservation of historical structures and sites throughout Meridian.	On-going	PR	CD	PR - HPC/Arts status update: There is currently no official mechanism to review historic properties for HPC input. Recommend that the Planning department take the lead on this to implement an official mechanism through the development process for HPC reviews of historic properties.
5.02.02B	Investigate and promote incentive programs for historic properties.	On-going	PR	FI	PR - HPC/Arts status update: More clarification is needed on what incentives could be offered and what the city wants to pursue. See comments below in 5.02.02D We are currently in progress with updating the Meridian Historic Preservation Plan, and it may provide more specific ideas for incentive programs to meet this objective. Since this is not something we currently do, recommend changing this to a medium priority.
5.02.02C	Implement tools and undertake programs that will increase the community's awareness of its heritage as well as the economic and aesthetic value of historic preservation.	Low	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts status update: The downtown Historic Walking Tour is promoted through a printed brochure, commissioner-led in-person guided tours, and an online phone app. We also have a Virtual Tour of select historic sites. We celebrate National Historic Preservation Month. The Arts and Culture Coordinator maintains Instagram and Facebook social media pages for HPC with regular posts on historic preservation (2-4 posts per month). Research has been done on a potential landmarking program. There are some interpretive signs for properties listed in the NRHP. Recommend changing this from a "low" priority to an "on-going" priority.

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5.02.02D	Stimulate private and public investment in the restoration and preservation of historic buildings, outdoor spaces, and natural historical features.	On-going	PR	CD, FI	PR - HPC/Arts status update: Clarification is needed on which options the city might want to pursue. Here are some options: To stimulate private investment: 1. local tax credits and exemptions for qualified rehabilitation expenses. 2. Offering grants 3. Density bonuses and zoning incentives 4. Façade Improvement programs. For stimulating public investment: 1. allocate public funds for restoration and maintenance of historic sites 2. Seek grants and funding 3. partner with other public agencies on joint preservation projects or initiatives. Recommend that Planning department or Economic Development take the lead on these types of incentives. Since this is not something we currently do, recommend changing this to a medium priority.
5.02.02E	Support the efforts of the Historic Preservation Commission to foster preservation and conservation.	On-going	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts status update: The Arts and Culture Coordinator provides staff support for HPC efforts.
5.02.02F	When appropriate, seek comments and approval from the Historic Preservation Commission prior to any changes to City-owned or controlled property, including buildings, outdoor spaces, and natural features.	On-going	PR	CD	PR - HPC/Arts status update: HPC is not a regulatory body, so I recommend changing the wording from "seek comments and approval" to "seek comments and recommendations." However, this has never happened to my knowledge and there is no official mechanism for this to happen. Also, the City owns very few historic sites. If this is a priority, it is recommended that the Planning department should take the lead on this to implement an official mechanism for HPC reviews of historic properties.
5.02.02G	Place informational plaques on historic structures and special sites.	On-going	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts status update: We recently worked with the Speedway to place a NRHP plaque when it was listed in the NRHP. We also have existing signage for the historic walking tour, and for some downtown sites on the NRHP. This is ongoing.
5.02.02H	Incorporate, into the development review process, a way to determine any impact on unique geological, historical, and archeological sites; preserve and protect as appropriate.	On-going	PR	CD	PR - HPC/Arts status update: There is currently no official mechanism or development process to flag historic properties for HPC input. Recommend that the Planning department should take the lead on this to implement an official mechanism in the development process for HPC reviews of historic properties. Since this is not something we currently do, recommend changing this to a medium priority.
5.02.02I	Encourage events and activities that celebrate the cultural heritage of Meridian.	On-going	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts status update: See also comments in 5.02.02C. May is National Historic Preservation Month, and it is celebrated through signage, walking tours, and other Preservation Month events. This is ongoing.
5.02.02J	Develop policies to preserve and protect or document and memorialize historic and culturally significance structures and sites.	On-going	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts status update: This goal has been primarily accomplished through the process of listing properties in the National Register of Historic Places. After a three year long process, we recently accomplished the listing of the Meridian Speedway in the NRHP. The Zamzows Mill may be another future project. There are no policies, and I'm not certain we are interested in developing policies? Recommend changing this objective's wording to take out the "policies" part and reword to say: "Preserve, document, and memorialize historic and culturally significant structures and sites"

