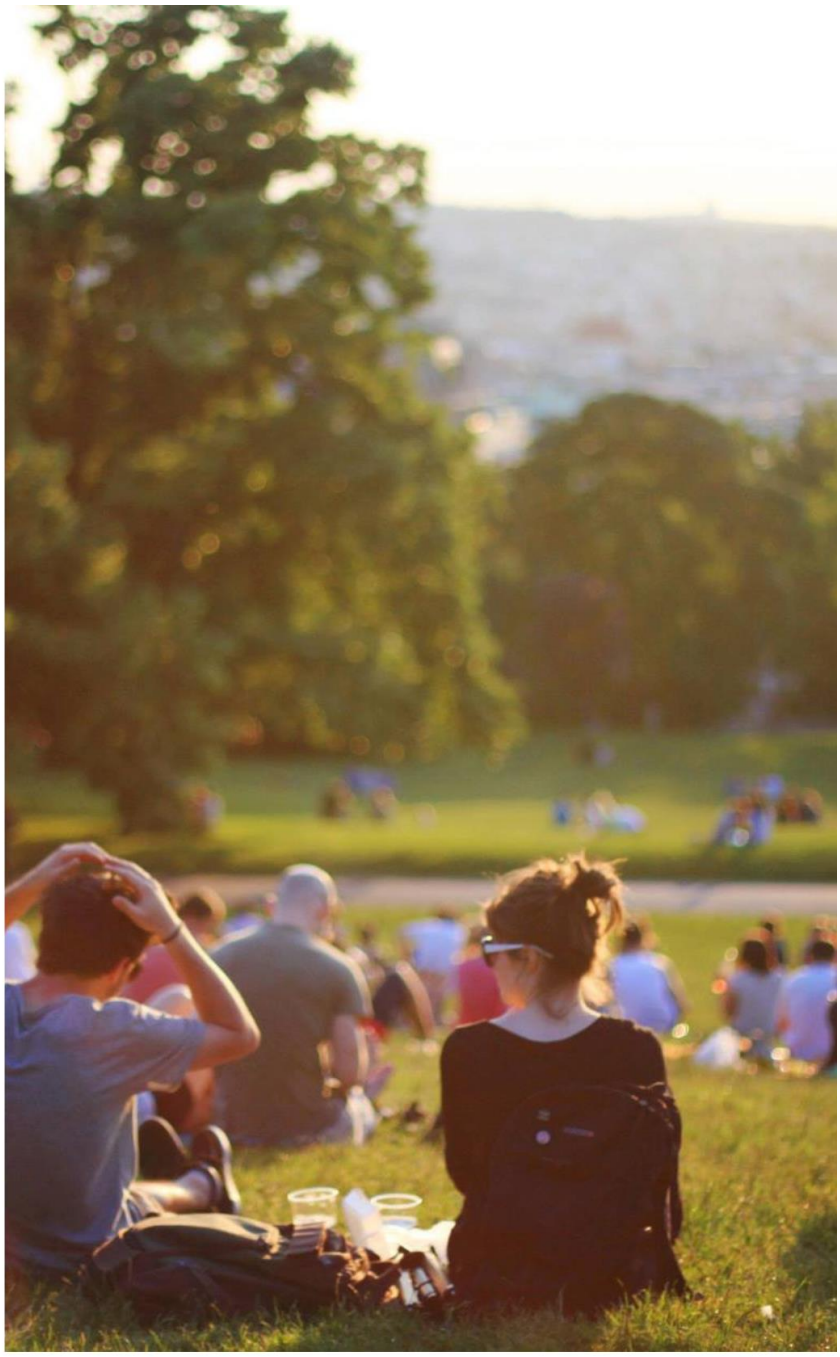
PY23 ACTION PLAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)



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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary

24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction:

The City of Meridian is an Entitlement Community receiving annual funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program since 2007. The City is currently operating under the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) for program years 2022-2026. The Con Plan outlines strategies, goals, and community development needs identified through collaboration with community members and local entities.

This Action Plan is for the second year of the 2022-2026 Con Plan, providing guidance to the City's CDBG Program for Program Year 2023 (PY23), covering October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. The PY23 Action Plan summarizes the actions, activities, and resources to be utilized during PY23 to address the goals and priority needs identified in the 2022-2026 Con Plan.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan:

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Meridian's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan is a five-year strategic plan that provides an outline of actions for the community as it works toward meeting the housing and community development needs of its low and moderate-income and special needs households. The plan's development includes a profile of the community and its economy, an assessment of housing and community development needs, and the development of long-range strategies to meet those needs.

The Consolidated Plan serves the following functions:

- A planning document for the City, which builds on a participatory process among citizens, organizations, businesses, and other stakeholders;
- A submission for federal funds under HUD's formula grant program for jurisdictions;
- A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and
- A management tool for assessing performance, tracking success, and determining the course of future Consolidated Plans.

The 2022-2026 Con Plan was prepared in accordance with Sections 91.100 through 91.230 of HUD's Consolidated Plan Final Rule.

Below are HUD's objectives and the City's projected outcomes over the course of the 2022-2026 Con Plan:

1. **Provide decent housing** by preserving the affordable housing stock, increasing the availability of affordable housing, reducing discriminatory barriers, increasing the supply of supportive housing for those with special needs, and transitioning homeless persons and families into housing.

2. **Provide a suitable living environment** through safer, more livable neighborhoods, greater integration of LMI residents throughout Meridian, increased housing opportunities, and reinvestment in deteriorating neighborhoods.

3. **Expand economic opportunities** through homeownership opportunities, development activities that promote long-term community viability, and the empowerment of low- and moderate-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency.

3. Evaluation of past performance:

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

At the end of its program year, Meridian is required to provide an annual report to HUD that summarizes its performance for the program year. This report is called the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER must include a description of the resources made available, the investment of available resources, the geographic distribution and location of investments, the families and persons assisted (including the racial and ethnic distribution of persons assisted), the actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing, and other actions indicated in the Strategic Plan and the Action Plan.

Performance reporting meets three basic purposes:

1. Provides HUD with the necessary information to meet its statutory requirement to assess each grantee's ability to carry out relevant CPD programs in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations;

2. Provides information necessary for HUD's Annual Report to Congress, also statutorily mandated; and,

3. Provides grantees an opportunity to describe to citizens their successes in meeting objectives stipulated in their Consolidated Plan.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process:

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Citizen participation includes actively encouraging citizens, particularly the low and moderate-income population, to participate in the planning process for the five-year Consolidated Plan, the Action Plan, the submission of Substantial Amendments, and the development of the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER).

The City encouraged and sought broad participation but especially encouraged participation from low- and moderate-income persons, residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, minorities, non-English speaking persons, persons with disabilities, public housing residents, local and regional institutions, businesses, developers, and nonprofit organizations.

All public meetings were held in a location convenient to residents, particularly potential or actual beneficiaries.

Citizen participation played a vital role in the needs assessment, market analysis, and the construction of the goals and priorities featured in the Con Plan.

5. Summary of public comments:

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Meridian acknowledges and documents all comments received during the public participation process. This includes recording and analyzing feedback from the online survey. The comments and survey results play a crucial role in shaping the specific priorities and goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan and subsequently addressed in the PY23 Action Plan. By incorporating public input, Meridian ensures that the Action Plan aligns with the identified needs and aspirations of the community.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them:

Meridian accepts and records all comments.

7. Summary:

Meridian has implemented and adopted a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) in conjunction with the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. This CPP serves as a framework for facilitating public input and engagement in the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds granted to the City. The CPP outlines the methods and procedures for providing notice and conducting outreach to residents regarding public hearings related to all aspects of the CDBG process. The CPP ensures that the community has opportunities to participate and provide input in the decision-making processes related to CDBG funding.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies

24 CFR 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan:

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	MERIDIAN	Economic Development, Mayor's Office

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional):

The Meridian CDBG Program is overseen by the Mayor's Office. The Program collaborates closely with various departments within the city, including the Community Development Department, Planning Division staff, Economic Development Division staff, as well as other departments like Public Works, Finance, and Parks and Recreation. This collaborative approach ensures coordination and integration of efforts across different departments to effectively implement CDBG-funded projects and initiatives in Meridian.

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AP-10 Consultation

24 CFR 91.100, 24 CFR 91.200(b), 24 CFR 91.215(l)

1. Introduction:

The City of Meridian places great emphasis on agency consultation to effectively identify and address priority needs within the community. This inclusive process involves active participation from non-profit organizations, private citizens, and public agencies, fostering a collaborative effort. Through extensive outreach and consultation, the City engaged with citizens, local municipal officials, non-profit agencies, public housing agencies, governmental agencies, private organizations, and the Continuum of Care in the development of the Plan. By involving a diverse range of stakeholders, the City ensures that the Consolidated Plan and subsequent Action Plans accurately reflects the needs and aspirations of the community.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)):

While there are no public housing units in Meridian, an estimated 10 percent of the housing authority's total voucher supply are used within Meridian City limits. The City collaborated with the Ada County Housing Authority (ACHA), the local public housing authority, to assist the City in better understanding ACHA's resources and needs. ACHA and the City are both involved with the CoC. The CoC meetings provide an opportunity to collaborate with regional and local housing providers (public, non-profit, and private) and health and social service agencies (including private and non-profit mental health, emergency, and healthcare providers).

Additionally, the City has developed a socioeconomic profile of Meridian that will identify gaps in service, likely partnerships, and needs of the community. The City is dedicated to extending further support to organizations that help meet the community's identified needs.

One need that is readily apparent is the need for housing affordability and rental support. Meridian is dedicated to increasing its affordable housing inventory to ensure residents of all income levels can find housing in Meridian and provide necessary supportive services. City staff will continue to stay engaged with the housing affordability and supportive service community so the City can better provide important tools and resources to affordable housing developers and supportive service providers.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness:

The City of Meridian actively coordinates with the Continuum of Care (CoC), known locally as Our Path Home Connect, to address the needs of homeless individuals and families, particularly those who are chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth. The CoC consists of representatives from various organizations that provide services related to housing, health, social services, victim support, employment, and education for low-income individuals and families, as well as those experiencing homelessness.

The City's collaboration with the CoC involves engaging staff members from neighboring communities, along with representatives from public and private entities. These entities include housing providers, healthcare facilities, mental health service providers, foster care and youth programs, corrections programs and

institutions, victim services, law enforcement agencies in Ada County, nonprofit organizations, state departments, and school districts, among others.

By bringing together these diverse stakeholders, the City aims to develop comprehensive strategies and initiatives to prevent homelessness, provide support and resources to homeless individuals and families, and address the underlying causes of homelessness. This collaborative effort ensures that the City works closely with publicly funded institutions and systems of care that may discharge individuals into homelessness, such as health-care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions.

Through the coordinated efforts of the CoC, the City of Meridian strives to enhance services, improve access to affordable housing, provide necessary healthcare and mental health support, and create a supportive environment for individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

In 2017, Our Path Home Connect launched coordinated entry, which provides a single point of entry for households experiencing homelessness. Due to the data collected through coordinated entry, Our Path Home Connect has identified four strategic initiatives:

1. End family homelessness,
2. Prevent first-time homelessness,
3. Expand supportive housing opportunities, and
4. Evolve the partnership.

The involvement of foster care and other youth programs has encouraged the City to further evaluate the non-traditional homelessness experienced by youth and their families in Meridian.

The City of Meridian has taken proactive measures to enhance collaboration with Our Path Home Connect (the local Continuum of Care) by including a representative from the CoC in its internal policies. This representative now serves in an advisory capacity on the CDBG Scoring Committee, which evaluates applications for funding from Meridian's CDBG Program for public service and housing projects.

The inclusion of a CoC representative in the CDBG Scoring Committee ensures that the perspectives and insights of the CoC are considered during the assessment and selection of projects to receive funding. This collaborative approach strengthens the planning process by leveraging the CoC's expertise in identifying and addressing the needs of homeless individuals and families, as well as those at risk of homelessness.

The City's objective is to allocate CDBG funds to projects that align with the priorities and goals of the CoC, thereby making a positive impact on homelessness-related issues in the community. By involving the CoC representative in the CDBG Scoring Committee, the City promotes informed decision-making and fosters a comprehensive approach to tackling homelessness and its associated challenges in Meridian.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS:

The City of Meridian does not receive ESG funds; the state is the only recipient.

Allocation of ESG is discussed at the CoC meetings, which Meridian staff attend. The City leverages the CoC's strategy for use of ESG funds by funding homeless prevention activities. The City does not have any emergency shelters and the RRH program serves countywide. The City continues its work with the Executive and Data and Performance Management Committees of the CoC to provide feedback on changes to the HMIS and data management process of the CoC.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities:

1	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Ada County Housing Authority (ACHA)**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Meridian actively consults and engages with the Ada County Housing Authority to understand the public housing needs in the community and improve services. Through phone calls and meetings, they aim to identify opportunities for coordination and cooperation to enhance housing access and stability in Meridian. By collaborating with the housing authority, the city seeks to gain insights into the specific challenges faced by individuals and families in need of housing, including barriers to affordable options. Through ongoing communication, they aim to develop strategies and initiatives such as streamlining processes and expanding affordable housing options to ensure long-term stability. The anticipated outcome is to improve housing access and stability, creating a more inclusive and supportive community for all residents.
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Boys and Girls Club of Ada County**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Meridian regularly consults and engages with the Boys & Girls Club, an organization that focuses on providing support to youth and families in the community. Through meetings and communication via email and phone calls, the city aims to assess the needs of school-age children, particularly those from low- to moderate-income families. By consulting with the Boys & Girls Club, the city seeks to identify specific requirements and provide assistance to these families, allowing them to allocate their income towards maintaining stable housing. The anticipated outcome of these consultations is to improve the overall well-being of youth and families in need within the community by coordinating efforts and providing support through collaborative initiatives.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Can/Ada Collaborative**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development

		Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Can/Ada Collaborative is a collaborative group consisting of local entitlement communities in the region, including Boise, Meridian, Nampa, and Caldwell. Through regular meetings and email communication, the collaborative aims to ensure compliance with federal regulations, particularly related to HUD funding. The participating municipalities strive to align their activities and initiatives with regional needs while addressing local needs, maximizing the impact of CDBG funds. The collaborative approach allows representatives to share information, discuss best practices, and identify areas for collaboration, leading to a comprehensive and coordinated response to community development challenges. By working together, the Can/Ada Collaborative enables the participating communities to meet federal regulations, address regional needs, and effectively utilize CDBG funds for community development initiatives.
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**CATCH, Inc.**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CATCH (Charitable Assistance to Community's Homeless) is a crucial public-private partnership in Ada County dedicated to ending homelessness. The organization recognizes permanent housing as the fundamental solution to homelessness and views housing as an integral part of healthcare. CATCH's primary focus is on addressing homelessness among children and families in Ada County, and they collaborate actively with local partners to provide pathways to secure permanent housing. This collaboration encompasses various initiatives such as operating warming shelters, developing supportive housing plans, offering resolution assistance, and implementing prevention efforts. The city engages in consultations with CATCH through meetings and email exchanges to ensure effective coordination and

		communication. These consultations serve as a platform for discussing strategies, sharing information, and identifying opportunities for collaboration and improvement. By consulting with CATCH, the city aims to align its efforts with the organization's expertise and utilize their collaborative network to maximize the impact of homelessness prevention and support programs. The anticipated outcome is to enhance coordination, leading to more effective and comprehensive solutions to end homelessness for children and families in Ada County.
5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**City of Meridian**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Meridian has actively engaged in providing insights and expertise in various areas relevant to the program. This includes sharing knowledge on planning and zoning regulations, building codes, disaster recovery, housing affordability, population growth, and the specific needs of low- to moderate-income residents. To ensure smooth coordination and effective implementation of the program, there is constant communication between CDBG staff and other departments. This communication occurs through various channels, such as in-person discussions, meetings, emails, and phone calls. The regular and daily contact with different departments allows for seamless information sharing and collaboration. The city's plan to streamline access throughout the city demonstrates its commitment to improving the program's efficiency and effectiveness. By streamlining access, the city aims to enhance the ease with which low- to moderate-income residents can access the resources and support provided by the program. This could involve simplifying application processes, improving information dissemination, or implementing measures to remove barriers to access. Overall, the City of Meridian's active involvement in providing insights, maintaining constant communication with other departments, and its plan to streamline access reflects its dedication to optimizing the program's impact and ensuring that low- to moderate-income residents can benefit from the resources available in an efficient and equitable manner. Additionally, the City actively participates in various projects and initiatives to improve connectivity and access to high-speed internet services. One of the ongoing projects is the development of a fiber ring that would interconnect facilities and provide infrastructure for ISPs to offer cost-effective fiber services in Ada County. While funding for this project is pending, the City is working to secure grants to support its implementation. A digital access study has been conducted to gather insights and inform efforts to bridge the digital divide in the community. Meridian has also collaborated with TDS and other providers such as Sparklight and Lumen to bring more competition to the area, resulting in improved pricing for residents. By engaging with these service providers, the City aims to enhance options and affordability for high-speed internet services.

		Through these initiatives, the City of Meridian demonstrates its commitment to addressing the connectivity needs of its residents and fostering a competitive market for internet service providers. By actively seeking partnerships and exploring innovative solutions, Meridian strives to ensure that its community has access to reliable and affordable internet services.
6	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**COMPASS**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Public Transit
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Meridian actively engages in consultations with COMPASS, including involvement in the housing affordability workgroup, and the transportation workgroup to improve access to affordable housing and transportation for its residents. These consultations involve regular meetings and ongoing communication through emails. COMPASS, as a regional planning organization, provides valuable insights into regional planning and development strategies, allowing the city to align its efforts with regional priorities and address housing and transportation challenges effectively. The housing affordability workgroup focuses on understanding the local housing market, identifying barriers to affordability, and exploring solutions to promote access to safe and affordable housing options. The transportation workgroup aims to improve transportation infrastructure, promote sustainable mobility, and ensure accessibility for all residents. Through these consultations, the City of Meridian seeks to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and develop strategies that enhance access to affordable housing and transportation, ultimately improving the quality of life for its residents.
7	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Faces of Hope**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children

		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Meridian collaborates with Faces of Hope, a local organization dedicated to supporting victims of violence, to enhance services and ensure access for those in need. These consultations involve email communication, workshops, and meetings, facilitating a comprehensive and collaborative approach. Faces of Hope plays a crucial role in providing resources and support to victims, and by consulting with them, the city aims to gain a deeper understanding of the specific needs of victims in Meridian. Through these engagements, they can identify opportunities for collaboration, address service gaps, and develop initiatives that improve access to support services. The ultimate goal is to enhance the availability and accessibility of services for victims of violence, empowering them to heal and rebuild their lives within the community.
8	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**The Housing Company**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing Company, a property management agency in Idaho, is consulted through meetings, emails, and phone calls. The purpose of these consultations is to explore strategies to increase the availability of affordable housing units for low-income earners. The city seeks to gain insights into the services and resources provided by The Housing Company to ensure that residents have access to guidance and support throughout the housing process. Additionally, consultations aim to understand the challenges faced by minimum wage earners in finding affordable and suitable housing. The anticipated outcome of the consultation and improved coordination is to explore collaborative approaches that mitigate the impact of rising costs and find creative solutions to make housing more affordable and accessible. Ultimately, this collaboration aims to ensure that underserved communities have access to decent and affordable housing options, promoting stability and well-being within the community.

9	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Idaho Fair Housing Forum
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City engages in virtual meetings with this group to consult on advancing the fair housing work of the City and the region. These consultations serve as a platform for discussions and exchange of ideas regarding fair housing law and practice. Through these meetings, the group has facilitated fair housing trainings and conferences to educate individuals about fair housing rights and regulations. The consultations also play a crucial role in informing the City's strategies and approaches to affirmatively further fair housing. By collaborating with this group, the City aims to promote awareness, understanding, and implementation of fair housing principles and practices within the community.
10	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Idaho Housing and Finance Association**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Other government - State Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated	IHFA serves as a financial institution and administrator of affordable housing resources in the state of Idaho. They are responsible for managing HUD's statewide ESG (Emergency Solutions Grants), HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons

	outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	With AIDS), and HOME funds. The City engages in consultations with IHFA through in-person meetings, phone calls, and meetings to achieve several expected outcomes. These include gaining a better understanding of the available resources for Meridian residents, ensuring that the City is aware of the programs and funding options that can benefit the community. Additionally, the consultations aim to enhance coordination and collaboration with statewide resources, enabling the City to leverage and align resources effectively to address affordable housing needs across the state.
11	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Idaho Legal Aid**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Idaho Legal Aid is an organization dedicated to providing legal assistance and advocacy for low-income individuals and vulnerable populations in Idaho. They offer legal services to address a range of civil legal issues, including housing-related matters such as fair housing. In consultations conducted via email, the City sought input and guidance from Idaho Legal Aid to identify fair housing resources, understand the specific housing issues prevalent in the community, and explore potential strategies to address these issues. The anticipated outcomes of the consultation were to gather valuable insights, information, and resources from Idaho Legal Aid to effectively address fair housing concerns and ensure that the City's initiatives align with legal requirements and best practices.
12	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Idaho Nonprofit Center**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Idaho Nonprofit is a state association representing over 800 nonprofit organizations, primarily located in the Treasure Valley. The organization plays a vital role in supporting nonprofits by providing training, resources, and advocacy services. They offer training programs in leadership development, financial literacy, and board training, as well as webinars to enhance nonprofit effectiveness. Through their lobbying efforts, they track state legislation affecting nonprofits and ensure that jurisdictions are well-informed at

		the state and local levels. Idaho Nonprofit also educates policymakers in the sector by analyzing macro-level indicators and advocating for grant funding best practices. Their aim is to facilitate the administrative side of grant funding, providing nonprofits with capacity-building support and guidance, so they can focus on fulfilling their missions. The City has engaged Idaho Nonprofit through email to gain a better understanding of the needs and resources required by nonprofits, ultimately leading to more effective support and collaboration within the sector.
13	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Idaho Youth Ranch**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Idaho Youth Ranch plays a crucial role in providing accessible programs and services for youth and families facing trauma and crisis. Their comprehensive range of services includes outpatient services, counseling centers, mental tele-health, e-point assisted psychotherapy, adoption services, and residential shelters in the Treasure Valley. To better understand the needs of the community and explore opportunities for collaboration, the city engages in consultations with the Idaho Youth Ranch through email and phone calls. Through these consultations, the city aims to gain insights into the specific needs of youth and families in crisis, identify gaps in services, and explore ways to work together to provide the necessary support and resources. By fostering collaboration, the city and the Idaho Youth Ranch can create a more coordinated and effective response to addressing the needs of youth and families experiencing trauma and crisis in the community.

