

# Meeting Minutes

## Meridian Transportation Commission

### Monday August, 07, 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> Shawn Martin (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> David Reinhart (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: M. Carson, Tishra Murray

#### Adoption of the Agenda

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

#### Approval of Minutes

##### 1. July 10, 2023

Motion by Commissioner LeClaire to adopt; with minor changes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lancaster - All ayes; Passes

#### Old Business Items

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

Ms. Carson began with Page 6 highlighting ACHD Projects. The ACHD Integrated Five-Year Work Program 2024-2028 Initial Draft is open for the public and partner agency comment until August 16<sup>th</sup>. The Meridian Intersection and Pedestrian Safety Taskforce has completed reviewing individual intersections, police comments, and public comments. A draft report of process, comments and findings is underway. Linder, Overland to Franklin construction is programmed in 2026-2027 in the IFYWP 2024-2028 draft. Eagle Road Signal Improvements consultant has implemented the weekend timing plans in July 2023 and is in the process of fine-tuning those plans. ACHD is still working on finalizing the weekday timing plans, which should be complete by winter of 2023.

Ms. Carson continued with updates other agency projects. A construction update video can be viewed at the link included in the packet for Phase 2 of the Idaho Highway 16 extension program. ITD did not propose to change the enforceable speed limits on Eagle in Meridian, and instead are proposing to implement a type of advisory limits signage. The Mayor's office has expressed concerns with the approach and has asked ITD to come and present their recommendations to the Council at a Council workshop.

Ms. Carson stood for questions. There was some further discussion on the railroad crossing on Main street, Ms. Carson has reported the issue to Union Pacific Railroad and Boise Valley Railroad and we are currently in their queue for maintenance.

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

### **3. Ex-Officio Updates**

S. Martin: They have been asked to look at the intersection of Meridian/Ustick in all directions. ACHD is considering if dual left turns are warranted. Currently, there is a passive permissive left. They are waiting for school to start to decide if dual lefts are warranted. Also, ACHD, the City, ITD and BVRR met at the Black Cat Railroad crossing to discuss improvements to that crossing.

L. Klopfenstein: Provided an update that COMPASS is holding 2 public education series on safety, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, the workshop portion will be the next day in the morning. COMPASS leadership in Motion award nominations are open until September 29<sup>th</sup>. She also gave an update the Ada County and Canyon County Emissions testing is no longer required as of July 1, 2023.

D. Reinhart: Gave an update that all full-time employees for WASD are returning to work on 8/11/23 and school starts on 8/16/23, both will have implications on traffic. Meridian Middle School busses will now pick up and drop off student at Camelia Ln. Parents will now enter on Cherry Lane and exit onto 8<sup>th</sup> street. Special education busses will be in the loop off of 8<sup>th</sup> street.

A. Taysom: Reported that they have launched their new public outreach regarding the network redesign for the Summer 2023. It is now open for public comment through mid-September.

T. Price: Reported that the Eagle Road repaving is complete. There are also overhead signs that are being replaced on I-84, the work is only being done at night, which includes I-lane closures.

### **4. Integrated Five Year Work Plan 2024-2028 - M. Carson**

M. Carson began with an update on the Integrated Five-Year Work Plan. There were some changes/delays with some of the construction projects, but now it's open for comments on the draft, which will go through to ACHD to review comments, then it will come back to the Transportation Commission to finalize what we want to say to ACHD in response and then send the draft to the Council. M. Carson will add Ten Mile/Linder project to the draft letter. Commissioner Song made a motion Recommend the draft letter to Council with the Ten Mile Linder project added, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner LeClaire; All Ayes, Passes.

### **5. Traffic Calming Policy – M. Carson**

Ms. Carson began with the requests regarding the traffic calming policy. Mr. Martin told the Transportation Commission that ACHD staff will be taking the proposed traffic calming policy change to the ACHD Commission as an information item. Changes proposed as follows: The petition process would change from paper to electronic, the support required would change from 75% of adjacent property owners to 60%. The cut through traffic requirement would be stricken. Mr. Martin stood for questions. There were some questions and some further discussion. There was also further discussion on how the policy impacts renters.

### **6. Pathway Crossing at Local Streets-M. Carson**

Commissioner Lewis shared that ACHD is reviewing their pathway policy again. Transportation Commission has discussed this before, so he thought the group should be aware its up for review. Ms. Carson shared that there is not crash data related to setback pathway crossings as

they have not been in the area long enough and there are not enough for a relevant data sample to be gathered. Mr. Martin shared that he hasn't heard any feedback, good or bad, on setback crossings. Ms. Carson also provided a reminder that previous discussion on setback crossings was on 1 specific locations. There was some further discussion on how other areas handle pathway crossings. Mr. Martin received some questions on the pathway policy update.

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

Ms. Carson began with a review of some discussions from the Greater Northwest Passenger Rail Summit held in late July. She also noted VRT hosted a bus tour of the rail corridor, which was very successful.

Camelia Lane Bus Parking there was a previous discussion with Mr. Reinhardt about having the busses pull along W. Camila Lane. There was a concern from a resident that Meridian School staff was posting signs (on the school fence) saying no parking, buses will drop off there. The legal team responded that WASD needed to address with the neighbors, and possibly ACHD if the school is trying to regulate parking on the public roadway. Ms. Carson did go out to the location and there were no signs as of 8/1/23 that said "No Parking". There was 1 sign on the fence that read "MMS BUS PARKING 7:30-8:30am AND 2:30-3:30pm. This is not an enforceable parking restriction.

Ms. Carson stood for questions, and there was some discussion.

#### **FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

- 8. Records/River Valley Roundabout Feasibility**
- 9. Lost Rapids/Bird Park Crossing Request**
- 10. Belltower and Coppercloud Concerns**
- 11. American Fork/Linder Crossing Request**

**Next Meeting Date: September 11, 2023 (Offsite Tour)**

#### **Adjournment;**

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

(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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