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5.03.00	Create opportunities for all Meridian residents and visitors to experience public art.		PR	CD, AO, MO, IT	
5.03.01	Support art throughout the community.		PR	CD, AO, MO, IT	
5.03.01A	Exhibit both permanent and rotating works of art in City Hall and other public places.	On-going	PR	AO, MO	PR - HPC/Arts Update: This is actively and successfully being accomplished through regular exhibits at Initial Point Gallery and the MAPS public art program.
5.03.01B	Encourage the integration of public art as an integrated component with new development.	On-going	PR	CD	PR - HPC/Arts Update: This is being developed and accomplished on city projects and public partnership projects like the Linder Road overpass project for public art in the medians, and for public art at the Community Center. As we develop the Public Art Master Plan, we hope to create better strategies and policy recommendations for public art integration in new private development.
5.03.01C	Consider a central Art and Cultural District to showcase a wide variety of cultural offerings.	Low	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts Update: Unsure where this "Art and Cultural District" would be located. Keep this goal, but keep it "low" priority.
5.03.01D	Provide local artists with opportunities to showcase their work.	On-going	PR	MO, IT	PR - HPC/Arts Update: This is being accomplished through Initial Point Gallery.
5.03.01E	Determine and respond to the community's art and cultural facility needs.	On-going	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts Update: The Treasure Valley lacks mid-sized performing art facilities. The future new Community Center will provide a basic stage and performance area similar to a local school gym auditorium, but it is not a performing arts facility. We should continue to research options for the community's needs and any facility options. This is ongoing.
5.03.02	Raise awareness and promote existing arts offerings and artwork within the community.		PR	AO, MO	
5.03.02A	Utilize the Meridian Art in Public Spaces program to raise awareness and appreciation of the arts.	On-going	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts Update: This is ongoing. We created a brand new public art interactive GIS website at meridiancity.org/public art; I am also working on a downtown public art walking tour brochure.
5.03.02B	Partner with the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) to create and install artwork on traffic boxes, within roundabouts, and as part of other roadway improvement projects as appropriate.	On-going	PR	AO, MO	PR - HPC/Arts Update: This is ongoing. We have an agreement with ACHD for installing artwork on their traffic signal boxes. The traffic box program is one of the most visible and successful public art projects. We are also currently coordinating with ACHD on the Linder Road project with public art in the median.
5.04.00	Support hands-on experiences in the arts.		PR, MO	MO, PR	HPC/Arts Update: We accomplish this through Art Week programming with classes and activities, through the rotating shows and artist talks at Initial Point Gallery, and through educational materials like the public art website, and social media posts on arts and culture.
5.04.01	Provide a diversity of education and art experiences for all residents.		PR, MO	MO, PR	

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5.04.01A	Develop and offer youth art opportunities in partnership with the School District and afterschool programs.	On-going	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts Update: We showcase the annual WASD "Framed" exhibit at Initial Point Gallery and several pieces are selected to become traffic box installations. Parks and Rec also offers many youth art classes.
5.04.01B	Strengthen partnerships with community organizations, schools, and institutions to support and encourage arts programs and education for adults and seniors.	On-going	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts Update: Ongoing.
5.04.01C	Sponsor a variety of musical and performing arts in partnership with community organizations.	On-going	MO	PR	MO: (No update) HPC/Arts Update: We do this through contracting local music and performing groups at City events, and specifically Concerts on Broadway, Kleiner Park Live, and the Community Art Party. On-going.
5.04.01D	Identify opportunities to partner with existing organizations and businesses to make their facilities available for civic and cultural purposes.	On-going	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts Update: We are always open to opportunities to partner with external organizations. I am unsure of how we would "make their facilities available for civic and cultural purposes." Suggest deleting that wording.
5.04.01E	Engage with and support the full diversity of the community in the planning for arts and culture facilities, programs, and events.	On-going	PR	MO	PR - HPC/Arts Update: Ongoing.
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6.01.00	Facilitate the efficient movement of people and products to and from the City.		CD, PR	CD, FI, MO, PR, PW	
6.01.01	Support multi-modal and complete-street transportation improvements.		CD, PR	MO, FI, PR, PW	
6.01.01A	Work with the Union Pacific Railroad, Watco Companies and other interested stakeholders to preserve and protect the existing Boise Cut-off rail corridor as a multi-use corridor, including freight.	On-going	CD	MO, PW	Community Development participates in these efforts, typically led by COMPASS.