14	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Intermountain Fair Housing Council**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Intermountain Fair Housing Council serves as an important organization focused on promoting fair housing practices and combating housing discrimination. Through email consultations, the city engages with the Intermountain Fair Housing Council to gain a better understanding of fair housing concerns in Meridian. The purpose of these consultations is to gather insights and information regarding the specific fair housing challenges and issues faced by residents in the community. By consulting with the Intermountain Fair Housing Council, the city aims to enhance its understanding of fair housing laws, regulations, and best practices, as well as identify strategies to address any potential fair housing violations or barriers to equal housing opportunities. Ultimately, the goal is to promote fair and equitable housing practices, ensuring that all individuals in Meridian have equal access to housing and are protected from discrimination.
15	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Jesse Tree**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Jesse Tree is an organization that serves as a vital resource in the community, particularly for individuals and families facing housing instability and the risk of eviction due to rising rents. The city engages in consultations with the Jesse Tree through email, phone calls, and meetings to gain insights and clarity into the need for their program. By consulting with the Jesse Tree, the city hopes to gather information on the specific challenges faced by residents, such as evictions and the increasing cost of housing. These consultations aim to provide a better understanding of the current housing landscape, including the impact of rising rents, and to identify strategies and resources to support individuals and families at risk of homelessness. The collaboration between the city and the Jesse Tree seeks to address the urgent housing needs within the community, mitigate the effects of rising rents, and develop solutions that ensure housing stability for all residents.

16	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Meridian - Mayor's Senior Advisory Board**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders Senior Advisory
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Meridian's Mayor's Senior Advisory Board plays a crucial role in advising and providing insights on matters related to the needs of senior citizens and individuals residing in assisted living or low-income senior housing. As part of their involvement, representatives from the board are included on the scoring committee, which indicates their input in assessing and evaluating relevant programs or initiatives. The city aims to gain a better understanding of the specific needs, challenges, and concerns of senior citizens through the consultation with the board. By actively engaging with the Mayor's Senior Advisory Board, the city can gather valuable insights and expertise to inform decision-making processes and develop strategies that address the unique requirements of this population. The collaborative efforts between the city and the advisory board aim to improve the quality of life for senior citizens, enhance the accessibility of services, and ensure the overall well-being of older residents in Meridian.
17	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Meridian Development Corporation**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Meridian Development Corporation (MDC) is dedicated to overseeing the restoration and urban development of historic downtown Meridian, with a focus on enhancing accessibility, supporting local businesses, promoting affordable workforce housing, and fostering community engagement. MDC maintains regular meetings and email communications to collaborate closely with the city and ensure that their efforts align with the overall vision for downtown Meridian. Given that many of the city's low- to moderate-income (LMI) areas are located downtown, the collaboration between the city and MDC directly impacts potential recipients of the CDBG program. By working together, the city and MDC can streamline their efforts, effectively utilize available resources, and create a vibrant and inclusive downtown area that

		benefits the LMI beneficiaries and contributes to the overall development of Meridian.
18	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Meridian Library District**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Meridian Library plays a vital role in the community by providing access to a wide range of resources and services for people of all ages and abilities. Through offerings such as classes, books, materials, mentorship, and collaboration opportunities, the library fosters inclusivity and supports the diverse needs of the community. This includes services tailored to youth, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and other marginalized groups. The library offers various programs such as book clubs, after-school programs, career support, tutoring, and story time to cater to different interests and needs. The library staff is trained to prioritize and meet the needs of diverse populations, including those who are unstably housed, identify as LGBTQIA+, have mental health concerns, or have experienced interpersonal violence. Through meetings and email communications, the city seeks to gain a better understanding of the community's needs and collaborate with the library to provide relevant resources and support.
19	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Meridian Police Department**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated	The Meridian Police Department (MPD) plays a critical role in law enforcement and providing assistance to victims within the criminal justice system. They have implemented various

	outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	programs and initiatives to serve the community effectively. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program focuses on responding to mental health crises, ensuring that individuals in need receive appropriate care and support. The Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition (MADC) addresses substance abuse issues through community-based prevention efforts. The MPD also aims to foster positive relationships between the community and law enforcement by promoting a friendly image of the police. This includes activities such as School Resource Officers (SROs) in schools and neighborhood block parties that encourage interaction between community members and the police. The MPD engages in meetings, emails, and phone calls with CDBG staff to gain a better understanding of the city's issues and provide resources, particularly for officers working directly with community members in challenging situations. The collaboration between the MPD and CDBG staff ensures that resources are available to address community needs and enhance the effectiveness of police services.
20	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Meridian Senior Center**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Meridian Senior Center plays a vital role in serving the senior population within the community. The center provides a range of services and programs tailored to meet the unique needs of seniors, promoting their well-being, social engagement, and overall quality of life. To ensure effective communication and coordination, the city engages in meetings, phone calls, and emails with the Meridian Senior Center. These interactions provide an opportunity for the city to gain a better understanding of the needs and concerns of seniors in the community. By actively seeking insights from the Senior Center, the city can identify areas where additional support and resources may be required, enabling them to better address the needs of seniors and enhance their overall experience and quality of life.
21	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**NeighborWorks Boise**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services – Housing Services-Education

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The NeighborWorks Boise is a nonprofit organization dedicated to community development and addressing housing needs in the community. Their primary focus is on revitalizing neighborhoods and providing affordable housing solutions for low- to moderate-income individuals and families. Through emails, meetings, and phone calls, the city engages with NeighborWorks Boise to collaborate on identifying and addressing housing needs within the community. By working together, the city aims to gain insights and explore strategies to improve access to affordable housing, empower residents, and provide the necessary resources for individuals and families to obtain, retain, and maintain their homes. The collaboration with NeighborWorks Boise helps the city to develop and implement initiatives that effectively address housing needs and contribute to the overall well-being and stability of the community.
22	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - State Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Our Path Home serves as the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care (CoC) and is composed of representatives from various agencies, groups, and organizations involved in addressing housing, homelessness, and fair housing in the community. Through monthly scheduled meetings, subcommittee meetings, and email exchanges, Our Path Home collaborates with the city to provide valuable insights into the needs of the community in these areas. The city actively engages with Our Path Home to gather information and perspectives that inform funding recommendations and strategies to address homelessness, homelessness prevention, and fair housing activities. By working together, the city and Our Path Home aim to develop effective solutions, allocate resources appropriately, and create a community that is inclusive, supportive, and responsive to the housing needs of its residents.
23	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Terry Reilly Health Services**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Terry Reilly is a healthcare organization that offers comprehensive primary care, dental care, and behavioral health care services in the Treasure Valley, including the city of Meridian. The organization conducts outreach efforts to reach individuals and families facing barriers to care, such as farmworkers, the homeless, and very-low to moderate-income individuals. Terry Reilly's services are available to all residents, regardless of insurance status, and fees are based on a sliding scale to ensure affordability.

		Through email communication, the city engages with Terry Reilly to gain a better understanding of the healthcare needs within the community and to collaborate on resources and strategies to improve access to these services. By working together, the city and Terry Reilly aim to identify gaps in healthcare access, address disparities, and ensure that residents, particularly low-to-moderate-income individuals, have the necessary resources and support to receive the care they need.
24	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**West Ada School District**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The West Ada School District plays a crucial role in serving the families and children of Meridian. The district implements McKinney-Vento programs to support homeless and unstably housed youth and families, ensuring they have access to education and essential resources. Additionally, the district provides nutrition services, including the summer nutrition program, which offers meals to school-age children in area parks. Through emails, phone calls, and meetings, the city engages with the West Ada School District to gain a better understanding of the needs of Meridian's youth and families, as well as the specific housing challenges faced by West Ada students. The city aims to identify any gaps in services and collaborate with the school district to develop a comprehensive plan to address those gaps. By working together, the city and the West Ada School District can create a supportive environment that meets the diverse needs of students and families, promotes inclusion and diversity, and ensures access to education and vital resources for all.

25	**Agency/Group/Organization**	**Women's and Children's Alliance**
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The WCA (Women's and Children's Alliance) plays a vital role in providing comprehensive services to individuals who have experienced interpersonal violence in the community. Their services are offered free of charge and are accessible to women, children, men, and individuals who are gender non-conforming. The range of services includes shelter, hotline support, court advocacy, counseling, case management, and financial empowerment classes. Affordable housing emerges as a critical need for the agency's clients, as it directly affects their ability to escape abusive or violent environments. Through meetings, emails, and phone calls, the city engages with the WCA to gain a better understanding of the community's needs and to coordinate services that address those needs effectively. By collaborating with the WCA, the city aims to provide support, resources, and coordinated efforts to empower survivors and ensure their safety and well-being.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting:

The City continues to consult with all required organizations in helping to formulate a strategy for the efficient use of HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Every agency identified was offered an opportunity to participate in the development of the plan. While no agencies were left out, the City does not have a citizen's advisory group to consult with.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan:

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Our Path Home	Our Path Home and the City of Meridian are both committed to ensuring greater access to fair and affordable housing, the reduction/prevention of homelessness, and access to credit for homeownership. The City participates in many joint efforts and organizations with Our Path Home to help support increasing housing options for residents.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional):

Meridian is committed to engaging residents and stakeholders in the planning process, recognizing the value of diverse perspectives and inclusive decision-making. The City sought input from a wide range of entities during the development of the Con Plan, including broadband service providers, to gain a comprehensive understanding of the community's connectivity needs and opportunities. By involving these stakeholders, Meridian gathered valuable insights and identified strategies to enhance broadband access and affordability for residents.

Collaboration between CDBG staff and other departments plays a crucial role in addressing the community's preparedness and response capabilities. By working closely with these departments, CDBG staff was able to incorporate emergency management considerations into its planning efforts, ensuring the safety and well-being of residents during times of crisis.

Meridian's commitment to stakeholder engagement and consultation extends beyond the Consolidated Plan. The City intends to continue prioritizing this approach in the development of subsequent Action Plans. This iterative process allows for ongoing feedback, adaptability, and addressing emerging needs and priorities within the community. By maintaining an open dialogue with stakeholders, Meridian can ensure that its plans and actions remain responsive to the evolving requirements of its residents.

The City's resilience efforts are comprehensive, focusing on flood-prone areas, public land or water resources, and emergency situations. Through partnerships with agencies like the Ada County Office of Emergency Management, Meridian develops local response plans and implements hazard mitigation strategies. This collaboration encompasses various aspects, including flood response, hazardous materials incidents, wildfire response, emergency response, and hazard mitigation efforts. The mutual aid agreement with neighboring communities further strengthens Meridian's emergency response capabilities, allowing for the mobilization of additional first responders when necessary. In anticipation of fuel shortages during critical situations, Meridian has signed an MOU to ensure access to fuel for essential vehicles, such as those used by the police department, fire vehicles, and city generators, guaranteeing uninterrupted emergency services.

The City participates in programs like the national flood insurance program and the community rating system program, demonstrating its commitment to going above and beyond basic requirements. Meridian's hazard mitigation plan, which includes flood risk mitigation strategies, is designed to protect the community and minimize the impact of flooding incidents. Moreover, the City is exploring alternative fuel sources such as solar energy, battery power, and generators to diversify its energy sources, enhance resilience, and reduce its environmental footprint.

Addressing broadband internet access and narrowing the digital divide is a priority for Meridian and these goals have been incorporated into the City's strategic plan. The installation of conduit infrastructure is being considered to expand broadband access throughout the city. Exploring Wi-Fi implementation in public parks aims to provide increased connectivity options for residents.

To further support these efforts, Meridian is applying for an energy efficiency community block grant to facilitate the development of a comprehensive plan to address energy efficiency within the community. Staff intends to explore opportunities for partnering to increase efficiencies for low- and moderate-income residents, as well as initiatives to bridge the digital divide. By utilizing grants and available resources, Meridian remains committed to promoting broadband access, enhancing resilience, managing flood-prone areas, and ensuring the overall well-being and resilience of its community.

AP-12 Participation

24 CFR 91.105, 24 CFR 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation:

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
1	Community Survey	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The City conducted a survey as part of its planning process for the PY23 Action Plan. The survey was open from April 4 to April 18, 2023, and aimed to gather feedback on the services needed in the past year and any barriers encountered in accessing those services. A total of 29 individuals responded to the survey.	Survey respondents expressed their highest needs for services. The most needed services identified were emergency rent/utility assistance, followed equally by childcare assistance, legal services, and domestic violence services. Respondents also mentioned specific barriers they faced, including financial qualifications and the end of COVID-related resources. These comments provide valuable insights into the community's needs and challenges in accessing essential services.	All comments were accepted and noted from the survey.
2	Presentation	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	The City of Meridian organized a community presentation at the Meridian Gathering and Resource Center on April 8, 2023, with the aim of engaging potential recipients of grant funds through public service activities. The purpose of the presentation was to provide information about the CDBG program, highlight services funded in the past, and gather feedback on	No comments were received.	No comments were received.

			services that the community would like to see more readily available. However, it is noted that no attendees were present at the event.		
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing and presentation took place at City Hall on April 4, 2023, where Meridian residents had the opportunity to provide input on the services they are accessing or attempting to access. This hearing was continued to the April 18, 2023 meeting to include any comments received at the community presentation on April 8, 2023, as well as responses to the community survey that was open from April 4 to April 18, 2023. The purpose of continuing the public hearing was to incorporate additional feedback and ensure comprehensive public input in the decision-making process.	City Council expressed their support for the staff's efforts to engage and reach out to the potential recipients of grant funds in the community. The Council members acknowledged and appreciated the initiatives taken by the staff to ensure broad participation and gather input from the community. Their positive response indicated their endorsement of the staff's commitment to inclusivity and community involvement in the decision-making process.	All comments were accepted and recorded.
4	Public Service Application Workshop	Potential Subrecipients	The City conducted a Public Service Application Workshop on April 12, 2023, with the aim of assisting potential subrecipients in understanding the application process and addressing any inquiries they might have had. However, no attendees participated in the workshop. Despite the lack of attendance, the City made efforts to provide support and guidance to potential subrecipients by offering this workshop, demonstrating their commitment to facilitating the	No comments received.	No comments received.

			application process and ensuring that interested organizations had the necessary information and resources.		
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	A public presentation and public hearing was held on June 27, 2023. City Council had a presentation on the PY23 Action Plan.	No comments received.	No comments received.
6	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	Legal notices were published in the Idaho Press newspaper that described the public presentations, comment period, and hearing regarding this plan.	n/a	n/a
7	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notices of the public comment period, public hearings, and presentations were sent out using the City's social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Nextdoor).	n/a	n/a
8	Email Outreach	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Notices of the public comment period and public hearing were sent out using multiple distribution lists including that of the Meridian CDBG Program, Mayor's Office, Behavioral Health Board, and church groups.	The City received two emails in support of the PY23 Action Plan.	All comments were accepted and recorded.

9	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	A public comment period was held for the PY23 Action Plan June 15 to July 15, 2023. The comment period was noticed in the local newspaper.	n/a	n/a
10	General Distribution	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Information on the PY23 Action Plan was widely distributed in Meridian. Information was provided in the Meridian City newsletter and advertised on the City website. Additionally, Meridian CDBG subrecipients sent out/posted onsite information about the Consolidated Plan process and funding priorities.	n/a	n/a
11	Community Survey	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The City conducted a survey for the PY23 Action Plan. The survey was open from June 15 to July 15, 2023, and aimed to gather feedback on the PY23 Action Plan and the projects that were identified for funding. A total of 38 individuals responded to the survey.	Survey respondents generally expressed support of Meridian's CDBG Program, the PY23 Action Plan, and the projects to be funded.	All comments were accepted and noted from the survey.

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources

24 CFR 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction:

The City of Meridian prioritized goals and objectives for using CDBG funding to strategically and effectively benefit low- and moderate-income residents by increasing decent housing, creating a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities.

The City of Meridian follows HUD guidelines and limits public services to no more than 15% and administration to 20% of the annual entitlement.

Anticipated Resources:

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	482,362	0	0	482,362	1,500,000	The City anticipates receiving roughly $500,000 in annual entitlement funding from PY24-PY26.There are not anticipated to be a significant amount of prior year resources to be allocated at this time.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied:

The City of Meridian does not currently participate or receive funding from any additional HUD programs, including HOME, HOPWA, or ESG.

The projects outlined in the Strategic Plan, which are implemented by outside agencies, are anticipated to use CDBG funding to leverage their initial financial resources.

- Affordable housing supply projects are expected to leverage other local, state, federal, and/or private funds.
- Subrecipients must report on match support for projects.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan:

Meridian will continue to improve the livability of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and buildings. Projects centered around ADA upgrades and improvements will help residents with mobility challenges better access the neighborhoods, public transportation, and outdoor recreation. The buildout of the public infrastructure improves low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The City will support multi-modal paths, park upgrades, and public infrastructure improvements in low- to moderate-income areas.

Discussion:

The City expects partners to leverage CDBG funding to the fullest extent possible to implement robust programs that will help further the needs of area residents.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information:

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	Meridian Citywide	Create a Suitable Living Environment	CDBG: $178,700	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
2	Public Services	2022	2026	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Meridian Citywide	Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons	CDBG: $72,354	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 260 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 50 Persons Assisted
3	Housing	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Meridian Citywide	Provide Decent Housing	CDBG: $178,700	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 7 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 1 Households Assisted
4	Program Administration	2022	2026	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Meridian Citywide	Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons	CDBG: $52,608	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions:

1	**Goal Name**	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Public Facilities and Improvements are publicly-owned facilities and infrastructure such as streets, playgrounds, underground utilities, and buildings owned by non-profits open to the general public. Safe and accessible infrastructure is essential to the quality of life and building communities that support community diversity and stability. In general, public facilities and public improvements are interpreted to include all facilities and improvements that are publicly owned or owned by a nonprofit and open to the general public. Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and installation of public facilities and improvements are eligible activities. Meridian's goal to improve and expand public facilities may include, but is not limited to: • ADA Improvements • Senior Centers • Homeless and Domestic Violence Facilities • Neighborhood Facilities • Health Facilities • Sidewalks
2	**Goal Name**	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public services are an integral part of a comprehensive community development strategy. Public Service activities provide for a wide range of activities that address needs in the community provided for the target population. Public services can strengthen communities by addressing the needs of specific populations. They can address a range of individual needs and increase CDBG dollars' impact by complementing other activities. The City of Meridian may allocate up to 15% of CDBG funds to public services programs that provide supportive services for low- to moderate-income persons or prevent homelessness. In general, these services are provided by local non-profit partners. This funding is capped at 15% of the CDBG entitlement plus program income. Meridian's goal to improve and provide public services may include, but is not limited to: • Child care • Health services • Behavioral health services • Services for homeless persons • Services for seniors • Welfare services (excluding income payments)

3	**Goal Name**	Housing
	Goal Description	The City prioritized goals and objectives for using CDBG funding to strategically and effectively benefit low- and moderate-income residents by increasing access to decent housing and creating a suitable living environment while expanding economic opportunities for LMI persons. Meridian is committed to improving and expanding access to safe and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents. Affordable and safe housing helps to provide financial stability, reduces the chances of a person becoming homeless, and promotes housing sustainability. Meridian's projects to improve housing sustainability may include, but are not limited to: • Homeownership Assistance • Rehabilitation (single-unit residential and/or multi-family residential) • Energy efficiency improvements • Acquisition • The administrative cost for rehabilitation activities • Lead-based paint testing/abatement • Housing counseling
4	**Goal Name**	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Program Administrative funds will pay reasonable program administrative costs and carrying charges related to the planning and execution of community development activities. Administering federal funds and ensuring compliance is critical for utilizing Federal resources. Meridian is committed to using CDBG entitlement funding for administration to help to continue growing a community development program that is efficient, effective, and resourceful. Meridian may have administration projects that include, but are not limited to: • General management, oversight, and coordination • Providing local officials and citizens with information about the CDBG program • Preparing budgets and schedules • Preparing reports and other HUD-required documents • Program planning • Public Information • Monitoring program activities • Fair Housing activities • Indirect costs • Submission of applications for Federal programs

Projects

AP-35 Projects

24 CFR 91.220(d)

Introduction:

The City has allocated funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to support projects that align with the priority needs and goals outlined in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). The Con Plan serves as a comprehensive strategy for addressing community development and affordable housing needs within the jurisdiction. By allocating CDBG funds to these projects, the City aims to effectively address the identified priorities and work towards achieving its long-term goals for community development and housing.

