

# Meeting Minutes

## Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, January 6, 2025

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

### Roll Call

#### MEMBERS

☒ David Ballard

☒ Ryan Lancaster

☐ Jared Smith

☒ Walter Steed

☒ Stephen Lewis

☒ Tom LeClaire

☐ Zach Shoemaker

☒ Tracy Hopkins

☐ Lilly Miller

#### EX-OFFICIO

☒ John Wasson (ACHD)

☒ Alissa Taysom (VRT)

☒ Austin Miller (COMPASS)

☒ Justin Price (ITD)

☒ Miranda Carson (WASD)

#### OTHERS PRESENT

☒ Cpl. Trevor Weitzel (Police)

☒ Hether Hill (Comm. Dev.)

☒ Tishra Murray (Legal)

☒ Caleb Hood (Comm. Dev.)

### Adoption of the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda by staff or commissioners. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hopkins, 2nd by Commissioner Ballard - all ayes.

### Approval of Minutes

#### 1. December 2, 2024

A couple of scrivener's errors were addressed. Motion to approve as amended by Commissioner Ballard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hopkins - all ayes.

### Old Business Items

#### 2. Transportation Projects Update – Hether Hill

Ms. Hill began on Page 6 of the packet and recommended the Commission review the updates provided in bolded text through page 12. Ms. Hill noted there was an update on the Ustick, Black Cat to Ten Mile project - the interim signal is in place as of December 24, 2024, and should help alleviate congestion due to the Ustick Rd. widening and SH-16 projects. Following updates, Commissioner Ballard asked John Wasson (ACHD) about damage to the concrete irrigation box at the SW corner of Franklin and Eagle Roads. Cpl. Weitzel confirmed there had been a recent vehicle crash at this location. Commissioner Hopkins inquired about the Amity/Locust Grove intersection and why there isn't any progress on an interim solution.

### New Business Items

#### 3. Election of Officers for 2025

Commissioner Hopkins nominated the current Chair, Walter Steed, to be the Chair for 2025 and nominated Commissioner LeClaire to be Vice-Chair. Both Commissioners accepted their

nominations, and no other nominations were announced. The Chair entertained a motion to approve - all ayes.

#### **4. 2025 Roadway, Intersection and Community Program Prioritization**

Ms. Hill referenced the memorandum in the agenda packet on page 13. Ms. Hill called the Commission's attention to a few things; the plan is now called the "Five Year Plan" (FYP) rather than the previous "Integrated Five Year Work Plan" (IFYWP) and that this year, ACHD is requesting two lists. There will be one list for Roads & Intersections and one for Community Programs. Both lists will prioritize (rank) projects regardless of the funding and whether they are "programmed" or "non-programmed". The Prioritization Subcommittee of the Transportation Commission is meeting on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, to review and prioritize projects. The lists will be presented to the Commission during the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Ms. Hill referenced the key dates for this year's FYP process is included on page 21 of the packet. Discussion ensued between the Commission and Mr. Wasson about projects on the list and clarifying questions about the methodology for ranking this year, proximity to other projects on the list, as well as ACHD's methodology. Commissioner Lewis requested a Level of Service (LOS) map, as well as guidance on how many projects will be considered by ACHD and the points assigned. Lengthy discussion ensued primarily around the topics addressed above.

#### **5. Ex-Officio Updates**

Cpl. Trevor Weitzel – no updates from Police.

Justin Price – A news report on Eagle Road has been released – starting in the Spring, unsignalized left turn movements will be removed and variable speed limits will be installed through portions the corridor. ITD is working on software, signage and communications components of the project currently.

Alissa Taysom – VRT is working on standardizing the report on ridership. The new report will be available in February.

Miranda Carson – WASD is working on reporting for the State using data from the new badge system and reported ridership numbers.

Austin Miller – Provided an update on COMPASS' Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan. In early 2023, COMPASS received federal funding to create the Treasure Valley's first Regional Safety Action Plan. This grant will support COMPASS' efforts to engage stakeholders in a collaborative, comprehensive planning endeavor to inform an actionable safety plan to improve transportation safety and save lives. The Plan will be included in the COMPASS Board Packet in February and will be available online soon. Overland Rd., Eagle Rd. and Meridian Rd. (SH-69) is identified in the Plan.

John Wasson – Mr. Wasson informed the Commission that Rock Harbor Church has an approved traffic control plan.

#### **6. Staff Communications**

Staff Communications began on page 22 of the packet. Ms. Hill addressed the email received regarding Rock Harbor Church and informed the Commission that an approved traffic control plan is now in place, as Mr. Wasson previously confirmed as well. There was some discussion amongst the Commission regarding traffic and site conditions, as well as private property rights of the residents and access to their homes. Cpl. Weitzel provided an update on behalf of Police and informed the Commission that the traffic control plan appears to be working well and there was acknowledgement that it appears conditions are improving.

#### **FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

- 7. ACHD Master Street Map Changes – Arterial Corridor Preservation (Cherry Lane)**
- 8. Capital Investments Citizens Advisory Committee (CICAC) Update**
- 9. Baraya Subdivision**
- 10. Transportation Commission Bylaws**
- 11. ACHD Queuing Analysis**

**Next Meeting Date: February 3, 2025**

**Adjournment; 4:39pm** – Motion by Commissioner Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ballard - all ayes.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

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WALTER STEED, CHAIR

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ATTEST:

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CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

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