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6.01.01B	Support Valley Regional Transit's (VRT) efforts to construct multi-modal transit centers in areas of high commercial activity and employment as well as areas with transit-supportive residential densities.	On-going	CD	PW	CD are support of VVRT's efforts as outlined.
6.01.01C	Improve ingress and egress opportunities for all modes of transportation in Downtown.	On-going	CD		CD works to support and improve ingress and egress opportunities for all modes of transportation in Downtown. This is primarily implemented through the development review process.
6.01.01D	Pursue construction of the City's pathways network.	Very High	PR	FI, MO	Opened new pathway from Mary McPherson to a neighboring community and a new section of the Five Mile Pathway south of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
6.01.01E	Pursue bicycle routes/lanes/paths on roadways that will be appropriate for a wide range of ages and abilities.	On-going	CD, PR		Community Developments role in this policy is largely one of facilitation. CD supports ACHD bicycle routes and mapping programs. CD Update: Adding Parks and Recreation as the Pathways Program Manager is the lead on pathways throughout the City.
6.01.01F	Work with transportation providers to implement transportation plans, projects, and studies.	On-going	CD	PW	The City of Meridian coordinates with its regional transportation partners to implement transportation plans, projects and studies. Efforts will continue to better coordinate and collaborate with regional partners.
6.01.01G	Develop criteria for plan review in determining whether a development proposal is safe, accessible, and comfortable for pedestrians and cyclists.	High	CD	PR	Work is needed to identify plan review criteria related to pedestrian and cyclists within a development proposal. CD Update: Parks and recreation have been added to support as they work to review pathways as part of development applications.
6.01.01H	Require pedestrian access connectors in all new development to link subdivisions together and to promote neighborhood connectivity as part of a community pathway system.	On-going	CD	PR	Community Development works to support this policy through the development review process and enforcement of the Unified Development Code.
6.01.01I	Work with Ada County Highway District (ACHD) to identify gaps in the sidewalk system and pursue sidewalk construction for existing substandard streets.	On-going	CD	PW	Community Development supports these activities and maintains a separate database to map and monitor gaps in the sidewalk system.

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6.01.01J	Encourage new development to include buffered sidewalks, a sidewalk separated from the motor vehicle lane by a planter strip, especially on collector and arterial roadways.	On-going	CD		Community development has worked to support this policy. One example of this is through the work to amend the Unified Development code to promote multiuse pathways detached, by allowing them within the landscape buffers
6.01.02	Enhance existing transportation systems.		CD	PW	
6.01.02A	Work with transportation partners to include Meridian's highest priority transportation projects within their plans and budgets.	On-going	CD	PW	Community Development participates in this work on an annual basis.
6.01.02B	Reduce the number of existing access points onto arterial streets by using methods such as cross-access agreements, access management, and frontage/backage roads, and promoting local and collector street connectivity.	On-going	CD	PW	Community Development works to support this policy. Enforcement of these standards has been somewhat challenged on a case by case basis
6.01.02C	Require new development to establish street connections to existing local roads and collectors as well as to underdeveloped adjacent properties.	On-going	CD		This policy is supported by the Unified Development Code.
6.01.02D	Consider needed sidewalk, pathway, landscaping, and lighting improvements with all land use decisions.	On-going	CD	PW	This policy is supported by the Unified Development Code.
6.01.02E	Consider incomplete and underserved roadways and timing of necessary roadway improvements in all land use decisions.	On-going	CD		This policy is supported by the Unified Development Code and master street map.

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6.01.02F	Improve coordination with ACHD, ITD, VRT, COMPASS, and developers in addressing transportation issues and needs before public hearings, including having school and transportation agency comments in with adequate time to allow for review by the City before a decision is made on a land-use application.	On-going	CD	PW	Community Development strives to improve coordination, however, perceptions exists that these efforts are not reciprocated. City staff are unable to force the submittal of comments from these agencies. Staff have been working to provide comments related to schools ability to service on larger applications, specifically looking at student generation rates and cumulative impacts, to include in the record.
6.01.02G	Work with the Transportation Commission and transportation partners to implement needed neighborhood traffic calming and address safety concerns.	On-going	CD	PW	Community Development staff work with the Traffic Commission (TC) and ACHD to address concerns raised by citizens. Ultimately, it is ACHD's traffic calming policy and associated criteria that guides the process for whether traffic calming is warranted. Concerns are presented to the TC during their monthly meetings.
6.01.02H	Work with transportation partners to establish and implement a system of performance measures to gauge whether transportation goals and objectives are being realized.	On-going	CD		Community Development staff work to support COMPASS's efforts in alignment with this policy.
6.01.02I	Pursue the extension of Idaho Ave. and/or Broadway Ave. to Commercial Dr. and the extension of East 3rd St. from Fairview Ave. to Pine Ave. in Downtown.	On-going	CD		This policy is supported by Community Development Staff. This policy may be out of alignment with other local agencies, such as the Meridian Development Corporation.
6.01.02J	Pursue the extension of Overland Road into Canyon County, consistent with the 2011 Airport-Overland Corridor Study.	On-going	CD		Community Development staff support this policy in coordination with the City of Nampa.
6.01.02K	Pursue the expansion of US 20/26; the development of an overpass of I-84 at Linder Road; the extension of SH-16 from US 20/26 to I-84; and SH-55 and SH-69 corridor improvements.	On-going	CD		Community Development has been supporting these efforts for some time with many either being complete, or underway.