Projects:

#	Project Name
1	2023 Victim Services
2	2023 Emergency Rental Assistance
3	2023 Youth Scholarships
4	2023 Homeowner Repair
5	2023 Homebuyer Assistance
6	2023 LMA Walkability NW 2nd St.
7	Alternate: 2023 LMA Walkability NW 3rd St.
8	2023 Administration
9	2023 Fair Housing

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs:

The Federal CDBG funds are intended to provide low- and moderate-income households with viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and extended economic opportunities. Eligible activities include housing rehabilitation and preservation, homeownership opportunities, public services, community infrastructure improvements, planning, and administration.

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects is predicated upon the following criteria:

- Meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program;
- Meeting the needs of low- and moderate-income residents;
- Coordination and leveraging of resources;
- Response to expressed community needs;

- Sustainability and/or long-term impact; and
- The ability to demonstrate measurable progress and success.

The primary obstacles to meeting underserved needs are the limited resources available to address identified priorities. The City of Meridian will partner with other public agencies and nonprofit organizations, when feasible, to leverage resources and maximize outcomes in housing and community development. In the end, however, the need far exceeds the funding available from all sources combined.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information:

1	**Project Name**	**2023 Victim Services**
	Target Area	Meridian Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: $20,000
	Description	This project will provide wrap-around services to victims of interpersonal violence.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals in a crisis situation
	Location Description	TBD Faces of Hope is working with a realtor to identify a Meridian location.
	Planned Activities	05G Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking
2	**Project Name**	**2023 Emergency Rental Assistance**
	Target Area	Meridian Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: $32,354
	Description	This program provides case management coupled with emergency rental assistance.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 LMI individuals at risk of homelessness
	Location Description	Services will be offered in the community and at provider offices and will benefit households throughout Meridian. Services may also be provided virtually.
	Planned Activities	05Q Subsistence Payments

3	**Project Name**	**2023 Youth Scholarships**
	Target Area	Meridian Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: $20,000
	Description	The Youth Scholarship Program provides free or reduced participation fees to low-income Meridian youth for summer programs and before/after school program.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 LMI children
	Location Description	Services will be provided at the Meridian Boys & Girls Club, located at 911 N. Meridian Road in Meridian.
	Planned Activities	05L Child Care Services
4	**Project Name**	**2023 Homeowner Repair**
	Target Area	Meridian Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Provide Decent Housing
	Funding	CDBG: $160,000
	Description	The Homeowner Repair Program improves weatherization, accessibility, energy efficiency, and visitability of LMI Meridian residents existing homes, making them safer and more financially sustainable.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 LMI households
	Location Description	NeighborWorks Boise business offices are located at 3380 W. Americana Terrace, Ste 120 in Boise, but the application is available online. Project manager will complete project at the residence.
	Planned Activities	14A Rehabilitation; Single-Unit Residential/14H Rehabilitation Administration

5	**Project Name**	**2023 Homebuyer Assistance**
	Target Area	Meridian Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Provide Decent Housing
	Funding	CDBG: $18,700
	Description	A homebuyer assistance grant used in tandem with NWB's second mortgage products, layered with qualified first mortgage products will make a home affordable for one LMI Meridian homebuyer.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 LMI Household
	Location Description	Services will be provided at NeighborWorks Boise offices located at 3380 W. Americana Terrace, Ste 120 in Boise and will benefit households throughout Meridian. Services may also be provided virtually.
	Planned Activities	13B Homeownership Assistance
6	**Project Name**	**2023 LMA Walkability NW 2nd St.**
	Target Area	Meridian Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Create a Suitable Living Environment
	Funding	CDBG: $178,700
	Description	Construct sidewalk on NW 2nd St from Broadway to Meridian Elementary on the west side with one infill light per block. Construct sidewalk on east side from Broadway to Pine.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 people that live within an LMI area
	Location Description	NW 2nd St from W Railroad St to Meridian Elementary School
	Planned Activities	03L Sidewalks 03L

7	**Project Name**	**Alternate Project: 2023 LMA Walkability NW 3rd St.**
	Target Area	Meridian Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Create a Suitable Living Environment
	Funding	CDBG: $178,700
	Description	Construct sidewalk on NW 3rd St from Broadway to Pine and on W Broadway Ave from NW 4th St to NW 2nd St. This is a backup project.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 people that live within an LMI area
	Location Description	W 3rd St from Broadway Ave to W Pine Ave and Broadway Ave from W 4th St to W 2nd St
	Planned Activities	03L Sidewalks
8	**Project Name**	**2023 Administration**
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: $37,608
	Description	Reasonable program administrative costs related to the planning and execution of community development and fair housing activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	n/a
	Location Description	Administration office is located in Meridian City Hall at 33 E. Broadway Ave. suite 102.
	Planned Activities	21A General Program Administration

9	**Project Name**	**2023 Fair Housing**
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Provide Decent Housing Create a Suitable Living Environment Expand Opportunities for LMI Persons
	Funding	CDBG: $15,000
	Description	This project will carry out activities that relate to fair housing. At a minimum, CDBG funds will be used to implement a Fair Housing Campaign in April. Other opportunities to promote fair housing activities will be evaluated as they arise.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	n/a
	Location Description	The Fair Housing Campaign will be promoted via television, radio, and social media.
	Planned Activities	21D Fair Housing Activities

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed:

The PY23 Action Plan does not specifically target any particular geographic area within the jurisdiction for assistance. The funds are distributed in a way that aims to have the greatest impact across different areas. The City does not have a specific concentration of low- to moderate-income residents in a particular neighborhood or designated area.

While some projects may focus on serving low- to moderate-income areas, they are not part of a larger neighborhood reinvestment initiative or a designated Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). The goal of the City is to address the needs of low- to moderate-income residents throughout the entire community, rather than focusing on specific geographic areas.

By directing resources and assistance in a broad and inclusive manner, the City of Meridian aims to promote equitable development and improve the well-being of all residents, regardless of their location within the jurisdiction.

Geographic Distribution:

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Meridian Citywide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically:

The City did not identify a geographic target area as a basis for funding allocation priorities. Goals and projects are not limited to a specific area within the City.

Discussion:

All projects supported with CDBG funds are within the Meridian City limits. The projects listed in the PY23 Action Plan will benefit low- and moderate-income residents throughout the City of Meridian.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing

24 CFR 91.220(g)

Introduction:

Massive job losses in the wake of the pandemic left many households struggling to pay their monthly housing costs. According to the Census Bureau's Household Pulse Surveys, nearly 40 percent of owner households lost employment income between the onset of the pandemic and the end of 2020. Lower-income households were the most likely to face losses. Between March and December 2020, close to half (48 percent) of owners earning less than $25,000 had lost employment income, compared with under 34 percent of owners with incomes of $100,000 or more. As a result of these losses, 22 percent of lower-income households were behind on their mortgage payments by the end of the year— more than four times the share of highest-income households.

Although the majority of owners with lower incomes do not undertake any improvements in a given year, those that do typically devote a considerable share of their incomes to these projects. In 2019, homeowners in the bottom income quintile spent 14 percent of their incomes on remodeling projects, almost three times the share of owners in the top income quintile and about twice the average share for all owners. As such, lowest income homeowners have contributed about 10 percent of all home improvement spending nationally in recent years.

Since these owners are more likely to live in older homes than owners with higher incomes, they spent significantly more of their improvement dollars on replacement projects (51 percent) in 2019 than owners in the top income quintile (40 percent). Conversely, lowest-income owners spent a much smaller share of their budgets for kitchen and bath remodels and additions (22 percent) than owners in the top quintile (36 percent).

Given that national spending on replacement projects is more stable than spending on discretionary projects, it is not surprising that outlays by lowest-income owners are also more stable over the remodeling cycle. If lower-income households as a group do not recover from the pandemic's setbacks, their remodeling spending will undoubtedly fall. This decline, in turn, would not only change the mix of home improvement activities and increase industry volatility, but also widen the already large gap between the housing conditions of highest- and lowest income households.

"Improving America's Housing 2021" Harvard Joint Center on Housing Studies

During the PY23, the City of Meridian will support helping to purchase and to maintain affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents.

The City of Meridian focuses on homebuyer assistance and homeowner rehabilitation as ways to help affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents. These programs help eligible residents move into homeownership and maintain their stable housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	8

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Special-Needs	0
Total	8

Table 5 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	7
Acquisition of Existing Units	1
Total	8

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion:

Meridian's Affordable Housing Goals align with the definition of affordable housing for homeownership as specified in §92.254. The focus of the City's funding is on assisting residents with homeownership and ensuring that the definition of affordable homeownership is met for any homebuyer assistance activities.

It is important to note that Meridian is not currently funding any rental activities as part of its Affordable Housing Goals. Instead, the City prioritizes programs and initiatives that support affordable homeownership. This includes providing financial assistance, down payment assistance, favorable loan terms, and other resources to help eligible residents achieve homeownership.

In addition to homebuyer assistance, Meridian also funds a homeowner repair program. This program aims to support homeowners in maintaining their homes and ensuring that they remain stably housed in a home that is affordable for them. By offering resources for home repairs and improvements, the City helps homeowners address critical issues and preserve the affordability of their housing.

By focusing on affordable homeownership and homeowner repair programs, Meridian aims to promote stable housing conditions, affordability, and homeownership opportunities for low- to moderate-income residents. These efforts contribute to creating a sustainable and inclusive community where residents can thrive and maintain affordable housing options.

AP-60 Public Housing

24 CFR 91.220(h)

Introduction:

Ada County Housing Authority (ACHA) does not have any public housing units in Meridian, but it does administer the Section 8 voucher program in Meridian.

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program serves approximately 2,251 low-income households throughout Ada County (176 Meridian households). This program allows clients to choose affordable rental units that meet program requirements within Ada County. Once an affordable rental unit has been identified the household may pay a portion of the rent, based on income. ACHA provides the Section 8 rental subsidy portion to the landlord.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing:

The City does not directly provide public housing, but supports ACHA in improving public housing. Many landlords in Meridian are willing to accept Section 8 vouchers, but finding units in small complexes such as those located in Meridian is a challenge. Voucher holders generally have the most success finding homes in large apartment complexes, most of which are located in Boise.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership:

ACHA administers the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Option, a program designed to promote and support homeownership by families that are participating in or have graduated from ACHA's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. Families who have been determined eligible have the option, if they meet certain additional criteria, to purchase a home and receive payment assistance toward their mortgage rather than towards their rent.

ACHA also conducts workshops for first-time homebuyers covering the following topics: benefits of and preparation for homeownership, credit analysis, FICO scoring methodology, mortgage types and requirements, private mortgage insurance, loan to value ratio, down payment assistance programs, escrow and title process, property taxes, home maintenance, and homeowner responsibilities.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance:

ACHA is not designated as a troubled PHA.

Discussion:

The City does not own or manage any public housing and relies on ACHA to provide those services to the community. The City works with ACHA on various initiatives to coordinate and promote services and resources to the community.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

24 CFR 91.220(i)

Introduction:

The City coordinates with the Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care (CoC) to identify the strategies to address needs of those who are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs:

The City intends to continue to work with its partners to identify, understand, and support those experiencing homelessness (especially persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness) or at risk of homelessness with special needs in Meridian.

- **Continuum of Care Member -** The City of Meridian is a member of the Continuum of Care (CoC). The City has committed to better understanding the needs that Meridian residents who are currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness face and how to serve them better.
- **Community Collaboration** - City representatives are also frequently involved in public discussions, presentations, and meetings with citizens, other government officials, and local service providers, including West Ada School District, Jesse Tree, and CATCH. This collaboration helps the community provide support, understanding, and outreach to those experiencing homelessness in Meridian.
- **Homeless Management Information System** - In previous years, the City worked with the CoC to add data points to the CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to enable the City to determine how many Meridian residents are experiencing homelessness and the reasons for their housing crisis. The City is committed to serving the individual needs of Meridian's homeless population, as identified by the CoC and local organizations.
- **Point-in-Time Count** - The City has also worked with the CoC to conduct the annual Point-in-Time Count, which helps determine the number of people experiencing homelessness on a given day. This information allows the City to understand the level of homelessness in Meridian and develop a program that better serves those in need. The City will continue to assist with this process in upcoming years.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance** - Meridian's PY23 Action Plan includes funding for Emergency Rental Assistance. This program provides financial support to help residents at risk of homelessness remain in their stable housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons:

While there are emergency shelter and transitional housing facilities located in other nearby cities in the Treasure Valley, none of these facilities are located within City of Meridian. The City has prioritized funding homelessness prevention to mitigate the need for these services, but also works with the CoC to assist Meridian residents who are in need of emergency shelter. The City encourages agencies who provide these services to apply for CDBG funding, but there were no applications during PY23 for projects directly related to emergency shelters or transitional housing projects. However, all services to be funded are available to those who qualify.

The City of Meridian lacks homeless facilities.

- No homeless emergency shelter space is available in Meridian.
- Meridian does not have a domestic violence shelter.

- There are no transitional housing facilities in Meridian.

Residents who are the most vulnerable are those that are experiencing housing instability. Leaving the community for services in Boise, Nampa, or Caldwell, takes vulnerable residents away from their existing safety net of family, employment, schools, and religious community. Families that stay in their community have the best chances of quickly resolving their housing instability or financial challenges and minimizing the impact of homelessness on their children.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again:

Meridian recognizes the importance of addressing homelessness and supporting individuals and families in making the transition to permanent housing and independent living. The City has implemented several initiatives and partnered with various organizations to achieve these goals.

One of the key partnerships is with NeighborWorks Boise, which receives funding from the City to assist low- and moderate-income Meridian residents with homeowner repairs. This support helps individuals and families remain in housing they can afford, thereby preventing homelessness and promoting housing stability.

The City also collaborates with Jesse Tree, a local organization that provides rental and case management services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in Meridian. These services aim to prevent homelessness and address the immediate needs of those currently without housing.

Meridian has established extensive partnerships with committees, organizations, and networks involved in evaluating, understanding, and addressing the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. These include local law enforcement agencies, neighboring cities, service providers like the Women's and Children's Alliance, Boys & Girls Clubs, school districts, food banks, and many others. Through these partnerships, the City works to coordinate efforts, share resources, and implement comprehensive approaches to address homelessness in Meridian.

The City's collaboration with CATCH (Charitable Assistance to Community's Homeless) and the Continuum of Care (CoC) is particularly significant. These partnerships aim to support local service providers in assisting individuals and families experiencing homelessness, with a focus on shortening the duration of homelessness and facilitating the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

Furthermore, Meridian's relationships with the Ada County Housing Authority (ACHA), CATCH, and Jesse Tree are instrumental in creating access to affordable housing units for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The City works with these organizations to develop activities and programs that not only provide housing options but also prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless in the first place.

Overall, through collaboration, partnerships, and targeted initiatives, Meridian is committed to addressing homelessness, supporting homeless individuals and families, and ensuring access to affordable housing, with the aim of facilitating the transition to permanent housing and preventing future instances of homelessness.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs:

Meridian recognizes the importance of preventing homelessness, particularly among low-income individuals and families, including those who are at high risk due to various circumstances. The City is actively engaged in partnerships and collaborations to address these needs and provide support.

Meridian is an active participant in the Continuum of Care (CoC), which consists of representatives from organizations such as the Ada County Housing Authority (ACHA), Health and Welfare, mental health service providers, law enforcement, and correctional agencies. The CoC plays a crucial role in coordinating efforts, collecting and reviewing data, and prioritizing strategies based on input from service providers. The coordinated entry process ensures that individuals and families across Ada County have access to necessary services and support. Regular case conferencing is conducted to discuss individual cases and develop appropriate interventions.

In addition to the CoC, Meridian is involved in the Behavioral Health Board (BHB), a government entity established to address mental health and substance use disorders. The BHB advises Idaho's behavioral health authority and works towards improving the delivery of integrated services for behavioral health. By participating in the BHB, Meridian gains valuable insights into the broader behavioral health needs of the community, including those transitioning from institutional settings like mental health facilities and correctional programs.

To further support individuals and families at risk of homelessness, the City provides funding to Jesse Tree. This partnership aims to keep families, individuals, and children who are at risk of eviction stably housed, ensuring they maintain housing stability and avoid homelessness. Meridian also collaborates with other organizations such as the West Ada School District to assess needs and provide appropriate services to individuals and families facing the risk of homelessness.

Through its involvement in the CoC, BHB, and partnerships with organizations like Jesse Tree and the West Ada School District, Meridian is actively working to prevent individuals and families, especially those with low income and those transitioning from institutions, from experiencing homelessness. These efforts involve assessing needs, coordinating services, and providing financial assistance to ensure stable housing and access to support services

Discussion:

The City of Meridian recognizes the importance of addressing the housing and supportive service needs of non-homeless special needs persons, including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, individuals with HIV/AIDS, and public housing residents. While the primary focus of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is housing stability for low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents, the City has implemented various actions to support these specific populations.

One area of focus is providing crisis services for victims of interpersonal violence. The City recognizes the unique challenges faced by individuals and families experiencing domestic violence and works to ensure they have access to necessary support services, including emergency shelter, counseling, legal assistance, and other resources. By addressing the housing needs and providing supportive services, the City aims to enhance the safety and well-being of these vulnerable populations.

Another initiative is the provision of youth scholarships for childcare. This program helps low-income families, including those with special needs children, by offering financial assistance for childcare services. Access to affordable and quality childcare not only supports working parents but also promotes the well-being and development of children.

Additionally, the City is committed to improving walkability in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods. This includes infrastructure enhancements such as sidewalks, pedestrian pathways, and other amenities that make it easier for residents, including those with disabilities or mobility challenges, to navigate their communities. These improvements contribute to creating inclusive and accessible neighborhoods for all residents, including the elderly and individuals with disabilities.

Through these actions, the City of Meridian demonstrates its commitment to addressing the housing and supportive service needs of non-homeless special needs persons. By focusing on crisis services for victims of interpersonal violence, youth scholarships for childcare, and walkability improvements in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods, the City strives to enhance the overall well-being and quality of life for these individuals and families in the community, regardless of their housing status.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing

24 CFR 91.220(j)

Introduction:

Even though construction costs for new housing developments remain relatively stagnant, housing prices continue to rise, severely impacting the availability of affordable housing in the United States. According to Brian Montgomery, Federal Housing Administration commissioner and assistant secretary for housing, constraints on housing not only reduce the supply of affordable housing but also increase the number of households that are cost-burdened, spending more than 30 percent of their income on rent.

Land-use policies and zoning regulations constrain the supply of affordable housing. Density limits, height restrictions, parking requirements, lengthy permitting and approval processes, and community opposition all contribute to increased housing prices.

Many local planning procedures currently in place enable community opposition that stalls housing production. Reshaping local regulations allows jurisdictions to make a lasting impact on the supply of affordable housing.

HUD, PD&R Edge, *"Regulatory Barriers and Affordable Housing Quarterly Update"*

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment:

To remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing, the City of Meridian has implemented several actions.

Firstly, through its redevelopment plan for downtown, known as Destination Downtown, the City is actively working towards creating more diverse housing types. This includes apartments, townhomes, condominiums, duplexes, and single-family homes to cater to different housing needs and life cycles. By promoting a healthy mix of housing options, the City aims to attract residents and support new businesses, ensuring a vibrant and active downtown area.

The City has also facilitated multiple Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for publicly-owned properties in downtown Meridian. During this process, priority has been given to proposals that focus on developing mixed-use and high-density housing. By encouraging such development, the City aims to increase housing options and address the shortage of affordable housing in the area.

As part of these efforts, one awarded project, Downtown Lofts, will contribute to affordable housing in downtown Meridian. The project includes the dedication of six units specifically for participants of the local organization CATCH, which provides housing assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

Through these actions, the City of Meridian is actively working to remove barriers to affordable housing by promoting diverse housing options, facilitating the development of mixed-use and high-density housing, and ensuring the inclusion of affordable units in new projects. These initiatives aim to create a more inclusive and accessible housing market while addressing the negative effects of public policies that may hinder the availability and affordability of housing in the community.

Discussion:

The City will continue to identify areas to reduce barriers to affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions

24 CFR 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Meridian continues to remain involved in several efforts to address the needs of the underserved and promote efforts to coordinate the many components related to housing, suitable living environments, and promoting safer living environments.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs:

The City's planned actions to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs demonstrate a proactive approach to improving the well-being of its residents and reducing disparities.

Engaging in conversations with neighboring communities and service providers is a valuable step in identifying and addressing underserved needs. By collaborating and sharing information, the City can gain a comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced by its residents and work towards effective solutions. This approach also fosters regional cooperation and allows for a more holistic approach to addressing community needs.

Allocating funding to provide housing stability for those at risk of homelessness and extended care programs for youth reflects the City's commitment to preventing homelessness and creating supportive environments. By investing in these initiatives, the City aims to address immediate challenges and provide individuals and families with the necessary resources and support to maintain stable housing and improve their quality of life.

