

# Meeting Minutes

## Meridian Transportation Commission

### Monday July, 10, 2023

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

#### Roll Call (3:31pm)

<u>X</u> David Ballard	<u>X</u> Stephen Lewis	<u>X</u> John Wasson (ex-officio-ACHD)
<u>O</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> David Reinhart (ex-officio-WASD)
<u>X</u> Walter Steed	<u>X</u> Hoyoon Song	<u>X</u> Alissa Taysom (ex-officio-VRT)
<u>X</u> Tracy Hopkins		<u>O</u> Justin Price (ex-officio-ITD)

Others Present: M. Carson, Lt. Mark Ford, Sgt. Smith

#### Adoption of the Agenda

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

#### Approval of Minutes

##### 1. June 5, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Lancaster to adopt with some changes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Smith - All ayes; Passes

#### Old Business Items

##### 2. Transportation Projects Update - M. Carson

Ms. Carson began with Page 7, ACHD staff presented a progress report to their Commission on 6/16/23 for the Integrated Five Year Work Plan.

As an effort of the Meridian Intersection and Pedestrian Taskforce a communications survey is open for public comment starting June 26<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup> for resident feedback on Meridian intersections.

The Linder, Overland to Franklin was unanimously approved by the ITD Board for inclusion in the draft FY2024-2030 ITIP. The public comment is out, and we are encouraging anyone who has comment to do so on the link that is provided. The Council will hear a presentation on a cost share elements of the project on 7/25/23.

Chinden/West Corridor the four uninterrupted lanes of traffic, two-in-each-direction, from ID-16 to Eagle is complete. Middleton Road to Star Round Construction is planned for 2024.

Eagle Road, Overland to SH-44 State Street, the southbound lanes and major intersections (McMillan, Ustick, and Fairview) repaving is underway in June/July. Crews have completed the northbound lanes between Franklin Rd and SH-44.

Ms. Carson stood for questions. There was some further discussion on the Early Development Program.

### **3. Ordinance and Development Subcommittee Report – T. LeClaire**

Commissioner LeClaire spoke on the meetings outcome. The subcommittee voted to not recommend the default speed limit be lowered from 25mph to 20mph. Commissioner LeClaire stood for questions.

### **New Business Items [ACTION ITEM]**

#### **4. Ex-Officio Updates**

Lieutenant Ford addressed the questions that had been brought up about the traffic cameras that have been implemented in Meridian. In the last month traffic cameras have gone up that read when vehicles go through the area. This is based on the vehicle's description or the license plate. The information that is read is stored for 60 days. Currently there are 14 cameras in Meridian at major intersections. The information that is read, is used to investigate crime. Already, this information has been used to assist in finding a missing child. It also helps in tracking missing/stolen vehicles. The Commissioners had some questions, and there was some further discussion. Commissioner Ballard asked if incidents related to debris in the road are tracked. Sgt. Smith responded saying that incidents are not tracked in that regard unless it is a contributing factor in a crash.

M. Wasson provided an update on ACHD's draft changes to the traffic calming policy. They are eliminating the cut through policy in the draft. The final policy will be added as a future meeting topic.

L. Klopfenstein updated that COMPASS will have an open house on the draft RTIP on 7/11 from 3:00pm-6:00pm.

D. Reinhart provided an update that the Gondola/Black Cat crossing, construction is underway. He also noted that beginning this school year, after Labor Day, all elementary students will have a bus pass. There was some further discussion.

A. Taysom reported that VRT service change proposals will be presented to the public in August.

#### **5. Staff Communications - M. Carson**

M. Carson began with page 14, with the McMillan Right of Way Preservation. The Transportation Commission has recommended to request McMillan to be preserved for 5 lanes. There is currently a letter being drafted for ACHD and the Council to sign. There is no update on the Celebration/Cinema Parking Request, M. Carson will report when she receives an update.

There was a concern from a resident regarding the corner of N. Records Ave and E. River Valley street, a 3-way stop by Kleiner Park regulated with stop signs. The complaint is that in that area there is constant reckless driving, and they are requesting a traffic light and regular police presence, as she and her children have almost been hit using the crosswalks.

Commissioner Lancaster noted that this area (Records/River Valley) continues to be a concern discussed by the Commission. Sgt. Smith noted that N. Records Ave is an area of concern for speeding from the park to Fairview. It was suggested a roundabout to be considered by Commission. There was some further discussion about Right of Way and traffic calming feasibility. Mr. Wasson will research if a roundabout has been considered here in the past and if it is feasible.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to recommend a roundabout at this location be added to the project prioritization list; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Song; 7 Ayes, Ballard opposes, Passes.

A Belltower at Copper Cloud resident complaint was discussed. The area will be evaluated for a feedback speed limit sign.

#### **6. September Meeting Date – M. Carson**

There was discussion of the September meeting date. It was decided for it to be held on September 11, 2023 to be determined by the chair based on the opportunity for a tour.

#### **FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

- 7. American Fork/Linder Crossing Request**
- 8. Linder, Ustick to Pine Concept**
- 9. Lost Rapids/Bird Park Crossing Request**
- 10. Belltower and Coppercloud concerns**
- 11. Records/River Valley Roundabout Feasibility**
- 12. Traffic Calming Policy**

**Next Meeting Date: August 7, 2023**

#### **Adjournment;**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hopkins; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Song - All Ayes, Passes

(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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