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6.01.02L	Work with ACHD to implement projects from the 2012 Downtown Meridian Neighborhood Pedestrian and Bicycle <u>Transportation</u> Plan.	On-going	CD	<u>PR</u>	Community Development participated in the update to this plan. The future of this project is nebulous given conflicts between the scope of the work and recent State of Idaho legislation. CD Update: Adding Parks and Recreation as their pathways efforts likely intersect with this policy at some level. Also updating the Plan reference to remain current.
6.01.02M	Work with transportation agencies and private property owners to preserve transportation corridors, future transit routes and infrastructure, road, and highway extensions, and to facilitate access management.	On-going	CD	PW	Community development enforces the Master Street Map as part of the development review process.
6.01.02N	Coordinate with ACHD to more carefully examine the appropriateness of roundabouts with intersection improvements in relation to pedestrians and other users.	On-going	CD	PW	Community Development staff work to coordinate with ACHD project teams, including concept studies. Staff has expressed concern relating to the Board's fidelity to project team recommendations.
6.01.03	Provide the most efficient transportation network possible.		CD		
6.01.03A	Work with ITD and ACHD to establish truck routes and design routes appropriately for their contexts.	On-going	CD		Community Development participates on COMPASS freight corridor plans as they updated. It's been quite a few years since the last update.
6.01.03B	Require collectors consistent with the ACHD Master Street Map (MSM), generally at/near the mid-mile location within the Area of City Impact.	On-going	CD		Community Development supports this policy through the development review process.
6.01.03C	Require the public street system to be continuous through each mile section, avoiding long, straight stretches.	On-going	CD		CD supports this policy as part of the development review process.
6.01.03D	Consider ACHD's Master Street Map (MSM), Complete Streets Policy and the Transportation and Land Use Integration Plan in all land use decisions.	On-going	CD		See comment in section 6.01.02M. No further Comment.

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6.01.03E	Participate in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (CIM 2.0) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).	On-going	CD	PW	Community Development does through the COMPASS RTAC participation.
6.01.04	Encourage new and alternative transportation systems that reflect changes in technology and lifestyles.		CD, PR	CD, MO, PR	
6.01.04A	Support efforts to evaluate and plan for future transportation services such as public transit, on-demand services, autonomous and shared vehicles.	On-going	CD		Community Development staff have participated on numerous plans and studies in the Plan. Currently on the Planning and Environmental Linkages for Transit in alignment with I-84. Staff has concerns related to the potential success of these efforts given the potential misalignment with State Code and the expected outcomes of the work.
6.01.04B	Develop and implement agreements with irrigation districts and the Union Pacific Railroad to allow for bike/pedestrian pathways.	Medium	PR	CD, MO	We have an existing Master Agreement with NMID. The Union Pacific Railroad is not open to an agreement for bike/pedestrian uses.
6.01.04C	Work with transportation partners to identify and promote strategies for reducing reliance on the single-occupant automobile.	Low On-Going	CD		CD participates in these efforts, often led by COMPASS. CD Update: Modify priority from low to On-going.
6.01.04D	Work with COMPASS and VRT to expand public transportation in Meridian.	On-going	MO CD	<u>CD</u>	CD participates in these efforts and offers support these plans. Council and decision making bodies hold the authority to enact these efforts. CD Update: The MO is the recommended lead due to the needed City Council decision making and Policy discussions needed.
6.01.04E	Integrate new technologies (e.g., connected and automated vehicle technology, micro-mobility options) to increase efficiency, safety, and opportunities of transportation users.	On-going	CD		The City supports this policy through both funding and City planning efforts.
6.01.04F	Consider and mitigate undesired impacts of emerging transportation and delivery technologies.	On-going	CD		CD is supportive of this policy though direct action as not been undergone at this time.

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6.01.05	Work with transportation partners to identify locations for future park & ride lots, shuttle buses, and/or transit stations.		CD	PW	
6.01.05A	In coordination with VRT and COMPASS, explore grants and other funding opportunities to provide incentives for developers to locate public transit infrastructure within areas planned for transit.	On-going	CD	<u>ED</u>	Community Development works to support VRTs planning and programming efforts. There are difficulties to success in that existing services are limited. Staff is unaware of grants and other funding opportunities at this time to provide incentives for developers to locate public transit infrastructure within areas planned for transit. CD Update: Adding ED to support funding coordination opportunities.
6.01.05B	Work with VRT in developing design guidelines for transit stations.	On-going	CD		CD has worked with VRT on specific designs, and reviewed broad guidance materials developed.
6.01.05C	Support alternative public and private sector funding opportunities for transportation investment.	On-going	CD , <u>ED</u> , <u>MO</u>	<u>CD</u> , PW	The City has done this with match funding for grant funding (EXAMPLE). These activities are typically Council actions. CD Update: ED and MO have been moved to Lead. CD has been included as support.