The collaboration between the Economic Development Administrator and the CDBG program demonstrates an integrated approach to aligning the needs of residents with economic opportunities. This coordination can help identify strategies to enhance economic development, promote job growth, and improve access to employment and economic resources for underserved populations.

Expanding relationships with private providers, developers, and social services providers is another key action to reduce obstacles to achieving decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Building strong partnerships with these stakeholders can facilitate the development of affordable housing projects, encourage the provision of necessary services, and foster community-driven solutions to address unmet needs.

By implementing these planned actions, the City of Meridian aims to address obstacles, reduce disparities, and ensure that all residents have access to affordable housing, supportive services, and economic opportunities.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing:

The City intends to partner with local service providers that will assist in fostering and maintaining affordable housing.

Projects funded during PY23 will provide:

- Emergency assistance to families who are at risk of eviction and homelessness;
- Assistance for homeowners to make necessary improvements to maintain their current housing; and,

- Scholarships for children to participate in extended care programs so their caregivers can work.

Additionally, the City will be working with service providers that focus on providing stability to those with mental health and/or substance use disorders to allow them to gain or maintain affordable housing with access to care coordination. The City will also explore additional partnerships with mission-driven and private developers to bring more workforce housing into downtown and underutilized land parcels.

The City is actively working to develop workforce housing and opportunities for residents to increase their income to foster and maintain affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards:

Meridian's CDBG projects, which require lead-based paint actions, are generally limited to housing rehabilitation.

The Lead-Safe Housing Rule (LSHR) process involves the following areas: notification, lead hazard evaluation, lead hazard reduction, and clearance. CDBG housing rehabilitation projects do not require ongoing lead-based paint maintenance. Lead-based paint activities apply to all homes built before 1978.

Meridian has written policies and procedures for all programs required to comply with the HUD lead-safe housing rule (LSHR). Additionally, the City requires lead-based paint policies and procedures with any partners who may administer these programs on the City's behalf. Contractors in the housing rehabilitation program have lead-based paint requirements integrated into their contract for services with the homeowner.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families:

The objectives of the CDBG program are to address the needs of low to moderate-income residents in Meridian. Generally, the CDBG-funded programs in the current Action Plan work toward this end, whether through direct service delivery through contracted subrecipients or infrastructure improvements to reduce blight and address accessibility issues.

In addition to the programs, the City has developed many partnerships with service providers, non-profits, state agencies, and other entities to address issues affecting poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure:

In recent years the City made the CDBG Administrator position a full-time position and changed the position title to Community Development Program Coordinator. This position is now funded out of the City's general fund. This institutional change is designed to provide more time to effectively manage the CDBG program and provide flexibility for the position to expand efforts into economic and other areas that can help meet the community development needs of the City.

Staff will continue to work to attain relevant and appropriate professional development training during the program year to learn and address current and future institutional problems. Discussions will continue about the expansion and opportunities to add new program staff to assist in this community development work.

The City has been involved in the institutional restructuring of the CoC and the implementation of new HMIS and Coordinated Entry standards for service providers in the County. These activities have dramatically altered the institutional framework of housing and other service providers in the region and have improved the efficiency and transparency of the collaborative work to address these needs. The City hopes to identify new institutional structures that can be developed, reformed, or changed to better support those most at risk in the region (e.g., transitional and emergency housing networks).

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies:

City staff will be working with the CoC to identify ways to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. As in many communities, there is not enough funding to provide the level of services we'd like so the CoC plans to identify a way of coordinating services that are available and reducing duplication of services for a more effective use of funding. Multiple methods will be explored including phone apps and enhancing services that are already available.

The City's partnership and funding relationship with local housing service organizations including NeighborWorks Boise, Jesse Tree, and Ada County Housing Authority will continue to expand in this program year. In addition, coordination with other organizations like CATCH, Boise Rescue Mission, Interfaith Sanctuary, Terry Reilley, El-Ada Community Action, Jannus, Idaho Office for Refugees, Agency for New Americans, Women's and Children's Alliance, and all members associated with the local CoC (including private housing developers) will continue to be built upon to improve networks, coordination, and problem solving in the jurisdiction.

Meridian's participation in the local CoC, housing and homelessness roundtables, and other regional coordination efforts outlines the City's continued action plan for enhancing the networking and coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Discussion:

The City intends to fund multiple projects that will improve access to affordable housing and suitable living environments for Meridian residents. Staff will be working with subrecipients to identify barriers within their programs and find ways to address them to provide more effective services. Staff will also identify ways to improve and expand Meridian's CDBG Program for future years.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements

24 CFR 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The City is in compliance with the program-specific requirements outlined in 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1), (2), and (4) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Projects Table identifies the planned use of all CDBG funds, including program income and other funding sources.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1):

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	**0**

Other CDBG Requirements:

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

The City's certification period includes program years 2021, 2022, and 2023. Outside of admin and fair housing, the City will allocate all funding for PY23 to LMI projects. The City commits to meet the 70% LMI benefit requirement of the federal CDBG program over the span of that three-year certification period.

Attachment 1: Citizen Participation

Planning for Action Plan

Public Comments

Public feedback on potential service providers and projects to be funded in the upcoming year was gathered from April 4 to 18, 2023. Public hearings were held on April 4, April 8, and April 18 2023. The City accepted comments via testimony at the public hearings, phone calls, emails, or by completing a survey that asked questions about the needs of the community.

The survey was completed by 18 participants that identified as either a Meridian resident or someone who works with Meridian residents. There were an additional 11 responses from people who were not connected to Meridian, these responses were not included in the feedback. Below are the results of the survey and comments received from all methods.

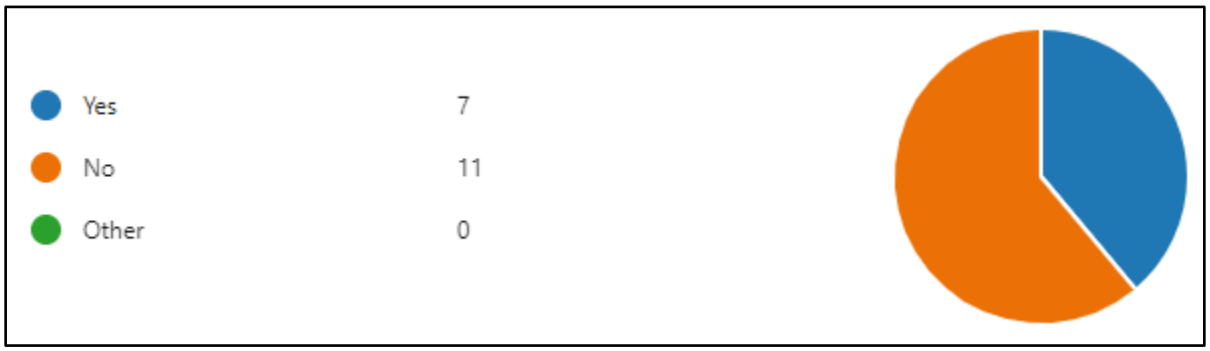


Figure 1: Number of survey participants reporting that they or someone they knew required services in the past year.

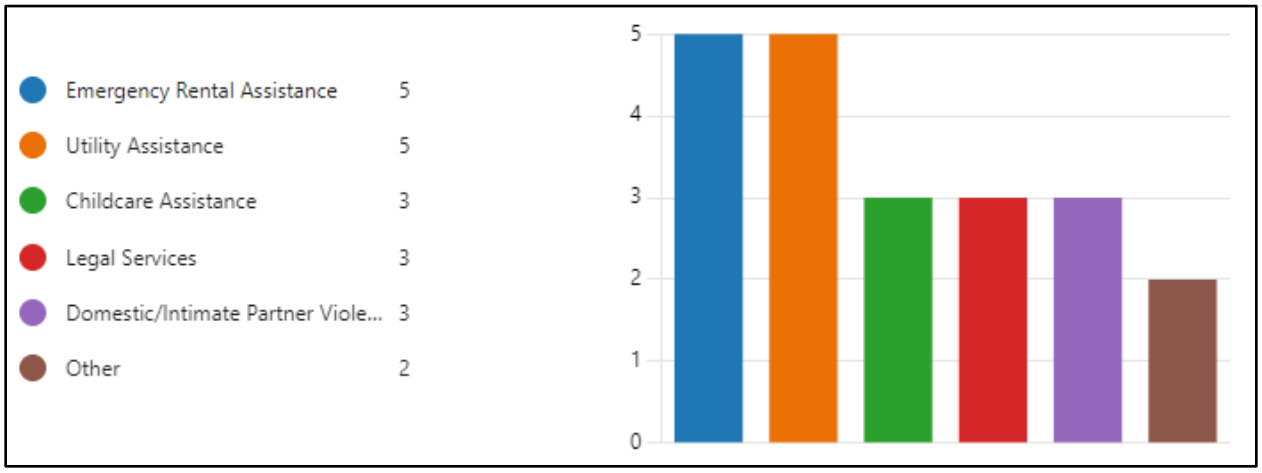


Figure 2: The types of services that were required from Figure 1.

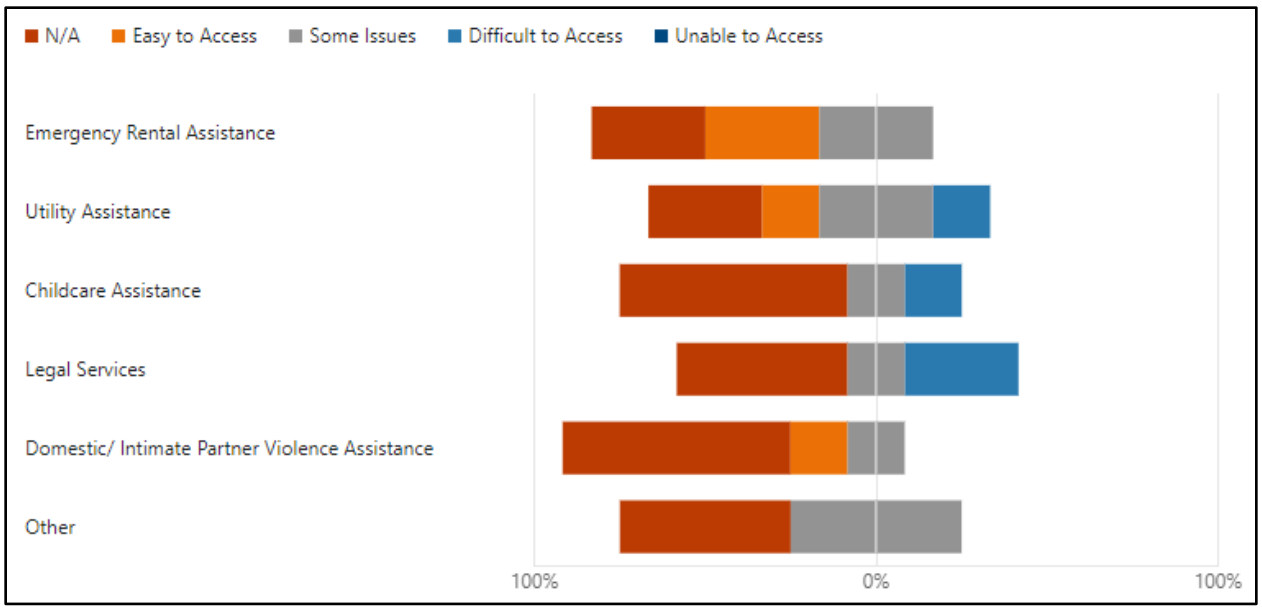


Figure 3: Level of ease accessing services.

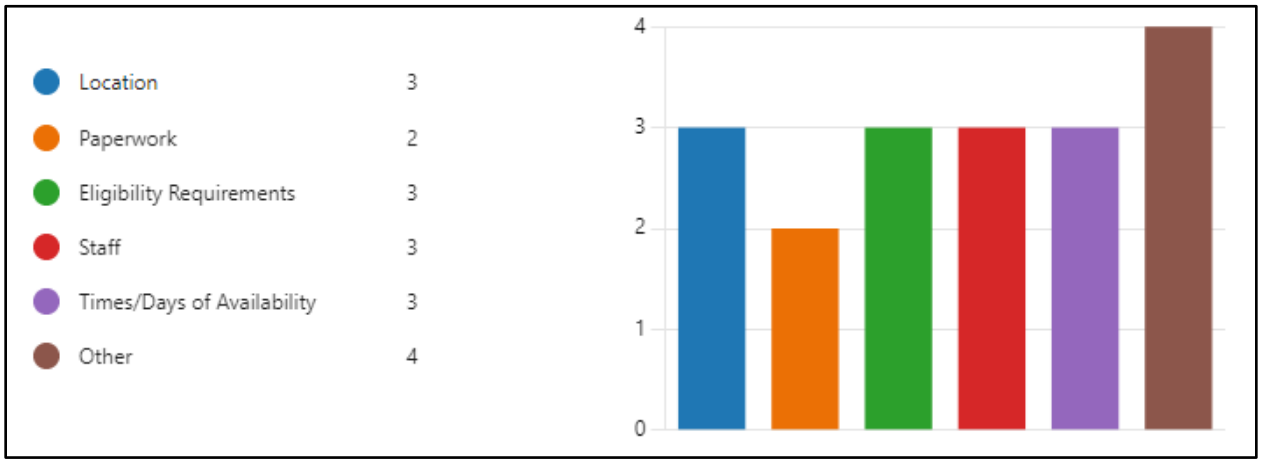


Figure 4: Barriers to accessing services.

Current Contacts	Emergency Rental Assistance Childcare Scholarships Homeless Services Healthcare Utility Assistance Food Bank
Additional Outreach Required	Legal Services Utility Assistance
Ineligible Projects	Lawn/landscape and garden maintenance and care Property tax reduction Grocery credits

Table 9: Partnerships suggested during survey.

Commenter	Method of Submission	Comment
Stanton Healthcare	survey	Many of the services are excellent and easy to access. The barrier remains the financial qualifications.
Ashley Hocken	survey	It seems like the City of Meridian believes homelessness is a Boise problem. When in reality the problem is in Meridian, but the unhoused residents are forced to move to Boise to obtain real services to get back on their feet. If Meridian is going to force its residents to get their services in Boise, then Meridian should provide more financial support to the Boise resources, like Our Path Home or CATCH. Yes, Meridian could clearly support and market to the public where these resources are located.
Anonymous	survey	Rental assistance was through BCACHA Covid relief funds which are limited.
Anonymous	survey	What is the point of these questionnaires when no actions are ever taken? It's frustrating, with a lot of talk but leading absolutely nowhere. Social media outreach, meeting with the people in accessible locations, near transportation, or where they would usually be. Hire adequate staffing to expand hours. Literally just be available
Anonymous	survey	Lower senior housing desperately needed. Housing is too expensive! Please help with this problem.
Anonymous	survey	Need more info. on how to find resources , whats available and how to apply for service

Table 10: Comments received during the public comment period for the planning process.

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SHARON JESSEN
STATE OF IDAHO

On this 16th day of March, in the year of 2023 before me a Notary Public, personally appeared. SHARON JESSEN, known or identified to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledge to me that he/she executed the same.

Notary Public of Idaho
My commission expires

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF MERIDIAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Regarding Meridian's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

ALL CITIZENS ARE INVITED to attend a public hearing regarding how to invest CDBG funds in the Meridian community. The public hearing will be opened by Meridian City Council at its meeting on **Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.**, in person at Meridian City Hall or virtually at https://meridiancity.org/live. There will be a public presentation at The Meridian Gathering and Resource Center on Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M, where additional public comments will be gathered. Meridian City Council will take further comments and close the public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., in person at Meridian City Hall or virtually at https://meridiancity.org/live.

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March 17, 2023 347020

Draft Action Plan

Public Comments

Public feedback regarding the draft Action Plan and the designated projects was collected during the public comment period from June 15 to July 15, 2023 and during the public hearing held on June 27, 2023. The City accepted comments via testimony at public hearings, phone calls, emails, or by completing a survey that asked questions about the value of the identified projects.

The survey was completed by 33 participants that identified as either a Meridian resident or someone who works with Meridian residents. Of those participants, 12% identified as having an income below 80% of the AMI. There were an additional 5 responses from people who were not connected to Meridian, these responses were not included in the feedback. Below are the results of the survey and comments received from all methods.

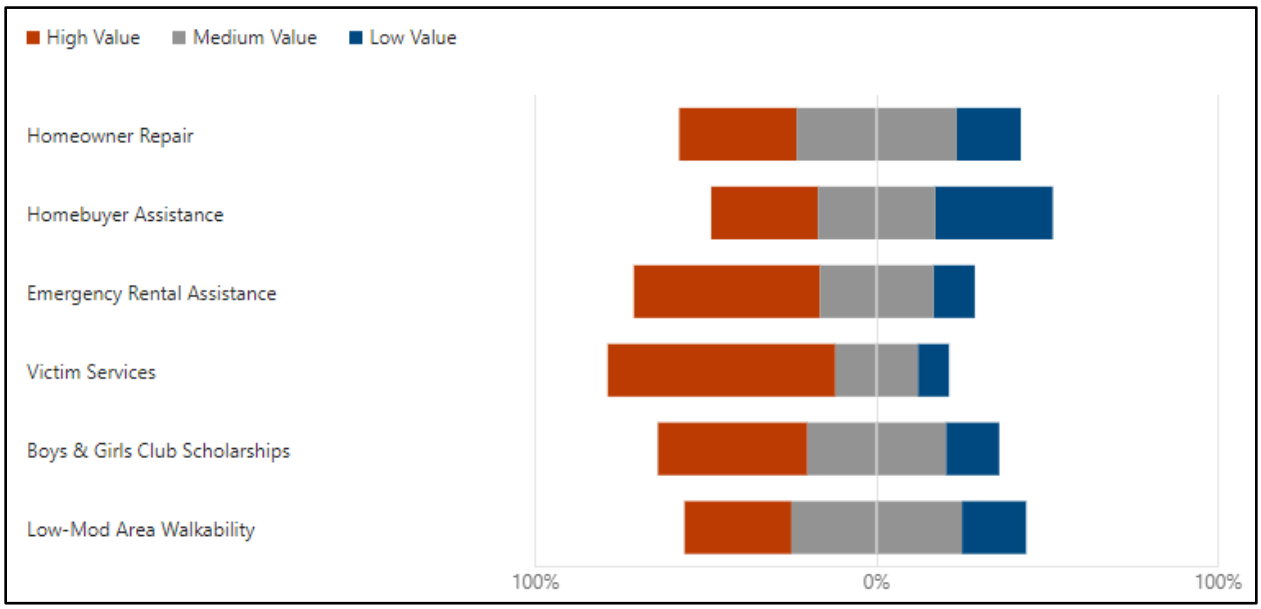


Figure 5: Value of the Activities Included in the Action Plan

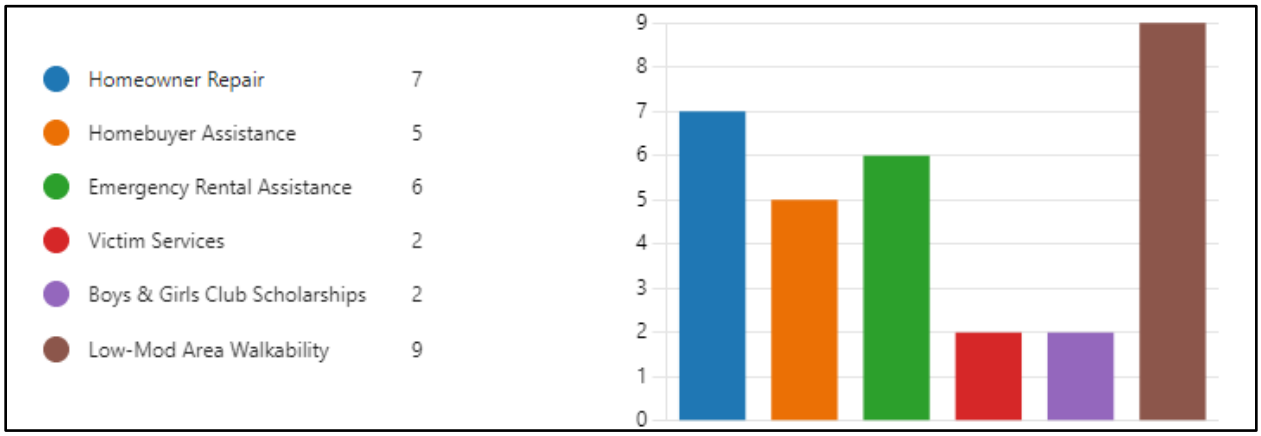


Figure 6: Projects that will potentially benefit survey participants.

