

# Meeting Minutes

## Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, October 6th, 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

☒ Kelly Bruner (ACHD)

☒ Kate Dahl (VRT)

☒ Austin Miller (COMPASS)

☐ Justin Price (ITD)

☒ Miranda Carson (WASD)

#### OTHERS PRESENT

☒ Sgt. Tara Smith (Police)

☒ Ali Breshears (Legal)

☒ Tishra Murray (Legal)

☒ Brian McClure (Com. Dev.)

☒ Caleb Hood (Com. Dev.)

### Adoption of the Agenda

Motion for approval with no changes by Mr. Lancaster with second by Mr. Hopkins.

Action: All ayes.

### Approval of Minutes

#### 1. August 4 and August 28

Motion for approval with no changes by Mr. Hopkins with second from Mr. Lewis.

Action: Approved, all ayes.

### Old Business Items

#### 2. Transportation Projects Update (new format)

Discussion: Brian McClure explained that project reporting is now unified into a single database. Previous reporting conflicted between sources. Commissioners discussed that it was difficult to track recent updates that were not in bold. McClure explained that manual formatting wasn't doable in the system, and that previously the bold formatting was often wrong, but that staff would look into improvements to emphasize focus areas. Caleb Hood demonstrated how updates are entered chronologically and manually. Mr. Steed had questions on the Linder Road Overpass project. There was some confusion on why there's several Linder Road projects in the list, and a request to consolidate. Hood reviewed current construction south of I-84, and plans for construction north of I-84 in 2026 and 2027. Mr. Ballard talked about some of the headings in the projects being informative. Question by Mr. Steed as to where Wells Street Bridge #1224 is located. Kelly Bruner explained the location west of Eagle Road and north of Interstate-84.

Mr. Steed asked on the I-84 Eastbound Auxiliary Lane. Hood reviewed recent conversations with ITD but that no decisions have been made.

### **3. Commission Bylaws Discussion - Tom LeClaire, Commissioner**

Mr. LeClaire noted that the subcommittee met on August 26<sup>th</sup>, with meeting minutes included in the Commission meeting packet. Mr. LeClaire reviewed areas of focus by the Committee, with follow-up by the Commission. An initial motion by Mr. LeClair with second by Mr. Lancaster was discussed and eventually withdrawn in order to be more concise.

Motion: After discussion and clarifications, Mr. LeClaire motioned the following changes to the Transportation Commission bylaws, with a second by Mr. Hopkins.

- Bylaws Header and Article 1. Add Transportation Commission into bylaw template placeholders.
- Article 2 § 4. Strike “office” and replace with “chair or vice-chair.”
- Article 5. Insert effective date of October 6, 2025, into the bylaw template placeholder.
- Article 3 § 1 – On line 5 of the bylaw template, of the strike the word “shall issue.”
- Add Article 3. Add section 9 to include the two-hour meeting limit of the current bylaws.

**Action:** Approved, all ayes.

### **New Business Items**

#### **4. Woodbridge Subdivision Traffic Concerns**

Mr. Steed and Brian McClure introduced the discussion. Mr. Ballard summarized that the request is to close off the subdivision and prohibit other subdivisions. Mr. Lancaster noted that we’ve been here on this subject before, that the subdivision would not accept previous proposals by ACHD. Kelly Bruner noted that a speed study was concluded in February of this year, that thresholds for both counts and speed were met for traffic calming on Bowstring. ACHD has offered to install traffic control on Thornwood and Woodhaven, with Bowstring. In August of this year, correspondence by affected residents on all three streets did not achieve 60% positive votes required of the minimum number of properties to move forward.

**Outcome:** The Commission noted that with development applications and transportation study by the City, that it is not appropriate for the Commission to be involved currently. Further, that the City appreciates ACHD efforts to provide traffic calming, and that we should not close access. McClure stated that Staff do not get to make the decision but believes that we should not support the request. Bruner stated that ACHD would not support the request.

#### **5. Stratford to Touchmark Feasibility Study**

Carl Anderson introduced himself and presented the project and current status. Anderson noted that the overall study area is Meridian Road to Touchmark Way, with the focus area being Stratford to Eagle Road. The desired outcome of this work is ultimately for the City to request a preferred alignment on ACHD’s Master Street Map.

Some clarifying comments were made that this work is not limited to the original 2018 Comprehensive Plan work. Mr. Lewis commented that the intersection of Eagle Road and Allen Street / St. Lukes Drive is problematic. The offset forces the signal to work in split phase, which is inefficient and needs to be corrected. Mr. Ballard noted right-of-way constraints. Mr. LeClaire asked if Magic View is the assumed collector exit.

**Outcome:** Mr. Steed encouraged staff to present updates in the future.

#### **6. Pine Ave, Black Cat to Ten Mile - Speeding Concerns**

Brian McClure briefly introduced the topic, and that the Meridian Police Department and ACHD both included communication in the packet. Mr. Lancaster asked on what the speed limit is, and what thresholds may or may not be affected. Mr. Steed noted that current conditions may be misleading with portions of Black Cat Road being closed.

**Outcome:** Bring this agenda item back to Commission in a few months when more data is available.

#### **7. Ex-Officio Updates**

ACHD, Kelly Bruner shared that Employees have started moving to the new ACHD Headquarters at Meeker (Meeker Ave, off of Five Mile Road). Full move expected within two months. Bruner also mentioned that the 5-year plan work session scheduled for October 8 and an adoption vote of October 22.

COMPASS, Austin Miller shared that in August 2025, the COMPASS board chose commuter rail on the Boise cutoff as the preliminary preferred option from among alternatives studied.

Final report and COMPASS board vote on adoption of the plan is expected in February 2026. The Board did approve a preferred concept for the Commuter Rail on the Boise Cutoff alignment. This is the preliminary locally preferred option for the Planning and Environmental and Linkages study, due in February 2026.

#### **8. Staff Communications**

None.

#### **Future Meeting Topics**

#### **9. ACHD Master Street Map Changes – Arterial Corridor Preservation (Cherry Lane)**

#### **10. Capital Investments Citizens Advisory Committee (CICAC) Update**

**NEXT MEETING - November 3, 2025**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Lewis and second by Mr. LeClaire to adjourn.

Action: Approved, all ayes.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)