

Craig Bergman

From: Craig Bergman
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2026 7:54 AM
To: Craig Bergman
Subject: FW: School Zone - Pedestrian Crossing

From: Robert Simison <rsimison@meridiancity.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2026 12:14 PM
To: aaron@3idaho.com
Cc: Craig Bergman <cbergman@meridiancity.org>
Subject: RE: School Zone - Pedestrian Crossing

Aaron,

Thank you for the email. Since Hether Hill is no longer with the City of Meridian, I'm connecting you to her replacement Craig Bergman who works with our Transportation Commission to look at these type of requests. Craig will be in touch.

Respectfully,

Mayor Robert Simison
City of Meridian

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From: Aaron Real Estate <aaron@3idaho.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2026 1:11 AM
To: Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>; Miranda Carson <Carson.Miranda@westada.org>; Reinhart.David@westada.org; communications@achdidaho.org
Cc: Robert Simison <rsimison@meridiancity.org>; Joshua Iverson <jiverson@meridiancity.org>; Jacob Cluff <jcluff@meridiancity.org>; Corie Edwards <aaronandcorie@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: School Zone - Pedestrian Crossing

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To Whom it May Concern,

West Ada and Chaparral Elementary have notified parents on the south side of Pine St that they will no longer bus students to Chaparral Elementary if they live within 1.5 miles. This affirms my concerns and reopens this discussion. The statements in **red** below from the Chaparral SRO are now unequivocally outdated and inaccurate.

Hether, this was one of your last emails:

"Hi Aaron, I have been contacted by the Meridian Police Department. They had one documented citizen complaint regarding speeding on the stretch of Pine you describe last year, in March of 2024. As a result, two motor officers spent some time out there and had not found any issues during that time. The Traffic Sergeant I spoke with also spoke with the School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to Chaparral Elementary who indicated that **there shouldn't be walkers approaching the school from the south, as the crow flies, due to landscape boundaries (canal, shrubbery, fencing, etc).** The SRO advised it's designed for all student walkers and parent drop offs to be done in front of the school accessed via W Park Creek Dr to the north of the school. They stated some parents do use Fuller Park as a drop off due to traffic congestion, but the students do not enter the rear of the school. **Lastly, the SRO pointed out the West Ada School District boundary for student walkers ends at Pine, so students who live south of Pine should be bussed and not crossing Pine."**

From the West Ada notice: "Transportation is not provided for students who reside within 1.5 miles distance of their nearest appropriate school. Distances are measured using available pedestrian infrastructure, including sidewalks, pathways, neighborhood streets, and designated crossings. As required by the Idaho State Department of Education, non-bus zones are **reevaluated at least every three years and change as new pedestrian improvements are constructed throughout the community."**

This reevaluation must see something I don't. We are still waiting for **new pedestrian improvements.** For the past 15 years my children have been bussed to Chaparral. The speed limit on 10 Mile Road is 40 mph and ACHD told me they could raise the speed limit on Pine St to 40 mph based on their traffic studies if they chose to. The school zone and light on 10 Mile Road are the same distance from the school as Pine Street is.

I formally request some form of protection for students and pedestrians crossing Pine St.

To reiterate my initial concern (initial email from last year):

I have brought this issue to ACHD multiple times. They deflect saying it requires a request submitted by the "higher-ups" from the City of Meridian.

Pine Ave between 10 Mile and Black Cat is now a through street. It is almost exactly equidistant from Chaparral Elementary to 10 Mile Road as it is from Chaparral Elementary to Pine. 10 Mile has a school zone with flashing lights and a pedestrian light. Pine should also have a school zone with flashing lights and a pedestrian light. Given the update from WesAda, it is now a double standard that Pine lacks a light and crosswalk where 10 Mile has both.

I would be willing to bet that more students will now cross Pine than cross 10 Mile. We have no light, not even a crosswalk. Pine is largely unpoliced, yet many individuals use it as a drag strip. This has not changed despite your traffic studies. It's also becoming more popular as a through street to Black Cat/10 Mile instead of using Franklin or Cherry, especially in the morning as Franklin and Cherry are backed up with excessive traffic.