Commenter	Method of Submission	Comment
Kate Dahl, Valley Regional Transit	Email	Valley Regional Transit has reviewed the projects included in Meridian's CDBG PY2023 Consolidated Plan. Availability and accessibility to transportation alternatives is a key component of affordable housing and economic opportunity. The ability to move between home, work, and essential services in an affordable, convenient, and safe manner expands the menu of options to individuals on where they can live and where they can work. Improving street lighting, sidewalks, and ADA accessibility builds an environment where individuals' can move around their community with ease and less car dependence, which saves significant money that can be put towards other expenses. Excellent pedestrian infrastructure supports public transportation by allowing all types of people the ability to reach bus stops safety and conveniently which encourages more people to ride the bus. VRT supports and applauds the Cities efforts to improve affordable housing and accessibility in neighborhoods through the CDBG program.
Miranda Carson, City of Meridian Comprehensive Associate Coordination Planner	email	I am supportive of what CDBG is doing and the PY23 Action Plan. This is important work, and grants are handled with passion and professionalism.
Erekle Vakhramovi, CATCH	survey	Barriers to access housing for families and individuals with moderate means have become increasingly difficult to overcome. Any financial assistance and continued credit building support would greatly benefit these people. Additionally, further incentives must be provided for landlords to dedicate spaces for families with low credit scores, relatively low income, some criminal and unfavorable rental history.
Anonymous	survey	Any help you can give residents with high quality child care would benefit parents, children and the community
Katie Derrick	survey	I have lived in Meridian for 4 years and have grown up in the Treasure Valley. I believe housing is vital, and we have many people in Meridian who are struggling to stay housed. Emergency Rental Assistance is extremely important to stabilize and strengthen our community.
Anonymous	survey	As the area continues to grow, if infrastructure (like workforce housing) isn't rapidly adjusted to meet the growth, the most important thing to invest in is emergency rental assistance.
Erin, Jesse Tree	survey	ERA is extremely important for residents to keep them safely housed and off the streets
Morgan DeCarl, Jesse Tree	survey	In this current economic climate with the cost of living being well over what is considered affordable with current income trends it is imperative to continue offering emergency rental assistance in our community. We appreciate this program and the need is so desperately there!

Table 11: Comments received during the public comment period for the PY23 Action Plan.

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On this 15th day of June, in the year of 2023 before me a Notary Public, personally appeared. SHARON JESSEN, known or identified to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledge to me that he/she executed the same.

Notary Public of Idaho
My commission expires 06/28/23

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Regarding Meridian's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

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A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD will open June 15, 2023 and will continue through July 15, 2023. During this period, oral and written comments about the 2023 CDBG Action Plan will be accepted. All comments should be addressed to Crystal Campbell at: City of Meridian, Community Development Department, 33 E. Broadway Ave., Ste.102, Meridian, ID 83642; (208) 489-0575; or ccampbell@meridiancity.org.

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June 13, 2023 382907

Attachment 2: LMA Walkability Study

MERIDIAN CDBG PROGRAM

LMA Walkability Study









Completed July 2023

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Analysis~Identification of Future Sidewalk & Streetlight Projects (CDBG)
Analysis and Recommendations

Date: June 30, 2023

Project: Analysis~Identification of Future Sidewalk & Streetlight Projects (CDBG)

To: Crystal Campbell
City of Meridian, Community Development Program Coordinator

From: Hannah Long, PE
Consor, Project Engineer

Reviewed By: Jonathan Gellings, PE
Consor, Principal Engineer

Re: Analysis and Recommendations

Introduction

The City of Meridian (City) receives community development block grant (CDBG) funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development each year, which is allotted to various public facilities and infrastructure improvements, housing, and public services for low to moderate income (LMI) City residents. The goal of this study is to identify public infrastructure projects within LMI neighborhoods that are eligible for future CDBG funding and would provide improved accessibility and safety to the community. Potential improvements include sidewalk infill, ADA ramp installation, and street lighting infill. The purpose of this memorandum is to present the results of the data collection that has been performed for potential project areas and recommend projects for future City CDBG funding.

Evaluation of Potential Projects

Criteria

The project selection criteria are detailed in the "Project Selection Criteria" memorandum (Appendix A) previously submitted to the City. In summary, the project selection criteria are divided into three categories: pedestrian demand, pedestrian infrastructure, and safety. The criteria in each category are listed below with their method of evaluation, either in-office, field visit, or both:

- Pedestrian demand:
  - Walkability index (in-office)
  - Proximity to school (in-office)
  - Proximity to park (in-office)
  - Proximity to a transit stop (in-office)
- Pedestrian infrastructure:

    - Sidewalk continuity (both)
    - ADA compliance (both)
- Safety
    - Level of crime (in-office)
    - Crash history (in-office)
    - Street lighting (both)

Detailed metrics and scoring for each criterion can be found on the rubric in **Appendix B**.

Method

To develop an initial list of potential projects, Consor primarily analyzed sidewalk continuity, as this metric is highly important for improving accessibility and safety for pedestrians. Areas where there is no continuous sidewalk on either side of the road were considered high priority, followed by areas with continuous sidewalk on only one side of the road. Consor then looked at patterns in the other metrics to narrow down the sidewalk infill locations. Locations with higher historical reported crimes, closer to schools, parks, and transit stops, and with improvement needed to the street lighting system were selected as potential projects. Before finalizing the list of potential projects, Consor used the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) Integrated Five Year Work Plan map (ACHD 2022-2026 Integrated Five Year Work Plan (IFYWP) (arcgis.com)) to identify ACHD projects with associated pedestrian improvements and eliminate overlap with potential CDBG projects.

These initial focus areas were not limited to what could be constructed in a single CDBG funding year; many segments are larger or smaller than the anticipated size of a CDBG-funded project. The potential project areas identified for analysis are shown in Table 1 below. Additionally, the map of these locations can be found in **Appendix C**.

Table 1: Potential Project Areas

Project Area Identifier	Potential Project Area Description
A	NW 7th St from W Carlton Ave to W Cherry Ln
B	W Carlton Ave from approximately 130 ft west of NW 7th St to NW 5th St
C	W Carlton Ave from NW 5th St to NW 4th St
D	W Maple Ave from NW 4th St to NW 2nd St
E	W Carlton Ave from NW 1st St to N Meridian Rd and NW 1st St from W Carlton Ave to 100 ft south of W Washington St
F	NW 3rd St from south end to W Pine Ave and W Broadway Ave from NW 4th St to NW 2nd St
G	NW 2nd St from W Railroad St to Meridian Elementary School
H	NW 1st St from W Railroad St to W Broadway Ave
I	E Carlton Ave from N Meridian Rd to 120 ft west of N Main St
J	E Badley Ave from NE 2 ½ St to Creekside Arbour Apartments and E 3rd St from E Badley Ave to south end
K	E Washington Ave from NE 2 ½ St to NE 4th St
L	E Carlton Ave from NE 2 ½ St to east end
M	E State Ave from NE 2nd St to east end (N Cathy Ln)
N	E 4th St from E Pine Ave to E Carlton Ave
O	E 5th St from E Pine Ave to E Washington Ave

P	Jackson Drain crossing between E Barbara Dr and multi-use path parallel to N Cougar Wy/E Willowbrook Dr
Q	W Pennwood St from Pennwood Apartments to S Meridian Rd

Analysis

Consor analyzed the potential project areas A through Q using the project selection criteria rubric and the results of this analysis are displayed in Tables 2 and 3 below. Table 2 shows the unweighted score and Table 3 shows the weighted score and total score for each potential project area. As documented in the Project Selection Criteria memorandum, certain criteria are weighted more due to higher City priority and relevance to the types of projects eligible for CDBG funding. **Appendices D through F** contain exhibits and supporting data for the pedestrian demand, pedestrian infrastructure, and safety categories, respectively.

Table 2: Potential Project Scores, Unweighted

Project Area	Walkability Index	Proximity to School	Proximity to Park	Proximity to Transit Stop	Sidewalk Continuity	ADA Compliance	Level of Crime	Crash History	Street Lighting
A	2	4	0	3	4	4	2	1	4
B	2	3	0	3.5	2	0	2	0	4
C	2	3.5	0	3	2	0	2	0	2
D	2	3	1	3	4	4	3	0	2
E	2	4	0.5	4	2	2	4	0	2
F	2	3.5	0	4	4	4	3	0	2
G	2	3.5	0	4	4	4	4	0	2
H	2	3	0	4	4	4	4	0	2
I	3	1	1	4	2	0	4	0	3
J	3	0.5	2	3	4	4	2	1	2
K	3	0.5	2	3.5	4	4	2	0	2
L	3	0.5	1.5	4	3	4	3	0	2
M	3	0.5	1	4	1	0	3	0	3
N	3	0	1	4	4	4	3	0	2
O	3	1	1.5	4	2	0	3	0	2
P	3	3	4	2.5	4	4	2	0	4
Q	2	1	0	1	2	3	3.5	2	3

Table 3: Potential Project Scores, Weighted

Project Area	Walkability Index	Proximity to School	Proximity to Park	Proximity to Transit Stop	Sidewalk Continuity	ADA Compliance	Level of Crime	Crash History	Street Lighting	Total Score	Rank
	x 1.0	X 1.0	X 0.7	X 1.0	X 1.5	X 1.5	X 1.0	X 1.0	X 1.0		
A	2	4	0	3	6	6	2	1	4	**28.0**	**2**
B	2	3	0	3.5	3	0	2	0	4	**17.5**	**14**
C	2	3.5	0	3	3	0	2	0	2	**15.5**	**17**
D	2	3	0.7	3	6	6	3	0	2	**25.7**	**6**
E	2	4	0.35	4	3	3	4	0	2	**22.4**	**11**
F	2	3.5	0	4	6	6	3	0	2	**26.5**	**5**
G	2	3.5	0	4	6	6	4	0	2	**27.5**	**3**
H	2	3	0	4	6	6	4	0	2	**27.0**	**4**
I	3	1	0.7	4	3	0	4	0	3	**18.7**	**13**
J	3	0.5	1.4	3	6	6	2	1	2	**24.9**	**7**
K	3	0.5	1.4	3.5	6	6	2	0	2	**24.4**	**9**
L	3	0.5	1.05	4	4.5	6	3	0	2	**24.1**	**10**
M	3	0.5	0.7	4	1.5	0	3	0	3	**15.7**	**16**
N	3	0	0.7	4	6	6	3	0	2	**24.7**	**8**
O	3	1	1.05	4	3	0	3	0	2	**17.1**	**15**
P	3	3	2.8	2.5	6	6	2	0	4	**29.3**	**1**
Q	2	1	0	1	3	4.5	3.5	2	3	**20.0**	**12**

Future Project Scoping

The potential project area evaluation in the previous section informs which areas should be prioritized for future CDBG funding. However, most segments on the list contain more improvement work than can be completed with the average amount of CDBG funding per year. Therefore, the potential project areas must be condensed into right-sized projects that will provide a community benefit in line with the CDBG program goals and will be achievable within the limits of the available CDBG budget.

CDBG Eligibility

Each project recommended will align with the CDBG program goals for the public facilities and infrastructure category. These goals include adding community value to a designated LMI neighborhood, specifically in locations that are primarily residential. Each project will fall within the scope of a 03K (Street Improvements) or 03L (Sidewalks) project. Additionally, each project will be comprised primarily of new sidewalk, ADA ramp, and/or street lighting construction, with rehabilitation of existing infrastructure only as necessary where attaching to existing. This will place the selected projects beyond and outside the scope of routine City maintenance responsibilities which may include repairing existing sidewalks and replacing expended street light bulbs.

Project Cost Estimating

Consor put together unit cost information based on recent projects and publicly available bid item prices to create planning-level costs for typical project elements. The city provided an assumed annual CDBG construction budget of $200,000. The planning-level project costs are listed below and include a significant contingency budget to account for unanticipated costs such as drainage, utility adjustments, and landscaping.

- Design: $40,000
- Construction: $160,000
    - Mobilization (10%): $16,000
    - Traffic Control (8%): $12,800
    - Erosion Control (2%): $3,200
    - Survey (2%): $3,200
    - Removals (5%): $8,000
    - Contingency (20%): $32,000
    - Sidewalks: $85 per linear foot assuming 5’ wide
    - Curb Ramp: $2,000 each
    - Curb and Gutter: $70 per linear foot
    - Street Lights: $10,000 each

Using these assumed project costs, $84,800 is available on each project for work elements such as sidewalks, curb ramps, and street lights. If all $84,800 goes toward sidewalk improvements with curb and gutter, approximately 550 feet of sidewalk can be constructed. Separated sidewalks are desirable where possible to reduce costs for curb and gutter and leave budget available for other elements. To be conservative, recommended projects will not include more than 600 feet of sidewalk unless it is very likely that a separated sidewalk would be feasible (for example, if there is some existing separated sidewalk that could be extended).

Final Rationale and Recommendations

The two highest ranking project areas were P (1) and A (2). These projects are included in the list of recommended projects below, but were not listed as highest priority for several reasons. For project P, there is an existing structure over the Jackson Drain that could potentially be used to provide a pathway between E Barbara Dr and the multi-use path, connecting the residents of the Fairview Terrace Estates mobile home park to the path and therefore to Chief Joseph Elementary. However, because no structural information is known at the time of this study, more information and structural design consultation would be needed to move forward with this project. Project area A is also included on the list but was shifted down in priority due to the size of the project, which will take multiple funding years to complete. The two projects ranked at the top of the list (G and F) will provide significant connections in the pedestrian network and can each be completed with one year of funds. The rest of the priority list was filled in largely following the analysis rankings, with some exceptions. Projects that are “stubs” or do not provide much connection value were moved to a lower priority on the list. Projects that are anticipated to have significant right-of-way or utility conflicts were also moved down the list. All the projects identified in the analysis will provide value to the community if constructed, but selecting the projects with both high value and low anticipated complexity and conflicts is recommended to maximize CDBG funds.

Based on the results of the analysis, Consor has recommended the following 10 projects for future CDBG funding.

Table 4: Recommended Projects

Project Area Identifier	Priority	Project Description
G and F	1	Construct sidewalk (likely separated) on west side of NW 2nd St from W Broadway Ave to Meridian Elementary with one to two infill lights. Construct sidewalk (likely with curb and gutter) on north side north side of W Broadway Ave from NW 3rd St to NW 2nd St.
F	2	Construct sidewalk (likely separated) on west side of NW 3rd St from W Broadway Ave to W Pine Ave with one infill light per block. Construct sidewalk (likely with curb and gutter) on north side of W Broadway Ave from NW 4th St to NW 3rd St.
A (Phase 1)	3	Construct sidewalk (likely attached using existing curb and gutter) on west side of NW 7th St from 1233 NW 7th St to 1505 NW 7th St, with lighting infill.
A (Phase 2)	4	Construct sidewalk (likely attached using existing curb and gutter) on west side of NW 7th St from 1505 NW 7th St to W Cherry Ln, with lighting infill.
A (Phase 3)	5	Construct sidewalk (likely attached using existing curb and gutter) on west side of NW 7th St from W Carlton Ave 1233 NW 7th St, with lighting infill.
D	6	Construct sidewalk (likely attached using existing curb and gutter) on north side of W Maple Ave from NW 4th St to NW 2nd St, with lighting infill.
N	7	Construct sidewalk (likely majority separated) on west side of E 4th St from north of E Pine Ave to E Carlton Ave, with lighting infill. Continue lighting infill onto E Carlton Ave if budget allows.
J	8	Construct sidewalk (likely attached or new curb and gutter) on south side of E Badley Ave from NE 2 ½ St to east of E 3rd St and on both sides of E 3rd St from Badley to the south end. Infill lighting on E Badley Ave from NE 2 ½ St to Creekside Arbour Apartments.
K	9	If possible, construct sidewalk (separated) on south side (Cole Valley Christian School) of E Washington Ave from NE 2 ½ St to NE 4th St. If not, construct sidewalk on north side – this is not preferred as there are many utility conflicts.
P	10	Construct a path over the Jackson Drain to connect E Barbara Dr and the multi-use path.

Analysis~Identification of Future Sidewalk & Streetlight Projects (CDBG)
Project Selection Criteria

Date: June 27, 2023

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To: Crystal Campbell
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Re: Project Selection Criteria

Introduction

The purpose of this memorandum is to present the project selection criteria that have been developed to identify and prioritize project areas to receive future City of Meridian community development block grant (CDBG) funding.

Project Selection Criteria Descriptions

The project selection criteria have been divided into three categories: pedestrian demand, pedestrian infrastructure, and safety. Each category contains multiple metrics which are defined in the following sections.

Pedestrian Demand

Pedestrian demand is defined by the likelihood of pedestrians being present in a potential project area, or number of walk trips anticipated to occur in an area. This category contains four criteria: walkability index and proximity to schools, parks, and transit stops as defined below. Radial distances used in this analysis will be adjusted down to more closely represent actual walking distances which are confined to sidewalks and other paths.

Walkability index: This score will be informed by the National Walkability Index generated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (National Walkability Index (arcgis.com)). The National Walkability Index considers intersection density, proximity to transit stops, employment mix, and employment and household mix to produce a score based on the number of walk trips generated in certain areas defined by census block groups (higher walkability index corresponds to higher numbers of pedestrians anticipated in those areas).

Proximity to school: Distance (radially as the crow flies) from a school (public, school of choice, alternative, or charter). For public schools, radii shall be limited to the West Ada School District "Walk Zone" maps for each school.

Proximity to park: Distance (radially as the crow flies) from a public park.

Proximity to transit stop: Distance (radially as the crow flies) from a Valley Regional Transit (VRT) stop.

Pedestrian Infrastructure

The pedestrian infrastructure category is comprised of two criteria: sidewalk continuity and ADA compliance, as defined below.

Sidewalk continuity: Whether there are gaps in the existing sidewalk, and how big the gaps are. Areas with no continuous sidewalk on either side of the road are highest priority, followed by areas with continuous sidewalk on only one side of the road. Areas with sidewalk gaps will be identified using Google Earth and confirmed with field visits.

ADA compliance: Whether a segment of sidewalk, including curb ramps, is ADA-compliant. Compliant sidewalks have a 4' sidewalk width from back of curb free of clear width obstructions, run slopes of <5% where topography permits, a cross slope of 2% or less, and compliant ramps. Compliant ramps have at least a 4'x4' level landing area (4'x5' where turning space is constrained at the back of walk), a run slope of less than 8.33%, a cross slope of less than 2%, 10% maximum flared sides where provided, and a detectable warning surface for visually impaired users. ADA compliance will be evaluated during field visits.

Safety

The safety category is comprised of three criteria: level of crime, crash history, and street lighting, as defined below.

Level of crime: Level of crime will be the measurement of the number of crimes reported near a project area, relative to other potential project areas. This information will come from a customized hot spot crime map from the Meridian Police Department's analytical services manager showing crimes from the years 2021 and 2022.

Crash history: Number of vehicle/pedestrian crashes from 2018 through 2022 within the project area as shown on a map provided by the Meridian Police Department's analytical services manager.

Street lighting: The adequacy of existing street lighting will be evaluated using light type and spacing, and whether based on those two factors the existing lighting is anticipated to meet applicable illumination guidelines in the IES RP-8-18 standard. Street light spacing, wattage, and type will be identified using the Streetlight Locator Map GIS page (Streetlight Locator Map- For Al (meridiancity.org)) and confirmed during field visits.

Other

In addition to the project areas identified by using the scoring criteria, areas that the City has previously identified as crucial improvement locations or areas where the City has received requests or feedback may be considered for projects. These special request areas will be evaluated using the scoring system but may be given higher priority at the City's discretion based on historical or anecdotal information not captured in the scoring system.

Finally, if any of the potential project areas are already part of the ACHD Integrated Five Year Work Plan (ACHD 2022-2026 Integrated Five Year Work Plan (IFYWP) (arcgis.com)) and have overlapping improvements scheduled, they will be eliminated from CDBG project recommendations.

Project Selection Criteria Scoring

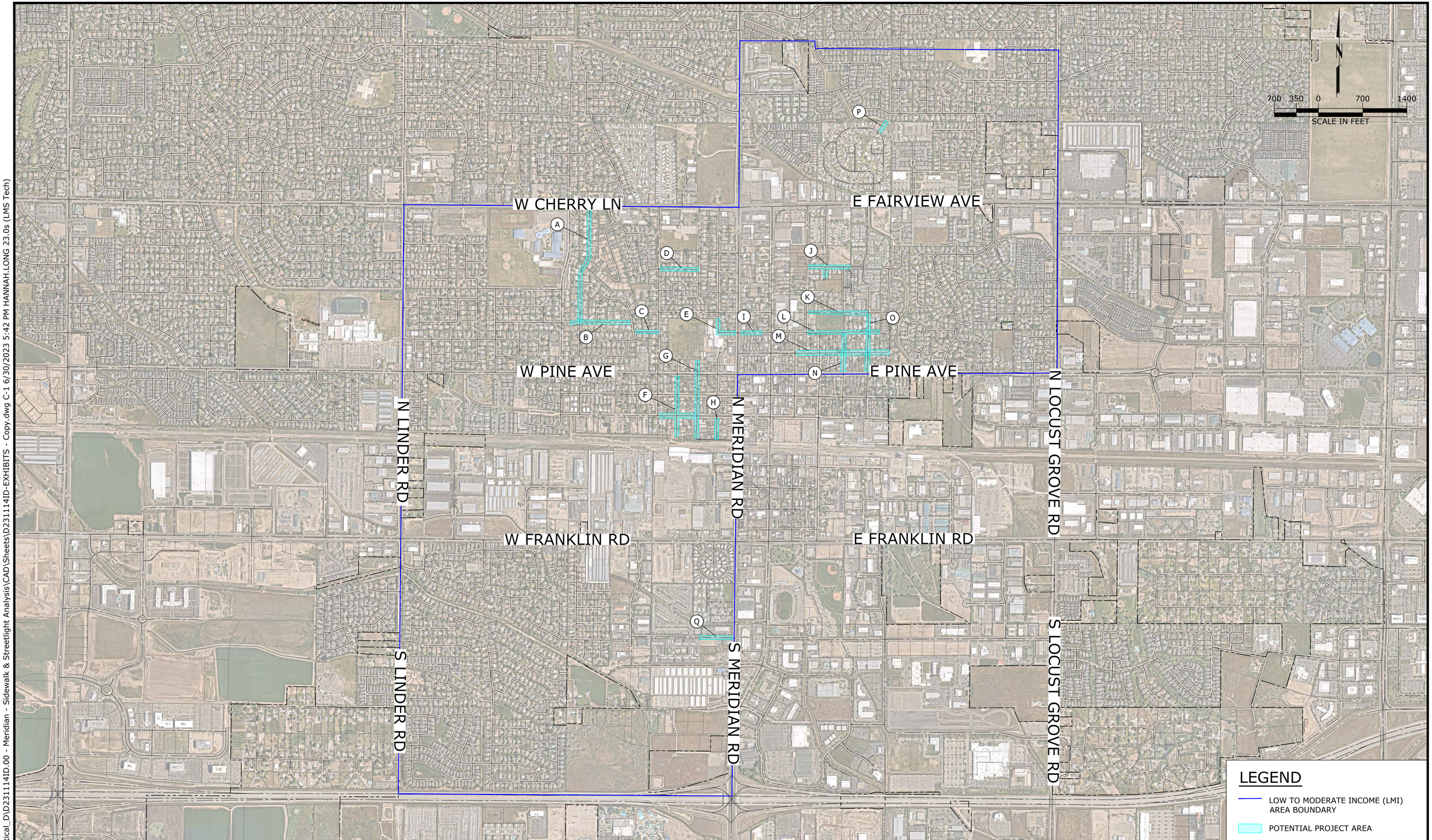
Each criterion will be given a score from 0 to 4, with a 0 corresponding to lowest priority for a future CDBG project and a 4 corresponding to highest priority. Please see the attached rubric for descriptions of each score for all the criteria listed above. The table below shows the proposed weight to be applied to each score.

