



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

From: Caleb Hood

Meeting Date: January 8, 2024

Topic: Staff Communications

Below are summaries of relevant correspondences received by City Staff since the last TC meeting.

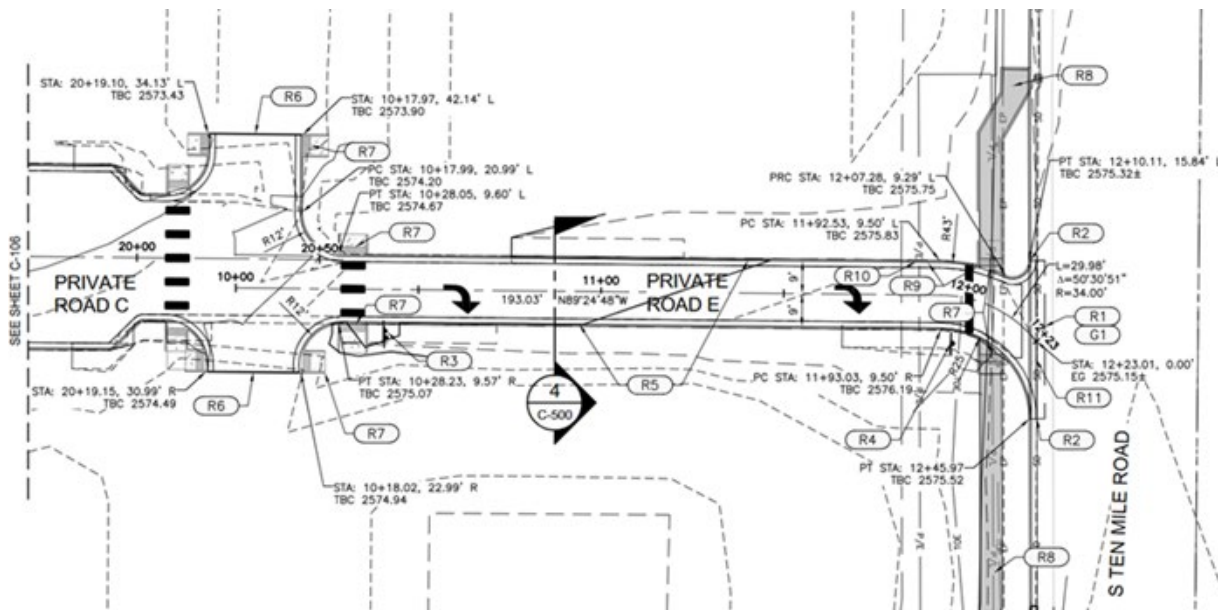
Ten Mile Starbucks Driveway

Good afternoon Gents,

I have attached a few cell phone photos I took of the "Private Driveway" at Outer Banks, just north of the new Starbucks. As I bought up from the complaint I received, is that people are turning right off Ten Mile into the right-out only driveway. You can see from zooming into photo ...255.jpg that the curb has collected quite a bit of tire scrubbing. The complainant says that there have been quite a few near rear-ender accidents on Ten Mile due to people coming to nearly a complete stop attempting to turn right into the driveway.

Do you think that some signage might help, perhaps a "One Way" directional arrow pointing East, and maybe a "Do Not Enter" also facing East.

Below is the driveway from the approved plans in PDox.



Thanks,

Bruce

Gondola Drive Speeding Concern

Name: Brandon Roberts

Subject: Rustic Oak Way and Gondola Dr Speed Concerns

Message: I am writing to address my concerns with speeding vehicles on Rustic Oak Way and Gondola Dr. in the Oaks North neighborhood in Meridian. This area of Meridian has increased in population dramatically over the past year and with that an increase in traffic.

Both of the mentioned streets transit through the Oaks North neighborhood and have a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour. That being said many vehicles seem to transit these roads above that posted limit with some visibly well above that (10mph+ over). With the fact that this is a residential neighborhood with bikes and pedestrian traffic and with several elementary schools near by, this raises some serious safety concerns. It's not if, but when a serious accident will occur here due to speed.

This is a traffic problem that should be addressed as soon as possible as it is quickly becoming a safety issue. Having lived in this area the past couple of years, it is becoming objectively worse as traffic increases in the area. Mitigation that may be worth looking into are more speed limit signs, real-time speed tracking signs, speed limiting devices, and increased speed enforcement.

Sincerely,
Brandon Roberts

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Thank you for taking the time to contact the Ada County Highway District (ACHD regarding your request for traffic calming W. Gondola Drive between N. Black Cat Road and N. Rustic Oak Way: and on N. Rustic Oak Way between W. McMillan Road and W. Brunt Sage Drive I sincerely regret that neither Gondola nor Rustic Oak are eligible for traffic calming at this time due to the area around it not being substantially developed.

AHCD does have a robust traffic calming program for residential and neighborhood streets. This program is designed to reduce vehicle speeds by placing speed cushions or other devices in the road. In general, these work well and we do see reductions in speeds and/or volumes in locations where we have installed them. Not every device is always effective, and combining several devices together does tend to increase their effectiveness.

