

# Meeting Minutes

## Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday December 4, 2023

Council Chambers – Meridian City Hall • 33 East Broadway Ave., Meridian, Idaho

### Roll Call (3:31pm)

<u>o</u> David Ballard	<u>x</u> Stephen Lewis	<u>x</u> John Wasson (ex-officio-ACHD)
<u>x</u> Zachary Shoemaker	<u>x</u> Jared Smith	<u>x</u> Lila Klopfenstein (ex-officio-COMPASS)
<u>x</u> Ryan Lancaster	<u>x</u> Tom LeClaire	<u>x</u> Miranda Carson (ex-officio-WASD)
<u>x</u> Walter Steed	<u>x</u> Hoyoon Song	<u>x</u> Alissa Taysom (ex-officio-VRT)
<u>o</u> Tracy Hopkins		<u>x</u> Justin Price (ex-officio-ITD)

Others Present: Brooke Green, Tishra Murray, Caleb Hood, Brian McClure, Pierson Dewitt

### Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Lewis to adopt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Smith - All ayes; Passes

### Approval of Minutes

#### 1. November 6, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Lewis to adopt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Smith – All ayes (with one change); Passes

### Old Business Items

#### 2. Transportation Projects Update – C. Hood

Mr. Hood began on page 7 of the packet. He mentioned that Lake Hazel has been closed off and on, and work will continue, so try to avoid. He also mentioned guests in the audience that will speak on the Linder Road concept project. Mr. Hood and Commissioner LeClair were a part of a meeting Thursday with MDC's parking consultant about their overall Destination Downtown plan and the parking element. The consultant is wrapping-up; Commissioner LeClair shared some finer points on the parking study. He began by speaking about change and wanting some kind of management of parking beyond what exists today, as demand will continue to increase. MDC's consultants have done this type of project before in other cities. They have put together about 40 action items, and the feedback at the meeting the previous week was as the parking management expands we will need some kind of residential parking program. So, the feedback was that it wasn't in the right order, and we need to get a cooperative process first. There will be some more feedback on a revised final draft and should hear more in January or February. Commissioner LeClair stood for questions. There was some further discussion.

### New Business Items [ACTION ITEM]

#### 3. Linder Road, Pine to Ustick Concept Report Update - B. McClure, B. Green & Pierson Dewitt

Mr. McClure began with introducing Brooke Green from ACHD, and Pierson Dewitt who works at HDR and he's a consultant helping with the project. The object today is to provide the Commission with a glimpse of the concepts that will be going to the public, beginning tomorrow

evening and open for two weeks. Those concepts include enhancements for the entire corridor, however this presentation will focus on the segment between Sandalwood and Chateau. Some of the concepts include residential shared streets, something different in Ada County.

Concept #1, Linder Road-Pine Ave to Ustick Rd, Three-lane with shared use roads.

Concept #2, Linder Road-Pine Ave to Ustick Rd, Standard five-lane.

Concept #3, Linder Road-Pine Ave to Ustick Rd, Five-lane with shared use roads.

The project started in December of 2022. We are currently in the middle of the project, adoption is anticipated Spring of 2024. Mr. McClure stood for questions. There was some further discussion.

#### **4. ACHD Capital Roadway Improvement Guide - B. McClure**

Mr. McClure began with an overview of the ACHD Capital Improvement Guide. Guide is geared toward capital projects; roadways and intersections. ACHD will not/cannot install landscaping (some exceptions) so if the City desires, we have to pay. City participation occurs through a cost share process. The end result of this Guide is to streamline and increase consistency.

The document describes the intra-agency process, and somewhat memorializes institutional knowledge and past concepts through matrices and cutsheets. Some discussion was had on the Matrix, project characteristics, level of participation and parking. Items for discussion to put on the Agenda.

#### **5. Parking Restriction Policy - Movado Example**

Mr. Hood outlined some recent examples of parking restriction requests and asked the Commission if they had thoughts on their preferred level of involvement in these types of issues going forward. A handful of the Commissioners wanted to review these when there was a traffic safety concern and when a solution could not be implemented at staff level. It was requested that Fire also be part of these issues at the City department level. Staff will address these when possible, but will engage the Commission and work with ACHD and other stakeholders on establishing a better process. Follow-up information will be shared with the Commission as it becomes available.

#### **6. Ex-Officio Updates**

J. Wasson (ACHD) provided some insight and discussion about potential parking restriction signs on Washington Street, Main to Meridian. There has been a pause put on that, however. Ten of the 11 owners on that street have asked for no parking from 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday.

L. Klopenstein (COMPASS) stated that they are working on the transportation funding study. Another project is the safety action plan, looking at existing issues. She noted that Phase I project applications are due by midnight.

M. Carson (WASD) mentioned that they have started planning for what the safety busses will look like for the next school year. Partnering with COMPASS with the safety action plans.

A. Taysom (VRT) informed the Commission that VRT is finalizing services changes for 2024.

J. Price (ITD) noted that the project on I-84, Meridian to Eagle, adding auxiliary lanes will commence in the Spring 2024.

**7. Staff Communications**

Mr. Hood began on page 40-41 in the packet by highlighting the southwest corner of Linder and Chinden, a commercial complex and a nearby school. There has been some concern expressed for who has the right of way in this area.

(A motion to extend the Transportation Commission meeting by 10 minutes was made by Commissioner Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Smith; All ayes.)

There was a request to see the traffic impact study for this area. Mr. Hood stood for any questions. There was some further discussion and a request for staff to work with the property owner to install signage to clarify who has the right-of-way.

**FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

- 8. Belltower and Coppercloud Speed Concerns**
- 9. American Fork at Linder Crossing**
- 10. Lost Rapids/Bird Park**
- 11. ACHD Master Street Map Preservation Corridors**

**Next Meeting Date: January 8, 2024**

**Adjournment; 5:38 pm** - Motion by Commissioner Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner LeClaire; All ayes.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

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WALTER STEED, CHAIR

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CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

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