Criteria Weighting Table

Criteria	Weight	Notes
Walkability Index	1	
Proximity to School	1	
Proximity to Park	0.7	Park proximity is given a lower weight as parks are anticipated to generate fewer walking trips than schools.
Proximity to Transit Stop	1	
Sidewalk Continuity	1.5	High importance for improving pedestrian network and initial project identification.
ADA Compliance	1.5	High importance for improving pedestrian network.
Level of Crime	1	
Crash History	1	
Street Lighting	1	

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Project Selection Criteria Rubric						
Criteria	**0**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	Notes
Pedestrian Demand						
Walkability index	N/A	EPA walkability index of 1-5.75 (least walkable)	EPA walkability index of 5.76-10.50 (below average walkable)	EPA walkability index of 10.51-15.25 (above average walkable)	EPA walkability index of 15.26-20 (most walkable)	Note that the EPA walkability index measures number of trips generated in an area, and thus a higher walkability index indicates that more pedestrians are likely to be present in that area. This makes areas with a higher walkability index an efficient location to target funding as improvements will benefit more people.
Proximity to School	Area is outside any school walk zone maps limits or over 0.80 miles from a school and walking is unlikely.	Area is inside a school walk zone map within 0.80 miles of a school (~20 minutes); walking is somewhat likely.	Area is inside a school walk zone map within 0.60 miles of a school (~15 minutes); walking is likely.	Area is inside a school walk zone map within 0.40 miles of a school (~10 minutes); walking is very likely.	Area is inside a school walk zone map within 0.20 miles of a school (~5 minutes); walking is extremely likely.	Public schools, schools of choice, alternative schools, and charter schools included. Radial distances represent actual walking distances of 1.0, 0.75, 0.50, and 0.25 miles.
Proximity to Park	Area is over 0.80 miles from a park and walking is unlikely.	Area is within 0.80 miles of a park (~20 minutes); walking is somewhat likely.	Area is within 0.60 miles of a park (~15 minutes); walking is likely.	Area is within 0.40 miles of a park (~10 minutes); walking is very likely.	Area is within 0.20 miles of a park (~5 minutes); walking is extremely likely.	Only public access parks included. Radial distances represent actual walking distances of 1.0, 0.75, 0.50, and 0.25 miles.
Proximity to Transit Stop	Area is over 0.80 miles from a VRT stop and walking is unlikely.	Area is within 0.80 miles of a VRT stop (~20 minutes); walking is somewhat likely.	Area is within 0.60 miles of a VRT stop (~15 minutes); walking is likely.	Area is within 0.40 miles of a VRT stop (~10 minutes); walking is very likely.	Area is within 0.20 miles of a VRT stop (~5 minutes); walking is extremely likely.	VRT stands for Valley Regional Transit, stop locations obtained from online VRT system map. Radial distances represent actual walking distances of 1.0, 0.75, 0.50, and 0.25 miles.
Pedestrian Infrastructure						
Sidewalk Continuity	Sidewalk is continuous on both sides of the road throughout area.	One side of the road has continuous sidewalk; some sidewalk is present on the other side but gaps exist.	One side of the road has continuous sidewalk. Little or no sidewalk is present on the other side.	Some sidewalk is present but there are gaps on both sides of the road. No sidewalk on either side of the road for lengths under 200 ft.	No sidewalk is present on either side of the road for lengths over 200 ft.	
ADA Compliance	All sidewalk and curb ramps in the area are ADA-compliant. Continuous sidewalks are provided on at least one side of the street.	A one-block sidewalk section has at least one instance of one of the following: cross slope over 2%, run slope over 5%, width less than 4', clear width obstructions, and non-compliant ramps.	A one-block sidewalk section has at least two instances of one of the following: cross slope over 2%, run slope over 5%, width less than 4', clear width obstructions, and non-compliant ramps.	A one-block sidewalk section has at least three instances of one of the following: cross slope over 2%, run slope over 5%, width less than 4', clear width obstructions, and non-compliant ramps.	A one-block sidewalk section has at least four instances of one of the following: cross slope over 2%, run slope over 5%, width less than 4', clear width obstructions, and non-compliant ramps. Alternately, no continuous sidewalk and/or no ramps are available.	If continuous sidewalk exists on one side of the road, ADA compliance is evaluated for the continuous sidewalk.
Safety						
Level of Crime	Lowest number of reported crimes relative to the other LMI areas.		Mid-range number of reported crimes relative to other LMI areas (medium blue on map).		Highest number of reported crimes relative to other LMI areas (light purple on map).	Based on crime "hot spot" style map documenting crime locations from 2018 to 2022, provided by City of Meridian police department.
Crash History	No documented vehicle/pedestrian collisions within the project area.	1 documented vehicle/pedestrian collisions within the project area.	2 documented vehicle/pedestrian collisions within the project area.	3 documented vehicle/pedestrian collisions within the project area.	4 documented vehicle/pedestrian collisions within the project area.	Based on map documenting vehicle/pedestrian collision locations from 2018 to 2022, provided by City of Meridian police department.

Street Lighting	Street light placement, spacing, and wattage indicate that the area meets IES RP-8-18 standards (approximate spacing between lights is under 175 ft for typical LED street lights).	Street lights are present at block corners and at midblock locations; some fixtures could be added at strategic locations to improve pedestrian visibility.	Street lights are present consistently at block corners/intersections; area could benefit from an average of one infill light per block or block distance equivalent.	Street lights are present in the area; they are sporadically placed and gaps of 450 to 600 ft exist. Area likely requires two lights added per block or block distance equivalent.	Very few street lights are present; gaps of over 600 ft exist. Area requires more than two lights added per block or block distance equivalent in places.	Block length is assumed to be 315 ft.