Traffic calming devices (typically speed cushions) are only installed on residential streets whose residents request them, and only when the street meets the necessary criteria. The initial step is to determine if a street meets either the speed or volume criteria for traffic calming. This is done by placing tube counters across the road at a mutually agreeable location. A street should be over 750 feet in length and should have more than 400 cars per day to be considered eligible for traffic calming evaluation. If a street has more than 4,000 vehicles per day, it surpasses the upper limit for traffic calming and is typically not eligible as collectors with over 4000 vehicles per day are not

generally the appropriate facility for devices that may divert traffic to other streets. A street must be substantially developed prior to it being evaluated for traffic calming.

If a street meets either the speed or the volume criteria, then it would meet the basic criteria. If you so desire, we would provide you with petitions, maps and address lists so that you could get neighborhood participation and buy-in for traffic calming. Neighborhoods are not permitted to purchase and install their own speed humps or other traffic calming devices.

If a street meets either the speed or volume criteria, and submits a completed petition, then ACHD would install the speed humps, signs and pavement markings at no cost to the neighborhood. If the speed or volume criteria is not met, or the petition is not completed, then the neighborhood may not be eligible for speed humps. In either case, we work with the Meridian Police Department (MPD) and share all of the data that we collect and the analysis we do. This will assist MPD in improving enforcement within your neighborhood. We also coordinate with the Meridian Fire Department to ensure they can provide timely emergency response.

Once the area is more developed, ACHD will be able to schedule a speed study to determine if Gondola is eligible for speed management.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me at 387-6151 or at jwasson@achdidaho.org.

Respectfully,

John Wasson

Assistant Traffic Engineer | Traffic Engineering

Eagle Road, Lake Hazel to Amity

The Ada County Highway District (ACHD) will be constructing improvements to Eagle Road, Lake Hazel to Amity starting as early as mid-January.* Work is expected to be complete by Spring 2025.

TRAFFIC AND CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

- Short-term road closures
- Eagle and Lake Hazel intersection closure for several months
- Lane restrictions with flaggers
- General construction noise, dust, equipment backup alarms and ground vibration
- Crews may work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. unless otherwise approved
- The contractor will work with property owners to minimize construction impacts and maintain access

**Due to contractor staffing issues and supply-chain shortages, the construction schedule could change.*

Linder Road Concept Study

Good afternoon,

We have asked that consultant to redo the one-page summary and to include additional information. That one page summary and additional information will not be available until I return, at which point I will be presenting the findings to the Commission and then will release the

data to the public. Feel free to share the schedule with your transportation committee. However, anything beyond that will need to wait until I get back and the consultant has time to do some additional work.

Best regards,

Brooke

Brooke Green, MBA, PCED

Sr. Transportation Planner | Planning and Projects

Thanks for the update, Brooke, sorry we couldn't attend yesterday. I have just one question at this time: are you still working to put together a survey summary that I can share? I am not asking for next steps or any analysis of the survey (unless you want to), but essentially the raw data. The Chair of the Transportation Commission would like to know the numbers for the survey that closed on the 19th of last month.

Thanks and we'll see you in March(ish)!

Caleb

Good morning, Caleb & Brian

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the Linder Rd the other day. The team met yesterday and reviewed the comments and next steps. I'll send the whole team a summary of the meeting by the end of the day. However, following the team meeting, Justin, Tom Kristy, and I met to discuss the project schedule. We have decided to release updates to the public regarding the outreach from this past December when I return. In the meantime, we are asking the consultant to do a high-level cost estimate on all three alternatives. Upon my return, I will present the findings to the Commission in April. At that meeting, we will seek guidance from the Commission on their preferred two alternatives, and shortly after, we would like that same presentation to be provided to your elected officials and transportation committee. I'll have communication update the landing page for the project to reflect a new timeline for information to be released regarding the outreach. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me before I leave. Kristy has also been cc'd on this email.

Best regards,

Brooke

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Community Champions

A Night of Stars: Reflecting on Meridian's Community Champions

Each year we take a moment to recognize Meridian residents and businesses who demonstrate a commitment to preserving, maintaining, and improving the quality of life and safety in

neighborhoods and the wider community through the Meridian Stars Awards. This past week we were able to celebrate a few of our shining residents and businesses who were nominated by the community. One thing they all have in common, is their deep sense of Meridian spirit and a purpose to serve others. Let's take a moment to celebrate those individuals and businesses that truly make our city shine.

Youth of the Year – Hoyoon Song

Our journey began with the acknowledgment of a remarkable young leader, Hoyoon Song, named the Youth of the Year. Hoyoon's dedication to our community is nothing short of inspiring. From his involvement on the City's Transportation Commission to his leadership in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, Hoyoon exemplifies the spirit of service and civic engagement among our youth. His words resonated with passion as he shared his motivations for making Meridian a better place for everyone.

<https://meridiancity.org/mayor-s-blog-2023/posts/a-night-of-stars-reflecting-on-meridian-s-community-champions/>

SWC Chinden/Linder

Caleb,

FYI, I had my field person look at the SW corner of the above and the report is that there are still no interior stop signs.

Walter M. Steed
