



## MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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**From:** Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner

**Meeting Date:** October 2, 2023

**Topic:** Transportation Projects Update

*Update as of: September 26, 2023*

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Below is a summary/update on some of the transportation and roadway City Staff has been involved with recently. This is not an exhaustive list, but rather highlights some of the more important activities that have recently transpired (or are about to occur) in the transportation realm. Staff will be at the Transportation Commission meeting to discuss some of these topics in more detail. Please feel free to contact staff should you have any comments, concerns, or questions on any of these projects. New information is in **bold**.

### **KEY ACHD PROJECTS:**

ACHD Integrated Five-Year Work Program: **2024-2028 IFYWP Draft will be presented to the ACHD Commission for adoption on September 27<sup>th</sup>.** There were only very minor changes from the Initial Draft to the Adoption Draft for the Meridian project lists.  
<https://engage.achdidaho.org/integrated-five-year-work-plan-ifywp>

The 2022-2026 Integrated Five-Year Work Plan (IFYWP) was adopted by the ACHD commission on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. More information can be found here:

[https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP\\_2226draft.aspx](https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP_2226draft.aspx).

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Meridian Intersection and Pedestrian Safety Taskforce: **A final report of process, comments, and findings is underway.** The Taskforce has completed reviewing individual intersections, police comments, and public comments. An inter-agency team has been assembled to discuss a pedestrian safety review of major Meridian intersections. ACHD Staff is compiling attribute data and Meridian Police are collection photos for the intersections. ACHD and City staff are coordinating on a share communication tool for public outreach.

Linder, Overland to Franklin: **75% design is nearing completion, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> public outreach meeting will be held in mid to late October.** ROW is 2024-2025 and construction is 2026-202 in the IFYWP 2024-2028 draft. The ITD Board unanimously approved the inclusion of this project in the draft FY2024- 2030 ITIP, Early Development Program with \$10,000.00 in FY24 for preliminary engineering funding for design. Design is underway and estimated to be complete early-2024. Widen Linder Rd to 5 lanes with a bicycle and pedestrian facility from Overland Rd to Franklin Rd. Project includes a new I-84 overpass, improvements to the Overland intersection, and connection of W Verbena Dr across Linder. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/linder-road-overpass-franklin-road-to-overland-road>

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Locust Grove Road, Victory to Overland and roundabout at Victory: **Locust Grove and the roundabout are now open. Minor work still remains.** <https://engage.achdidaho.org/locust-grove-road-victory-road-to-overland-road>

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Eagle Road, Lake Hazel to Amity: Notice to proceed is scheduled for February 2024. Landscaping within the roundabout at Taconic will be included in the Cost Share Permit. 95% design is complete. Widen Eagle to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and a multi-use pathway. Includes a multi-lane roundabout at Eagle Rd and Taconic Dr. Here is the project website: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/eagle-road-lake-hazel-road-to-amity-road>

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Lake Hazel and Eagle Signal: Notice to proceed is scheduled for February 2024. Right-of-way is scheduled for 2022/2023. The design includes significant grade changes of the existing intersection and will integrate large retaining walls. Construction in 2024. Widen and signalize intersection to 4/5 lanes on Eagle and 3/4 lanes on Lake Hazel with multiuse pathway connections. Here is a link to the project website: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/lake-hazel-and-eagle-intersection>

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Lake Hazel Road, Locust Grove Road to Meridian Road: Brighton owns multiple parcels of land between S Apex Avenue and S Meridian Road. Per their requirements from the City of Meridian they are required to complete a significant utility upgrade that will require the roadway be reconstructed. ACHD Commission has approved a Cooperative Development Agreement for the reconstruction and widening of E Lake Hazel Road between S Apex Avenue and S Meridian Road to 5-lanes, with 10-foot wide concrete multi-use pathways on both sides of the road.

Amity Rd and Locust Grove Rd & Amity Road, Meridian to Locust Grove: **These projects were presented to the ACHD Commission on September 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the projects status, questions and concerns from the public, and the letters the City has submitted. After robust discussion, it was determined this project will be put on a longer hold until the ACHD Commission has had an opportunity to workshops solutions with ACHD staff and hear from the public on options for the intersection and road improvements.** <https://engage.achdidaho.org/amity-road-and-locust-grove-road-intersection>

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McMillan/Black Cat Roundabout: Design is underway. Multi-lane roundabout with truck apron, curb, gutter, and a 10-foot-wide multi-use pathway. Crosswalk at each leg with two stage pedestrian crossings and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at each pedestrian crossing. ROW in FY23. Notice to proceed scheduled for Spring 2025.