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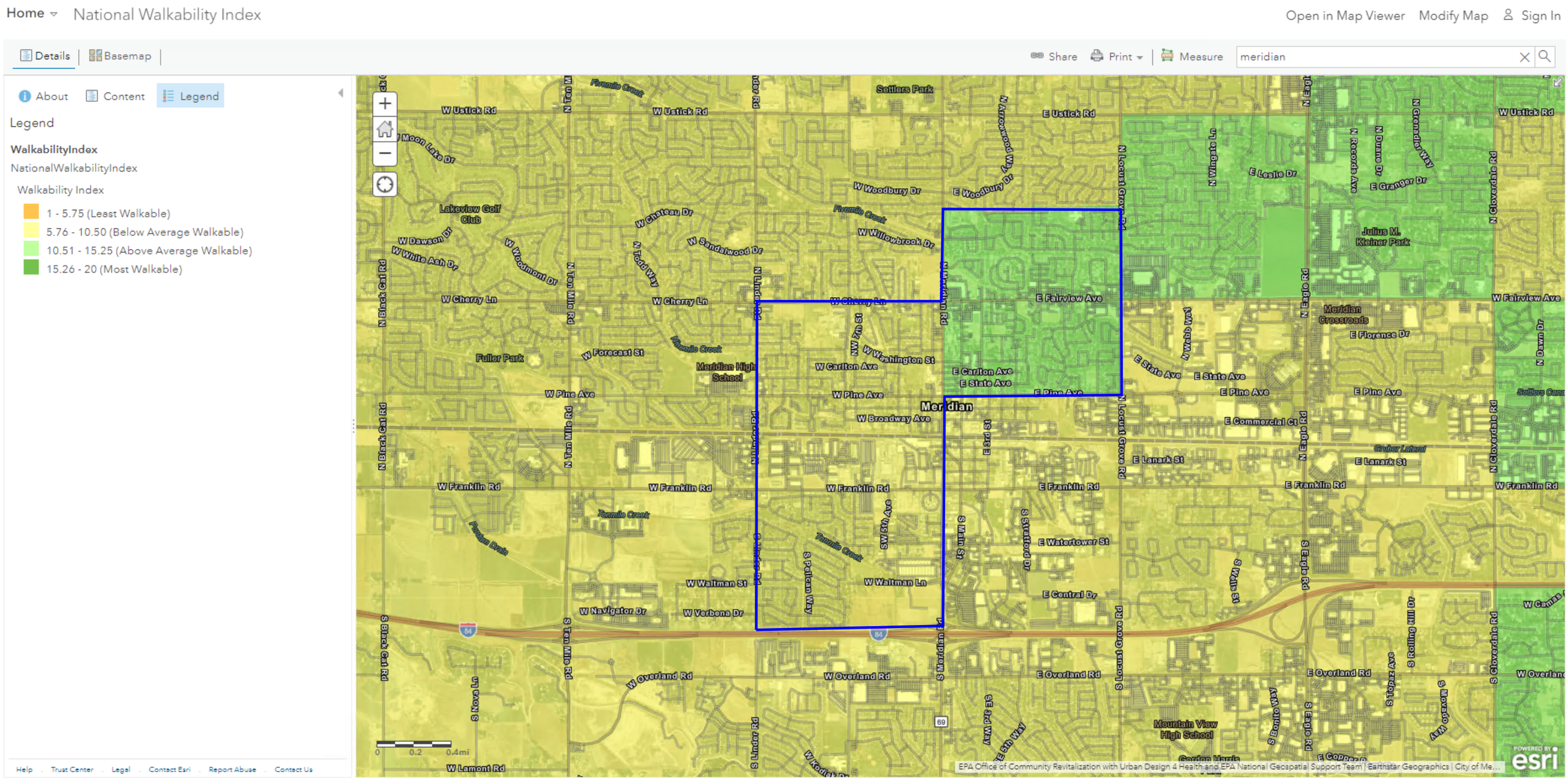
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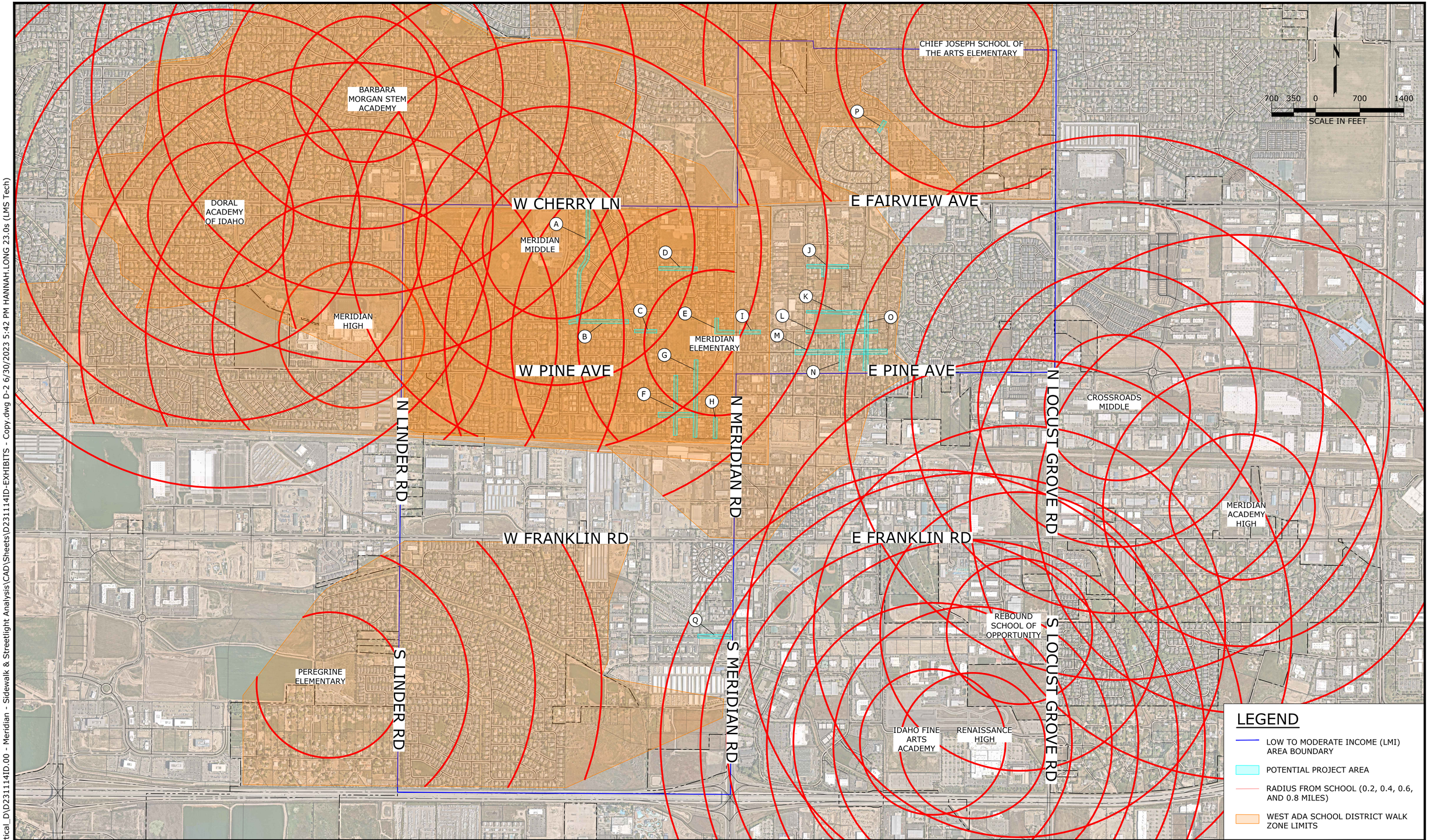
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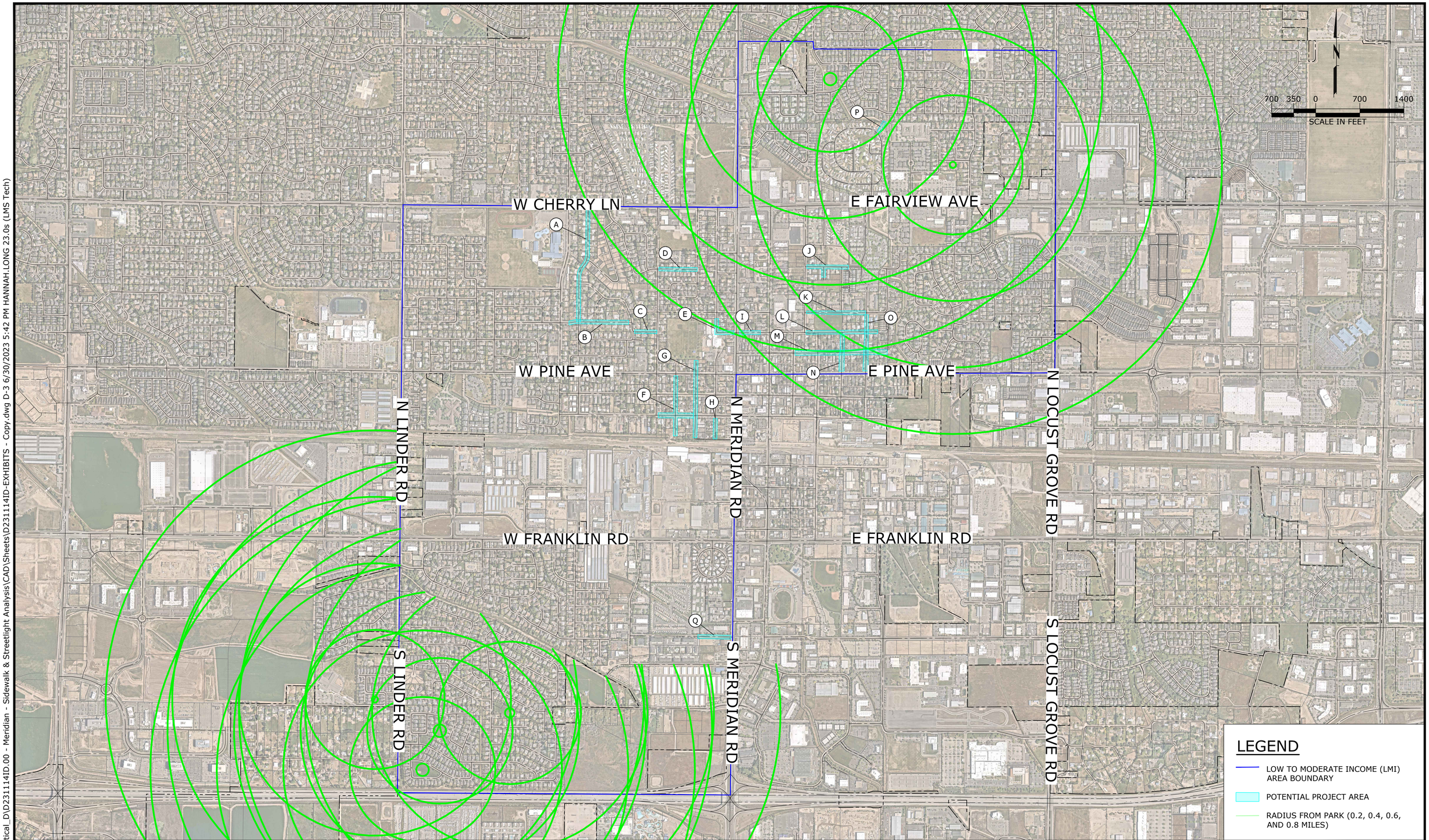
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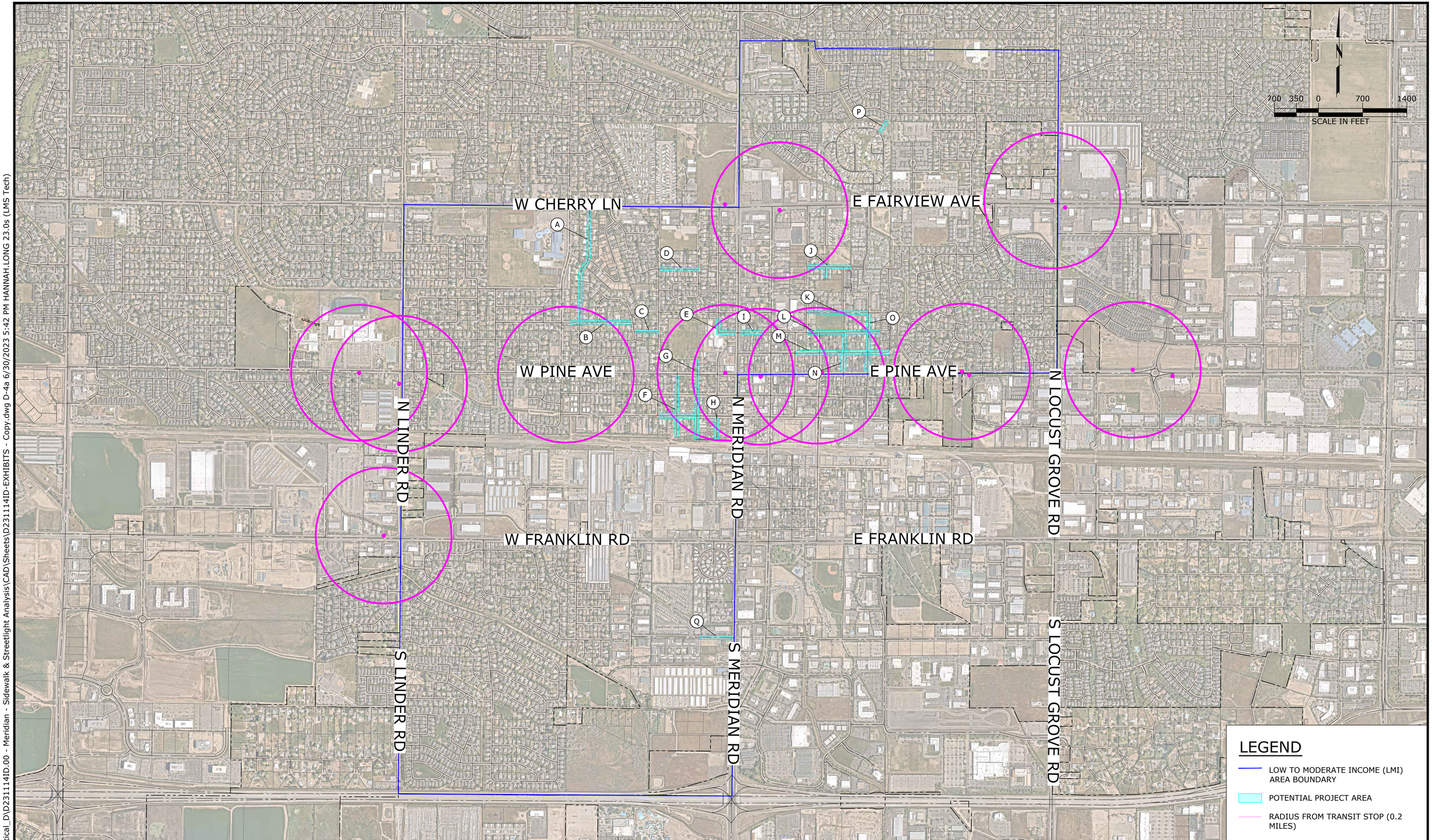
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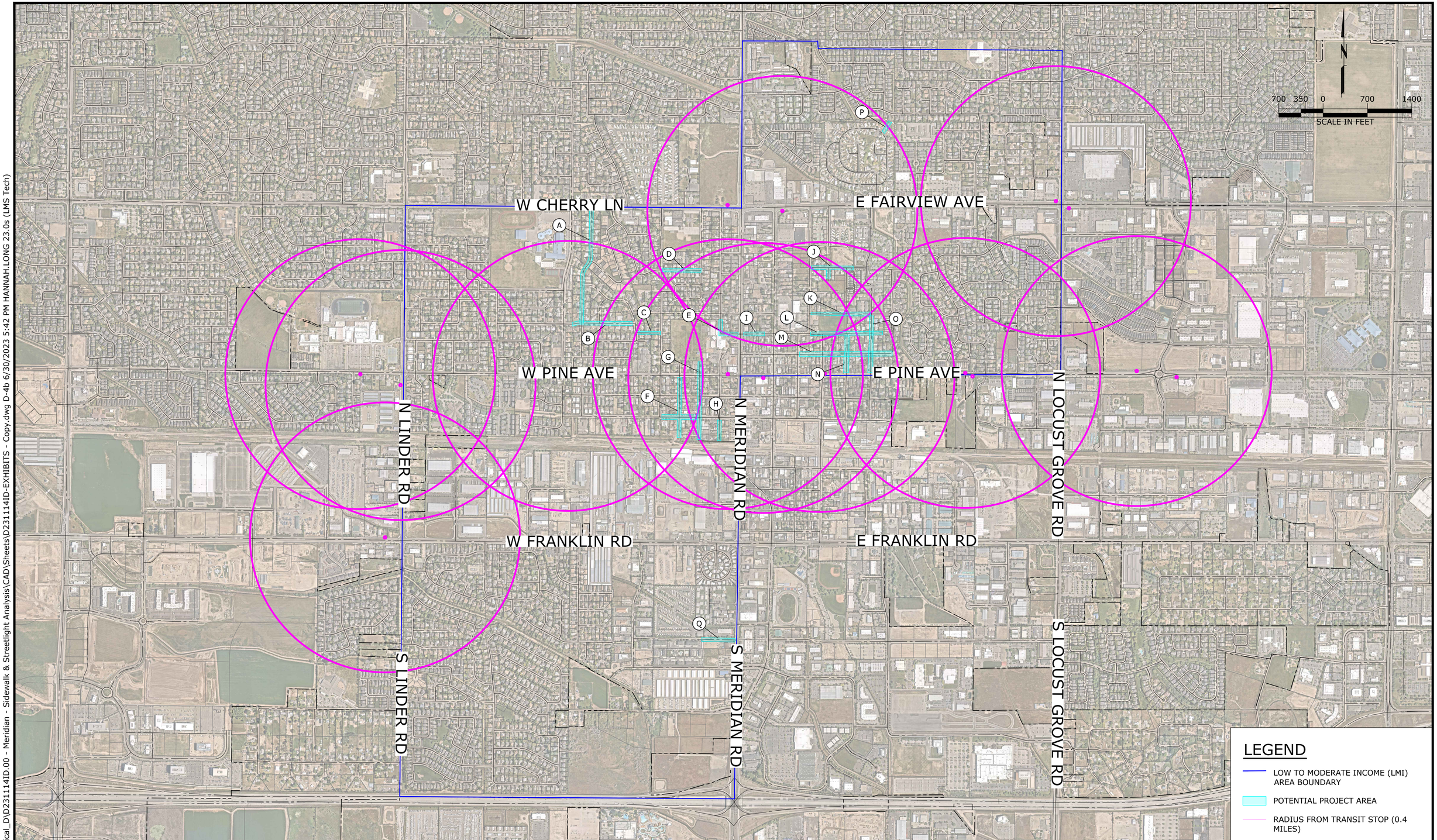
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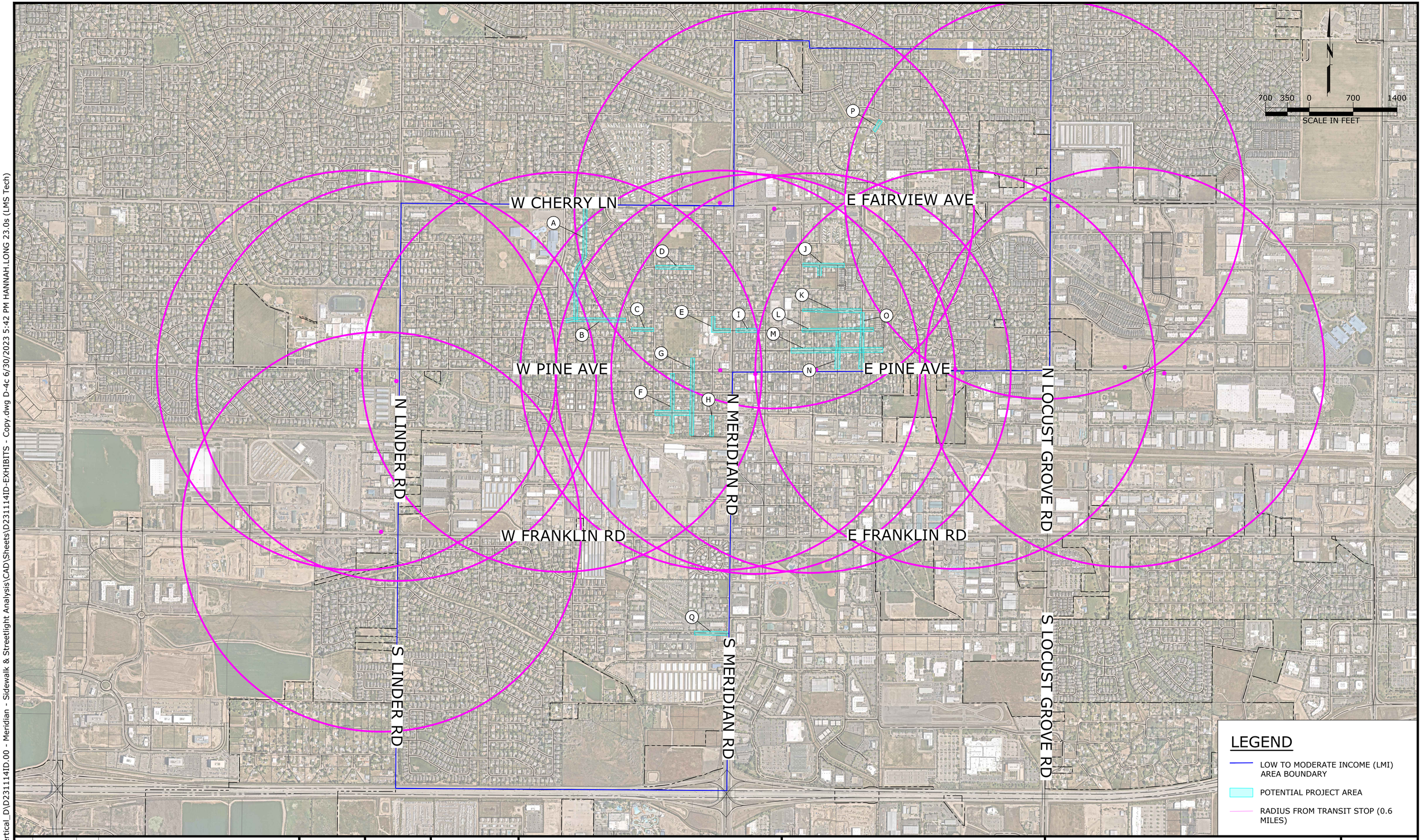
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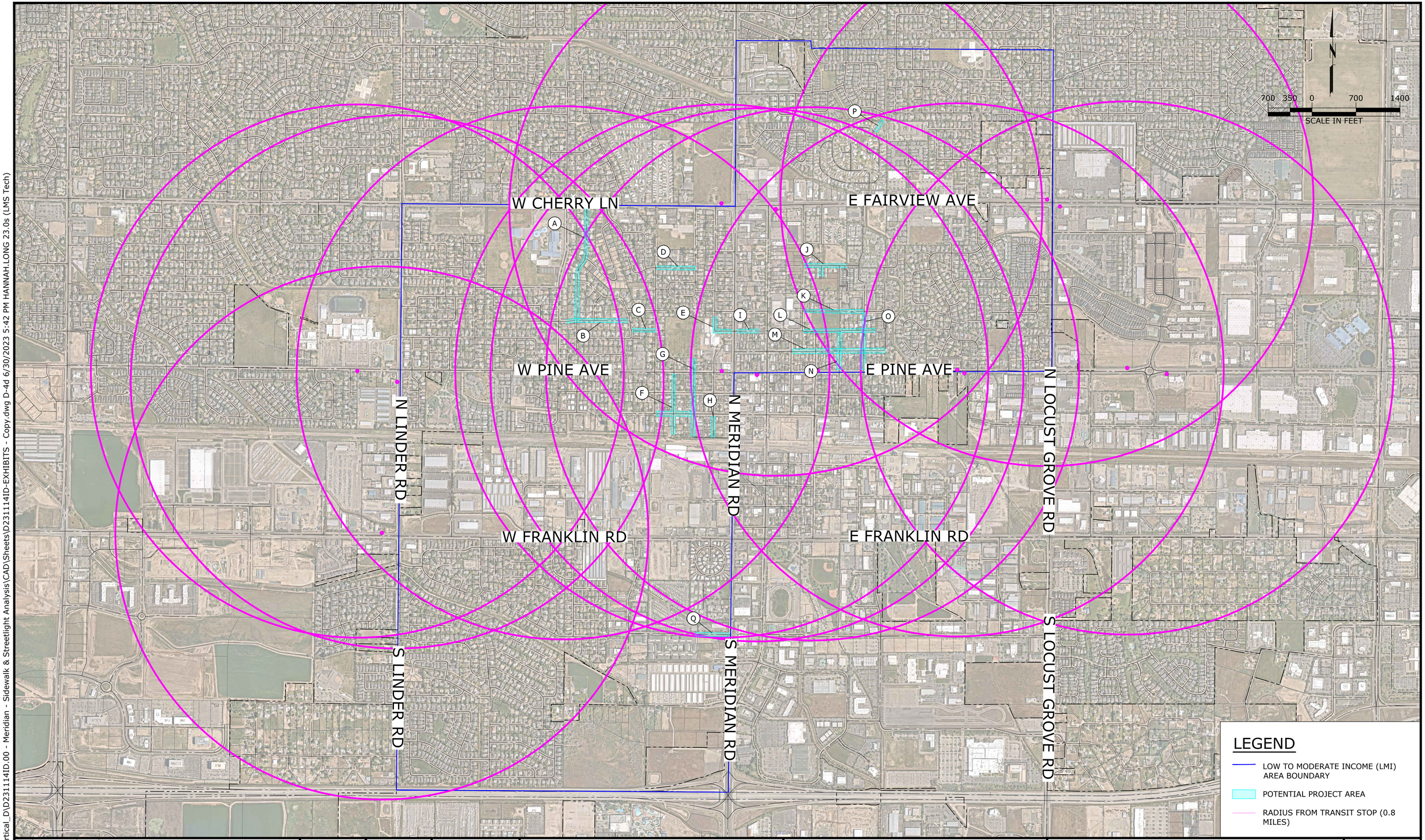
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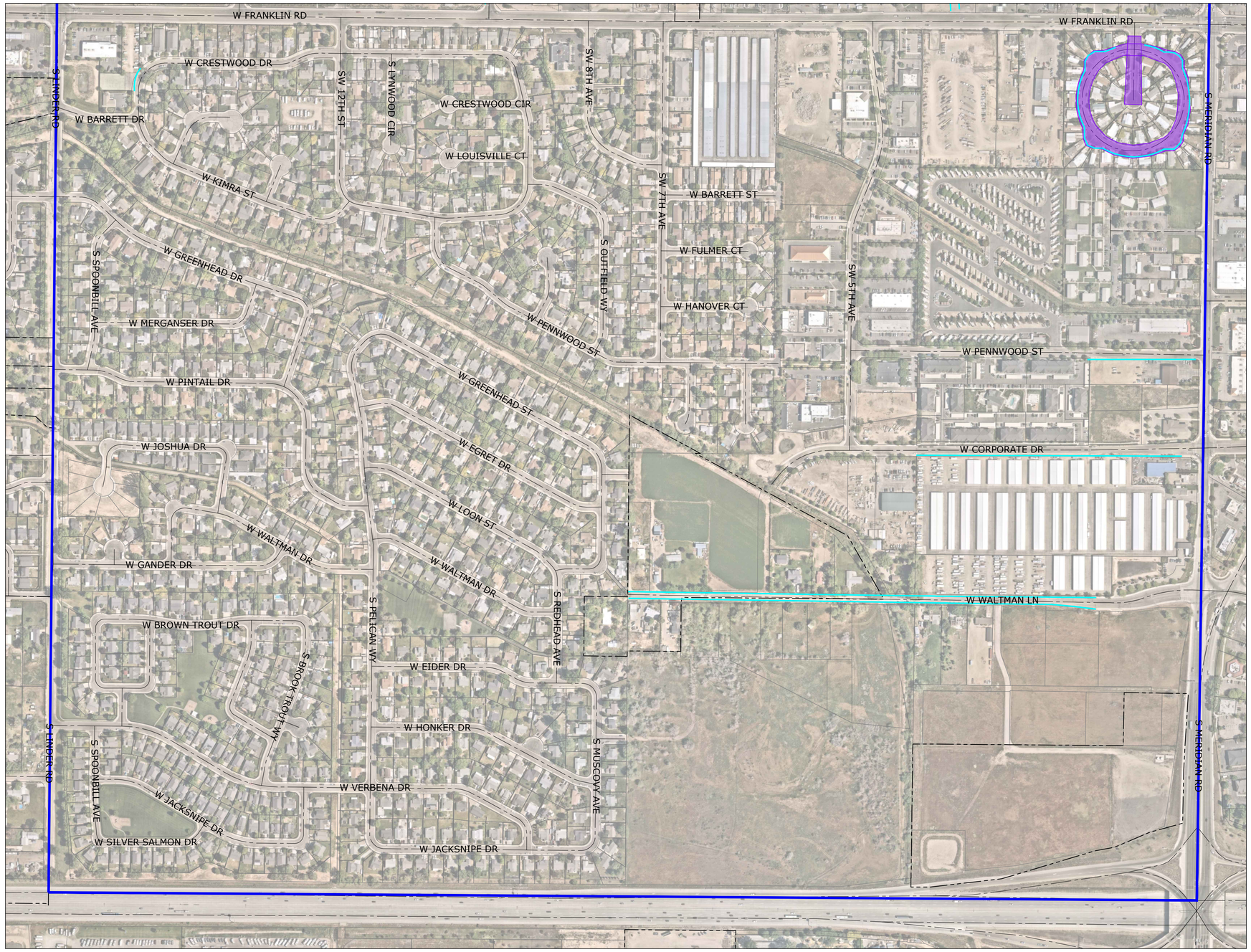
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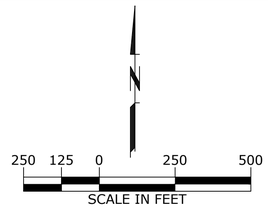
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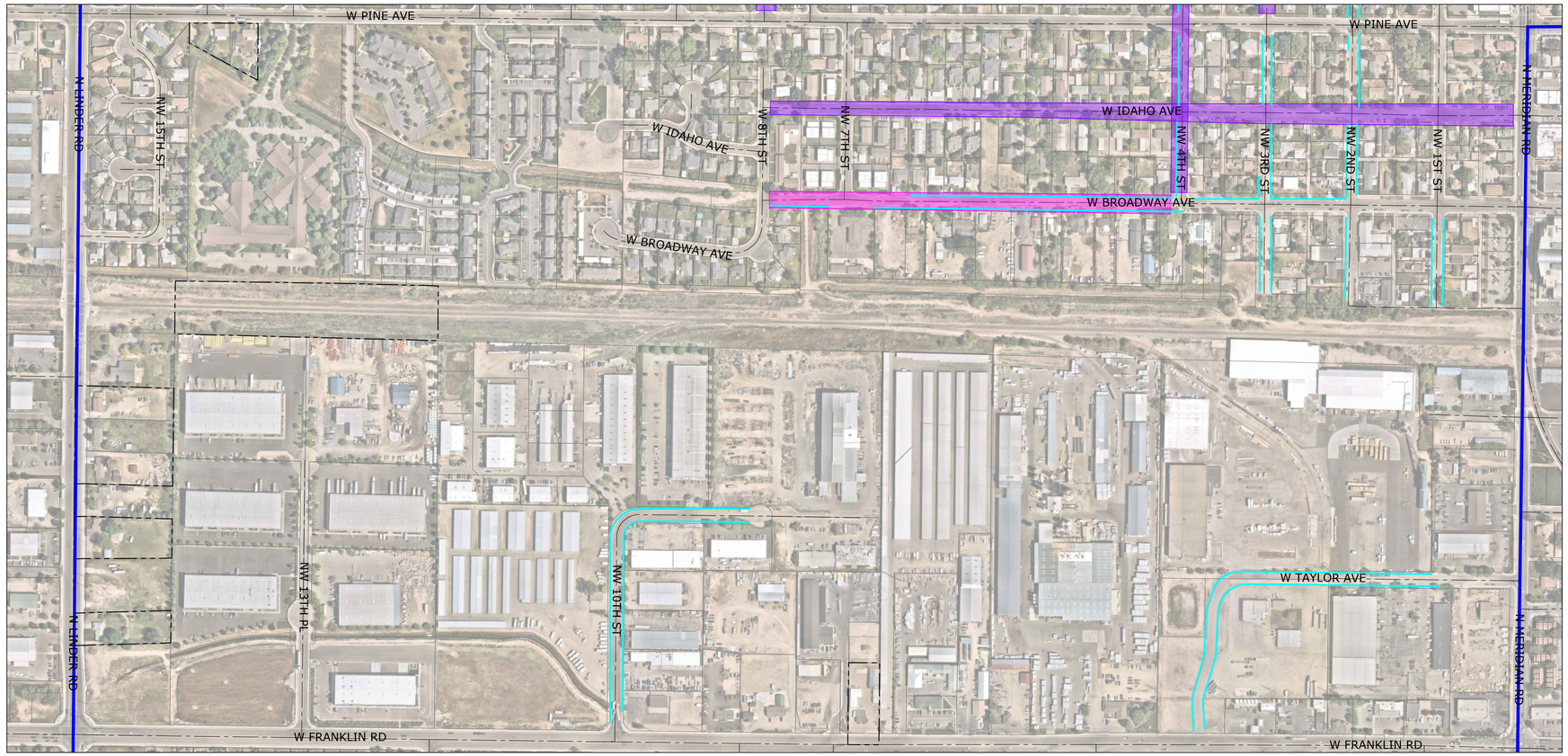
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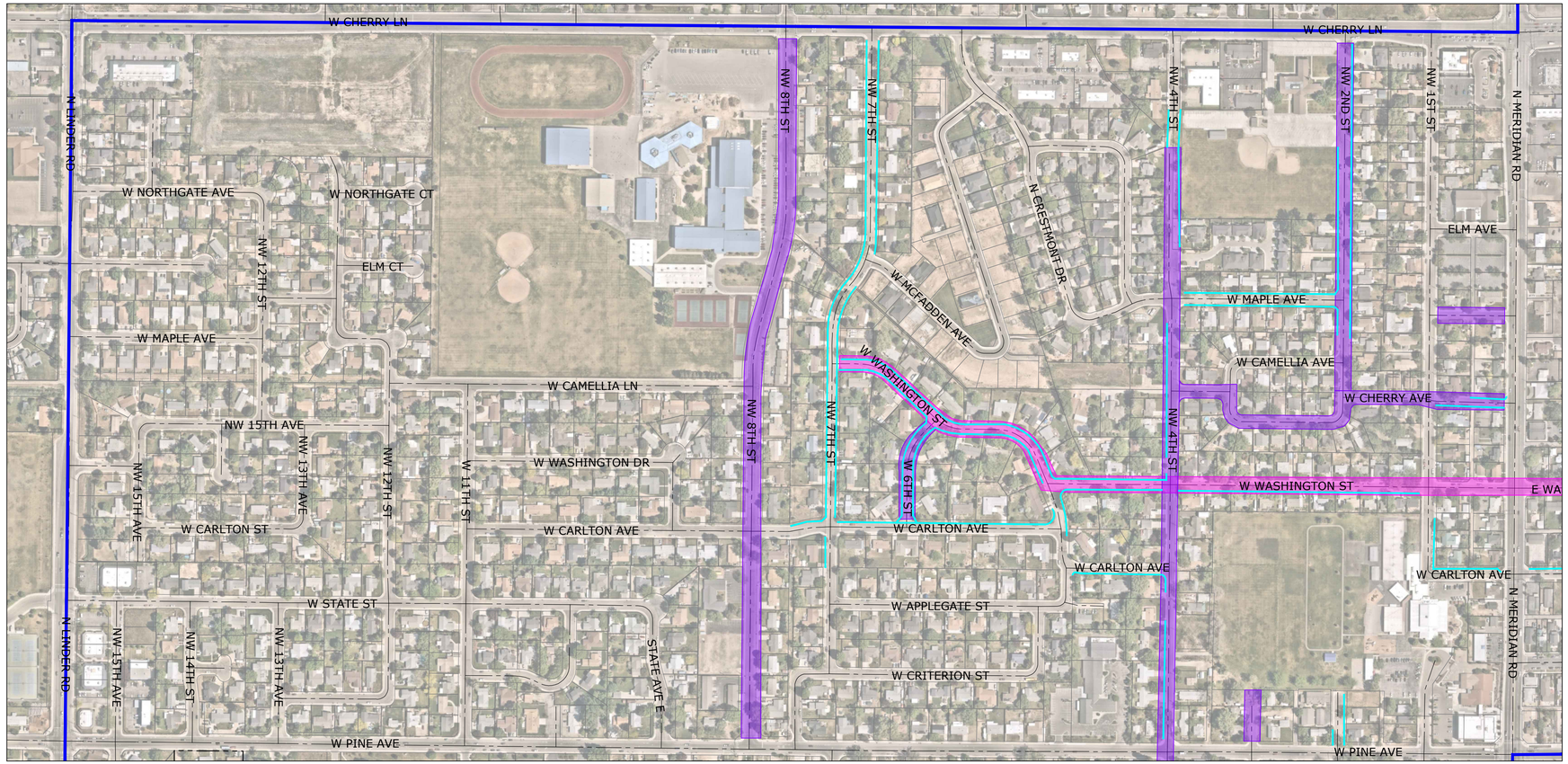
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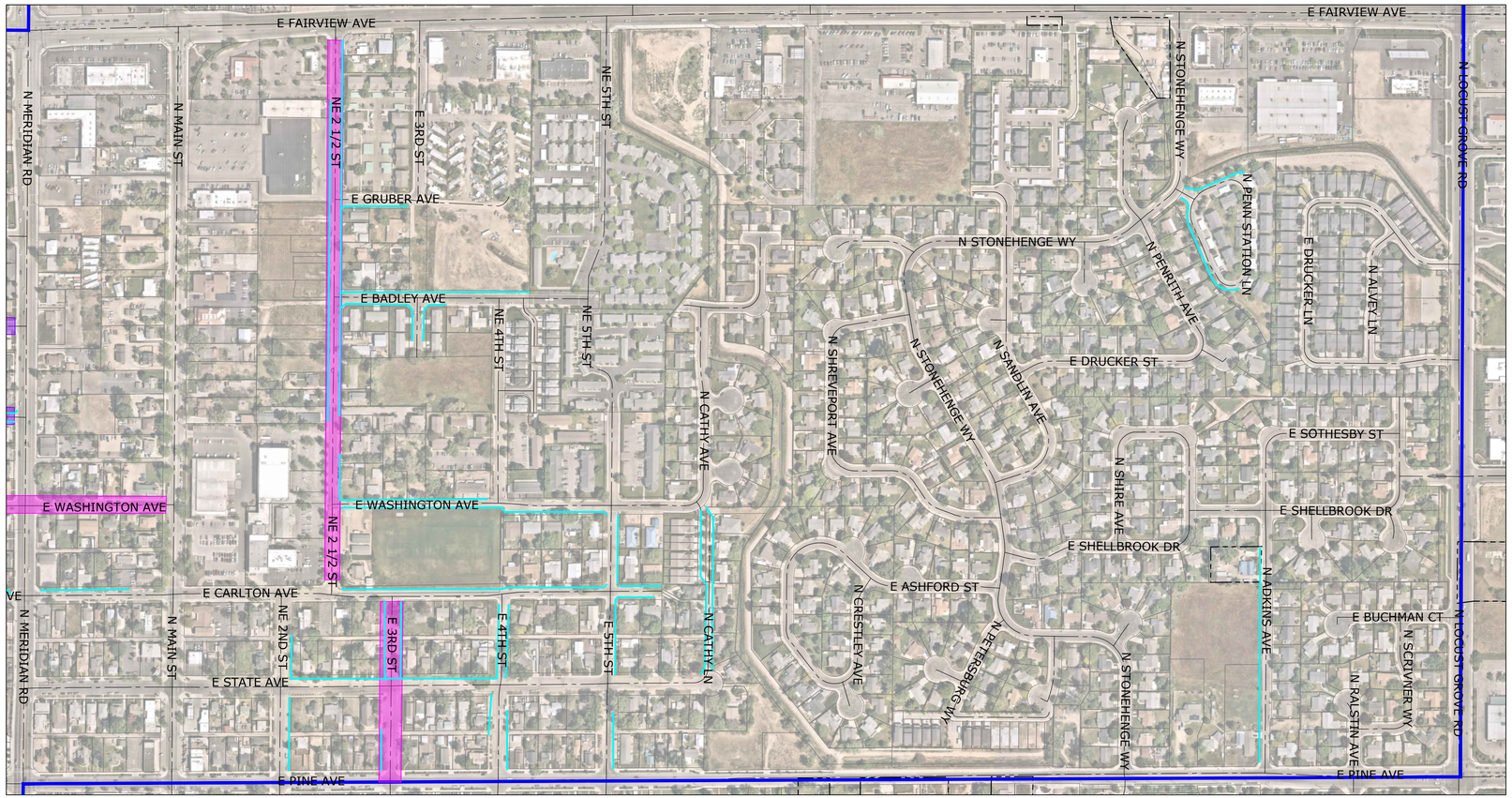
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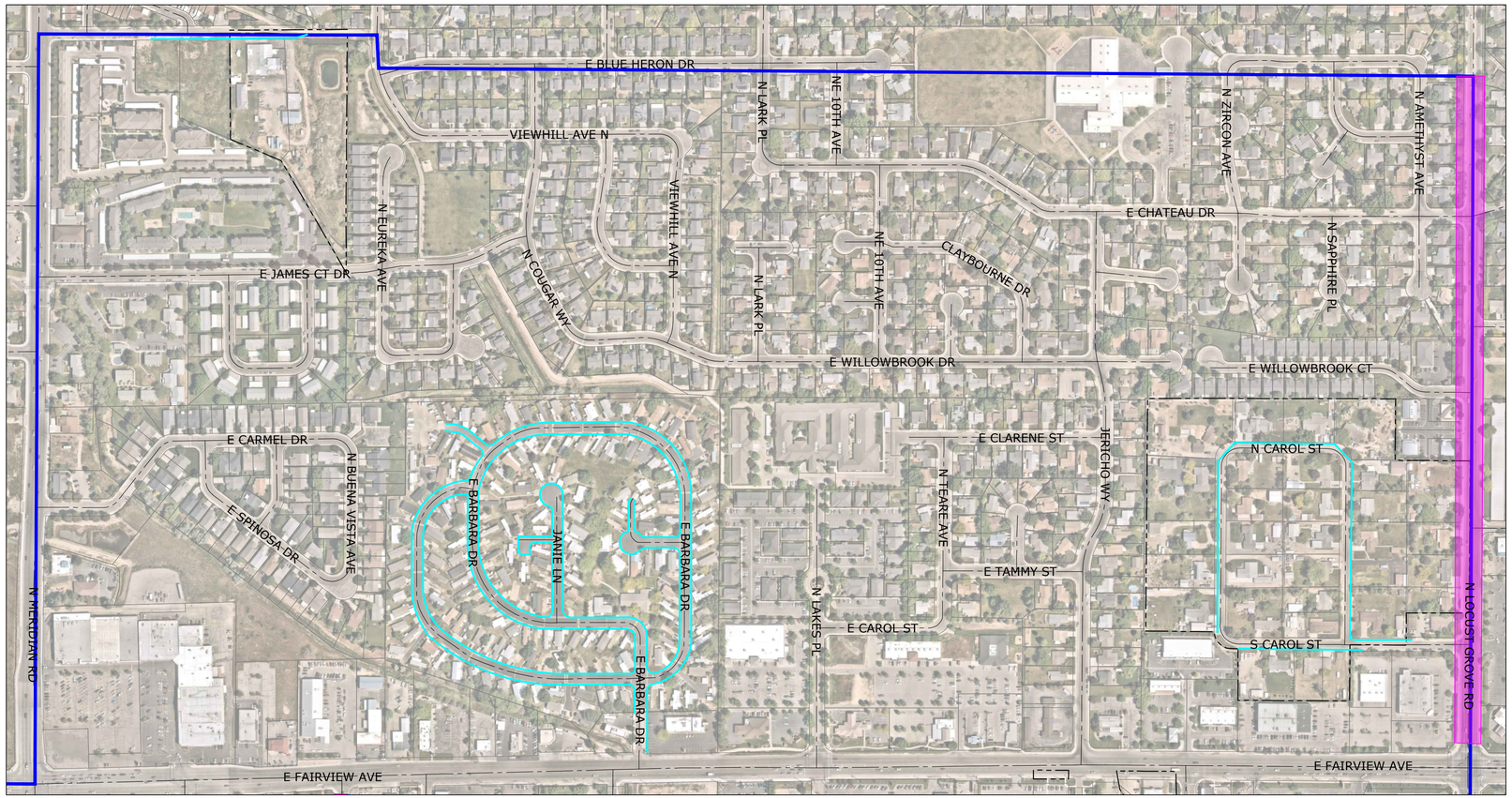
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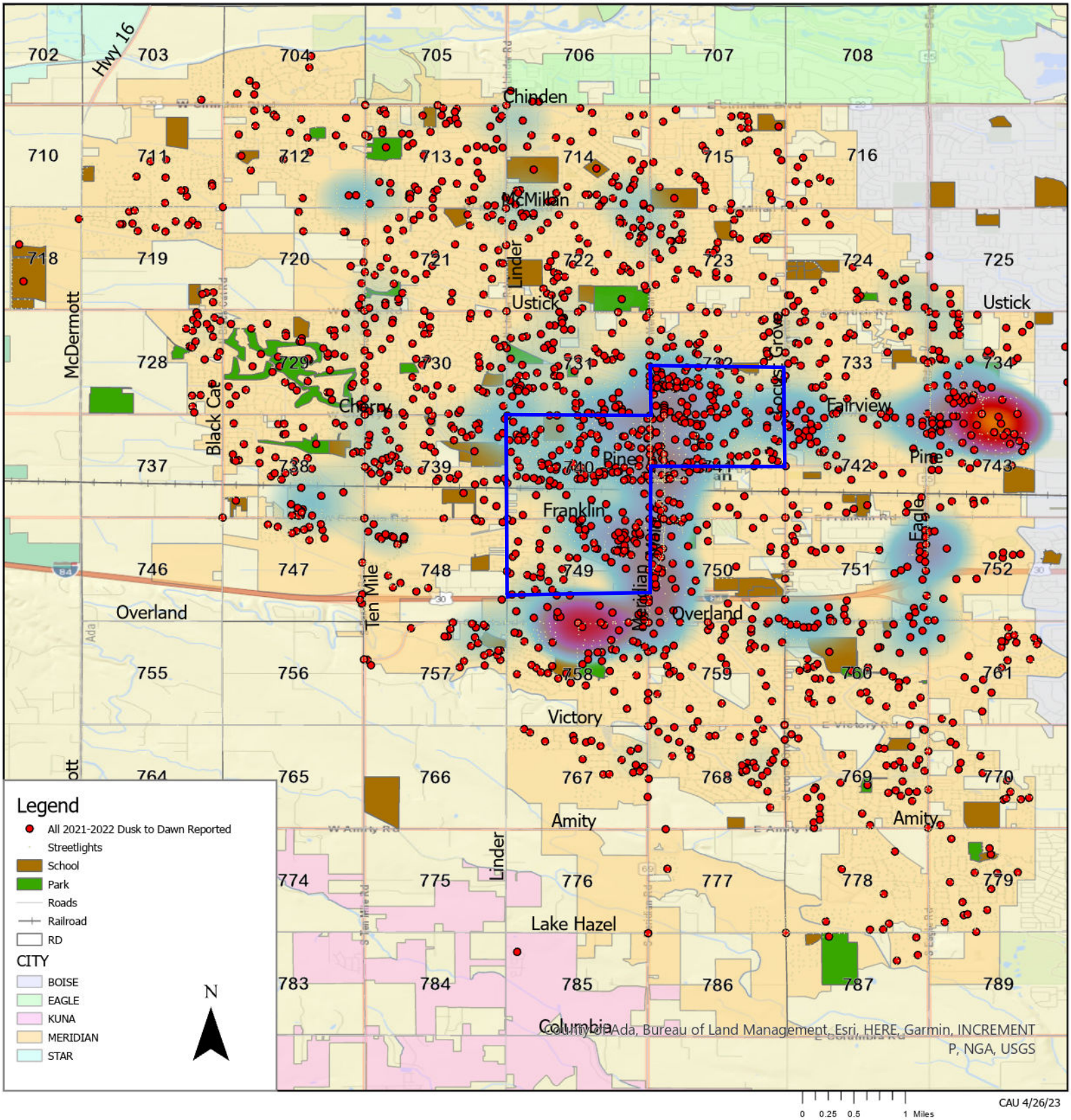
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ADA Compliance

