



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From: Hether Hill, Community Development **Meeting Date:** January 7, 2025
Presenter: Hether Hill and Matt Degen (ACHD) **Estimated Time:** 15 mins
Topic: Meridian Intersection and Pedestrian Safety (MIPS) – Project Updates

Recommended Council Action:

n/a – informational

Background:

As part of the FY2025 Budget, Council approved a funding request of \$500,000 to support the implementation of projects listed in the Meridian Intersection and Pedestrian Safety (MIPS) Task Force report.

Staff is before Council to provide an update on the collaborative effort between City and ACHD staff. Staff have been reviewing the list of projects identified in the MIPS report to determine which projects on the list are scheduled for annual maintenance; which intersections, if any, have improvements in progress or are planned for construction; which intersections require further investigation/evaluation; and overall project complexity. A selection team worked through the list of projects and identified eight projects, focusing on areas near schools, for ACHD to consider scoping. Several of these projects are either in progress and/or are scheduled for maintenance, while others face challenges with the right-of-way. In total, 8 projects have been identified as being in progress by ACHD and one project has been identified as being feasible, within budget and a good project to pursue with City funds.

Staff are in the early stages of scoping and developing a concept for a pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) on Locust Grove Rd., between Watertower St. and Woodbridge Dr. This intersection was identified as needing an enhanced pedestrian crossing as part of the MIPS Task Force effort and subsequent final report, as well as in previously adopted Integrated Five-Year Work Plans (IFYWP). The Locust Grove Rd. and Woodbridge Dr. pedestrian crossing was *Programmed* in the FY2024-2028 IFYWP as a Community Program, with design scheduled for 2026-2027. However, as you may recall from the last planning cycle, several projects were deferred and are no longer programmed for funding (as reflected in the adopted FY2025-2029 IFYWP). This pedestrian crossing was one of the deferred projects.

ACHD staff believe a Z-type PHB crossing suits this section of roadway best (concept attached). More information will be provided during the work session.