I am documenting all of my requests to ACHD and now the City of Meridian. Once someone is killed I will go to the media and show them that I have been advocating for pedestrian/student safety on Pine for years only to be ignored by ACHD and the City of Meridian.



West Ada School District

Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's Challenges

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to inform you of a change to Tyler Edwards's transportation eligibility to Chaparral Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year.

Non-bus zones are established in accordance with Idaho Code and State Department of Education guidelines. Transportation is not provided for students who reside within 1.5 miles distance of their nearest appropriate school. Distances are measured using available pedestrian infrastructure, including sidewalks, pathways, neighborhood streets, and designated crossings. As required by the Idaho State Department of Education, non-bus zones are reevaluated at least every three years and change as new pedestrian improvements are constructed throughout the community.

Based on our evaluation, your residence is within 1.5 miles distance of the school and is therefore no longer eligible for transportation services beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

We understand that changes in transportation services can impact family routines and appreciate your understanding. If you have questions regarding your student's transportation eligibility, please contact the Transportation Department.

Sincerely,
West Ada Transportation Department

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Aaron Edwards

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On Mon, Jun 2, 2025 at 9:44 AM Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org> wrote:

Aaron,

Since your initial email about speed and noise on Pine, between Black Cat and Ten Mile, the Police Department has received another complaint. You may have already noticed but they recently placed speed/radar signs, and

have been working the area for speed enforcement. They are also in communication with ACHD about the possibility of additional posted speed limit signs. That's my update for now and will continue to keep you informed as I receive information.

Hether Hill

hhill@meridiancity.org

From: Hether Hill

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 8:29 AM

To: aaron@3idaho.com

Subject: RE: School Zone - Pedestrian Crossing

Hi Aaron,

I apologize for the phone tag - I see that you left me a voicemail. I'm working on gathering feedback from our partner agencies to get some information for you.

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Nevertheless, I have an email out to the school district and ACHD for further information and clarification and wanted to keep you in the loop.

Hether Hill | Long-Range Associate Coordination Planner

City of Meridian | Community Development Department

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From: Hether Hill
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:58 AM
To: aaron@3idaho.com
Cc: Josha Iverson <jiverson@meridiancity.org>
Subject: RE: School Zone - Pedestrian Crossing

Aaron,

I'd love to have an opportunity and speak with you about your concerns if you'd like, my phone number is in my email signature below. I placed a call to you just a few minutes ago, however, your voicemail inbox is full.

I will share your concerns with the Meridian Transportation Commission during their next meeting on June 2nd. These meetings consist of ex-officio members from ACHD, Police and West Ada School District (WASD), as well as several other partner agencies. In the meantime, I will make contact with ACHD, WASD and Police to determine the best course of action, as this is the first time this has been brought to my attention.

I appreciate you reaching out and sharing your concerns. Pedestrian safety and traffic matters are important to us and I will be in touch.

Thank you,

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From: Josha Iverson <jiverson@meridiancity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:31 AM

To: aaron@3idaho.com

Cc: Jacob Cluff <jcluff@meridiancity.org>; Robert Simison <rsimison@meridiancity.org>; Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>

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Good morning Aaron,

Thank you for your email, it has been received by the Mayor's Office, we appreciate you contacting us and sharing your concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety.

Our Transportation Commission and supporting staff review these types of concerns and issues. I have copied Hether Hill, the Long-Range Associate Coordination Planner, and ask that she reach out to you to discuss the issues and get some additional details so she can help determine the best path forward.

Thank you,

Joshua Iverson| Executive Assistant

City of Meridian | Mayor's Office

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Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:55 PM

To: Robert Simison <rsimison@meridiacity.org>

Cc: Joshua Iverson <jiverson@meridiacity.org>; Jacob Cluff <jcluff@meridiacity.org>

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