Project Area	ADA Compliance Score	Field Observations
A	4	No continuous sidewalk on either side of the road.
B	0	Continuous sidewalk on south side of the road. ADA ramps present at corners. All sidewalk and ramps are ADA compliant.
C	0	Continuous sidewalk on north side of the road. ADA ramps present at corners. All sidewalk and ramps are ADA compliant.
D	4	No continuous sidewalk on either side of the road.
E	2	Continuous sidewalk on south side of Carlton and west side of 1st St. Two instances of run slopes well over 5% on 1st St.
F	4	No continuous sidewalk on either side of the road.
G	4	No continuous sidewalk on either side of the road.
H	4	No continuous sidewalk on either side of the road.
I	0	Continuous sidewalk on south side of Carlton Ave. ADA ramps present at corners. All sidewalk and ramps are ADA compliant.
J	4	No continuous sidewalk on either side of the road.
K	4	No continuous sidewalk on either side of the road.
L	4	No continuous sidewalk on either side of the road.
M	0	Continuous sidewalk on south side of State Ave. ADA ramps present at corners. All sidewalk and ramps are ADA compliant.
N	4	No continuous sidewalk on either side of the road.
O	0	Continuous sidewalk on west side of 5th St. ADA ramps present at corners. All sidewalk and ramps are ADA compliant.
P	4	No continuous sidewalk at this proposed drain crossing.
Q	3	Continuous sidewalk on north side of Pennwood. Two clear width obstructions (mailboxes) and noncompliant ramps at entrance to KOA RV park. Compliant ramp at Meridian Rd intersection.

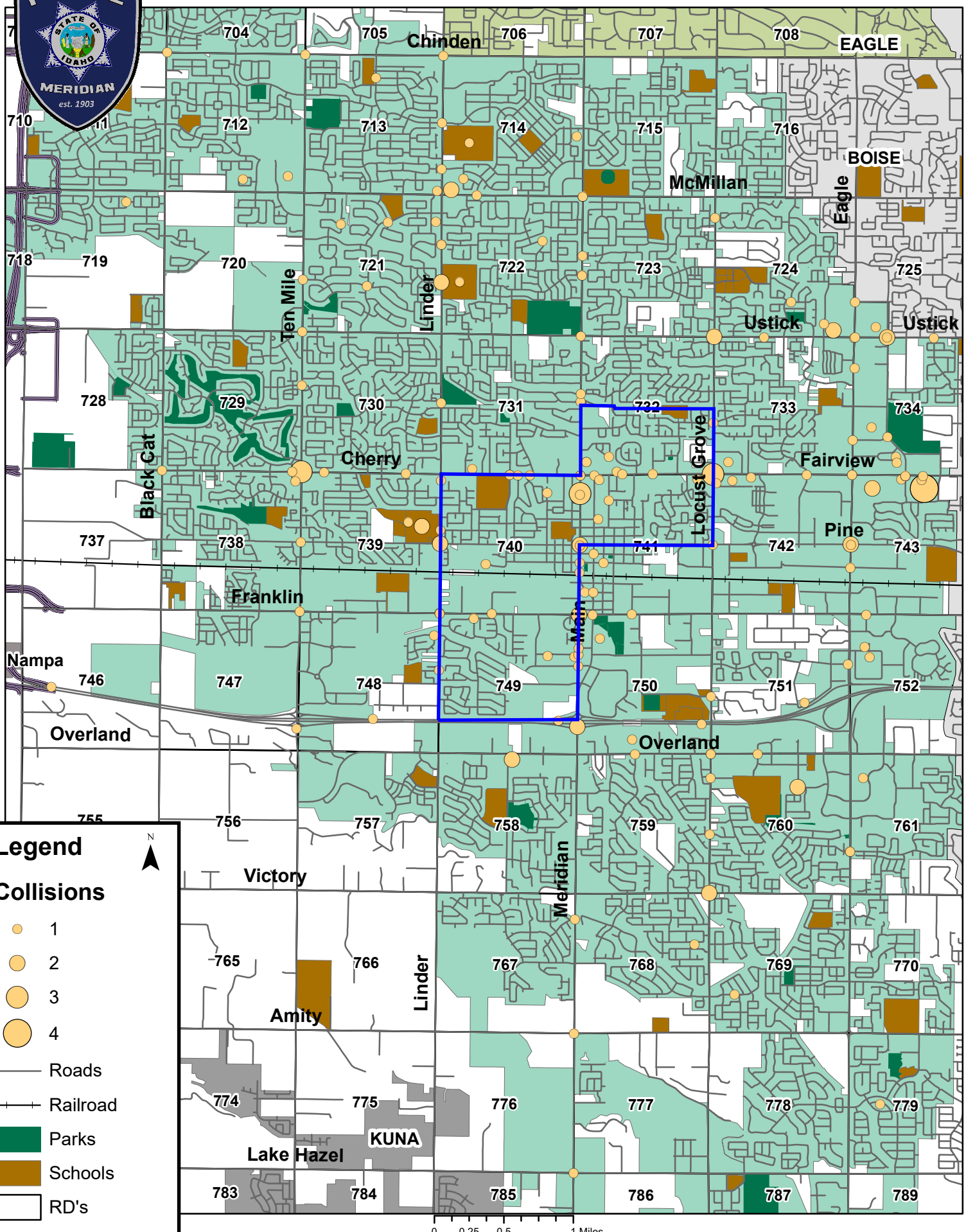
Meridian Reported Crimes - Street Lights
2021-2022



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NOTE: This map is displaying crimes reported to the state per NIBRS policy (EXCEPT for Vandalism incidents which all incidents are included for the purpose of this map). Street light in Meridian turn on between "dusk" and "dawn". The crimes displayed are those that occurred through an average of the monthly dusk to dawn time. Not all crimes will be affected by having or not having street lights and may have occurred within a structure away from such lights.

Vehicle VS Pedestrian 2018-2022



Legend

Collisions

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

- Roads
- Railroad
- Parks
- Schools
- RD's
- Future Hwy 16

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Street Lighting

Project Area	Street Lighting Score	Comments
A	4	Some street lights are present but somewhat sporadically placed. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 605'.
B	4	Some street lights are present but somewhat sporadically placed. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 700'.
C	2	Street lights placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 435'.
D	2	Street lights are placed at intersection corners with one midblock location; however, block is longer than typical and could benefit from additional midblock lighting. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 330'.
E	2	Street lights are placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 330'.
F	2	Street lights are placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 380'.
G	2	Street lights are placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 370'.
H	2	Street lights are placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 360'.
I	3	Street lights are placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 470'.
J	2	Street lights are placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 350'.
K	2	Street lights are placed at intersection corners with one midblock location; however, block is longer than typical and could benefit from additional midblock lighting. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 360'.
L	2	Street lights are placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 380'.
M	3	Street lights are placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 450'.
N	2	Street lights are placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 320'.
O	2	Street lights are placed at intersection corners. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 370'.
P	4	No street lighting is present in the vicinity of this crossing location.
Q	3	Some street lights are present but are sporadically placed. Maximum gap between lights is approximately 550'.