<https://engage.achdidaho.org/mcmillan-and-black-cat-intersection>

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Franklin, McDermott to Black Cat: City/ACHD partnership on landscaping in the medians/buffers and a "Welcome to Meridian" signs are still being considered. Widening Franklin Rd to 5 lanes between McDermott Rd and Black Cat Rd, and improving the intersection of Franklin Rd and McDermott Rd. The Franklin Rd and McDermott Rd intersection is a joint project with Nampa Highway District No. 1. Design in FY23-24, Right of Way in FY24-25, notice to proceed scheduled for early 2026.

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Fairview, Jericho Road to Eagle & Locust Grove Signal: **Construction is expected to start 2027.** This project is exceptionally complex with multiple curbs, materials, and elevations. Z-crossing just west of Fairview/Webb being considered. Widen intersection to 9 lanes on Fairview and 7 lanes on Locust Grove. Widen Fairview to 7 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and Level 3 bike facility. Here is a link to the project website: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/fairview-avenue-gericho-road-to-eagle-road>

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Ustick, Ten Mile to Linder: Possible this project is concurrent with Black Cat to Ten Mile. Right-of-way is scheduled for 2023/2024. Construction is planned for 2024/2025. Design status 75%. Median landscaping is being explored by the project team. Construction is planned for 2025. Concept includes two pedestrian bridge crossing options over Five Mile Creek with a signalized crossing over Ustick. Design will include multiuse pathways. A retaining wall will be necessary along Five Mile Creek. No sidewalk/pathways along Five Mile creek where retaining wall to be located; connection will rely on City pathway on north side of creek. Widen Ustick Rd to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, center medians, and multi-use pathway from Ten Mile Rd to Linder Rd. [https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick\\_ten\\_mile\\_linder](https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick_ten_mile_linder)

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Ustick, Ten Mile to Black Cat: 75% drawings completed. Possible this project is concurrent with Ten Mile to Linder. Public input survey ended November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Design status 75%. Median landscaping is being explored by the project team. Widen to 5-lanes with center medians, and reconstruct Ustick & Black Cat Intersection. Initial approach for intersection is a roundabout. Signalized crossing at Naomi (location of new ACHD yard, south of wastewater facility). Design in 2023, ROW in 2023-2024, and construction in 2025. [https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick\\_black\\_cat\\_ten\\_mile](https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick_black_cat_ten_mile)

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Lake Hazel Road, Eagle to Cloverdale: Design is underway. Project will include swales adjacent to the roadway. Widen Lake Hazel Rd to five 11' lanes with curb gutter and 10' detached multiuse path on both sides. Bridge improvement included to remove and replace the existing bridge over the Ten Mile Creek. Design 2022; ROW; 2023; Construction 2026.

[https://engage.achdidaho.org/lake\\_hazel\\_eagle\\_cloverdale](https://engage.achdidaho.org/lake_hazel_eagle_cloverdale)

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South Meridian Neighborhood Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan: Plan in hand design meeting was held and 95% design meeting was held for 6/5 for 3 segment improvements in the plan: Stoddard Road, Victory to Overland; Locust Grove Rd at Palermo Dr pedestrian crossing; and bridge #1207 at Locust Grove Rd and Ten Mile creek. Construction is not yet programmed. ACHD and several partners including the City coordinated to develop a plan to help improve walking and bicycling routes in South Meridian neighborhoods. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/neighborhood-plans> Stoddard project webpage <https://engage.achdidaho.org/stoddard-road-victory-road-to-overland-road>

Linder, Ustick to Pine: **The project team met to review concepts. The ACHD Pedestrian Advisory Group (PAG), ACHD Commissioners, and City staff did an onsite review of the existing conditions on this stretch of road. Based on the feedback from the project team and PAG, ACHD is working with consultants to develop new concepts.**

Eagle Road Signal Improvements: The consultant 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. It should be complete by winter 2023.

## **ACHD CAPITAL MAINTENANCE**

Residential Capital Maintenance includes conducting field reconnaissance and collecting survey data to determine an improvement strategy for deteriorated/non-compliant facilities such as: pavement, drainage, pipes, sidewalks, ramps. ACHD aims for bringing the segments up to Complete Streets standards where possible. Existing non-compliant pedestrian ramp and driveway access points located along each roadway segment will be identified to be upgraded to meet ADA compliance. Reasonable attempts will be made to improve each pedestrian ramp as directional, not diagonal.

Meridian Downtown Pavement and Pedestrian Improvements (2024): Notice to proceed is scheduled for spring 2024. Formerly named: "FY2022 Residential Capital Maintenance". The project goal is to rehabilitate pavement and add pedestrian improvements including sidewalk and bulb-outs. Segments include: W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, W Pine to north end; E Broadway Ave, E 3<sup>rd</sup> to E 6<sup>th</sup>; W Cherry Ave, NW 4<sup>th</sup> St to Meridian Rd; W Idaho Ave, W 8<sup>th</sup> St to N Meridian Rd; W Maple Ave, W 1<sup>st</sup> St to N Meridian Rd; W 2<sup>nd</sup> St, W Cherry Ave to W Cherry Ln; NW 4<sup>th</sup> S, W Broadway Ave to Maple Ave. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/2022-residential-capital-maintenance> Segments E Washington Ave, NW 7<sup>th</sup> to Meridian Rd; NW 7<sup>th</sup> St, W Washington St to middle school micro-path (currently adding sidewalk, no pavement rehab, could change); and W 6<sup>th</sup> St, W Washington St to W Carlton Ave are also part of this project, but have a separate web page: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/washington-street-and-6th-street>  
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Residential Pavement and Pedestrian Improvements (2026): Segments included: 1<sup>st</sup> St W, south end to Franklin Road; Rose Circle; Country Terrace Way S, south end to Overland Road; Blossom Pl, south end to W McGlinchey Ave; McGlinchey Ave, Blossom Pl to NW 8<sup>th</sup> St; Interlachen Ct, west end to Interlachen Way; Laurel Ct, south end to Verbena Dr; Tobago Ct. E., west end to SE 5<sup>th</sup> Way; Larkspur Ct, south end to Verbena Dr; Lilac St, south end to Waltman St; Lavender Ct, south end to Verbena Dr; Sugar Creek, south end to Sugar Creek Dr; Lawndale Dr, McGlinchey Ave to Crestmont Dr; Crusier Dr, west end to Five Mile Rd; and Francine Pl S, Victory Rd to S Francine Ln. ACHD project number: 521060  
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## **ITD PROJECTS**

ChindenWest Corridor: Four uninterrupted lanes of traffic, two-in-each-direction, from ID-16 to Eagle, is complete. Project website: <https://itdprojects.org/projects/chindenwest/>

Star Road to ID-16: ITD will close Star Road temporarily and detour traffic in June. Work will include paving and intersection improvements. Improvements include re-aligning and reconstructing US-20/26, constructing pathways, and relocating nearby irrigation infrastructure. Construction will begin in fall 2022 with anticipated completion in spring 2024.

Middleton Road to Star Road: Construction is planned for 2024. An online public meeting was held the first week of June. Information from that meeting can be found here: <https://chindenwest.com/middletonstar/>.

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#### Idaho Highway 16 extension, U.S. 20/26 to I-84

Phase 2: Crews started building new ramps to connect US-20/26 and SH-16 and will continue through Fall. The new bridge over Five Mile Creek is nearing completion. Also, through Fall, a new pedestrian bridge will be constructed over Five Mile Creek east of McDermott Road and crews will construct part of the McMillan Overpass. A construction update presentation can be found here on pages 9-10 [https://media.itdprojects.org/2023/07/SH16\\_Qtrly-meeting-July-2023.pdf](https://media.itdprojects.org/2023/07/SH16_Qtrly-meeting-July-2023.pdf). Construction is anticipated to be complete 2024 and will include: Approximately 4.5 miles of highway between U.S. 20/26 and I-84; an interchange at I-84; signalized intersections at Franklin Road and Ustick Road; reconstruction of the U.S. 20/26 intersection; overpasses at Cherry Lane, McMillan Road, and the railroad; and minor adjustments to local roads near SH-16. Project website: <https://itdprojects.org/projects/sh16construction/>

Phase 3: Includes future interchanges at Franklin Road, Ustick Road, U.S. 20/26 and State Highway 44. ITD is now designing the final phase of this project. This final phase will expand the I-84 interchange and complete the interchanges at Franklin Road, Ustick Road, US-20/26 and SH-44. Construction of the final phase will be scheduled when funds are available. Design of the final phase can be found here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e027480e22df4b7388c400232e149b24>.

Interstate 84 Eastbound, Meridian Interchange to Eagle Interchange: Design is anticipated to be complete in 2023. Construction timeline is dependent on funding availability. This project will add a second on-ramp lane eastbound at Meridian Interchange, an auxiliary (fifth) lane between Meridian Interchange to Eagle Interchange, and a second off-ramp lane at Eagle Interchange. <https://itdprojects.org/projects/i-84-meridian-interchange-to-eagle-interchange-auxiliary-lane/>

Eagle Road, Overland to SH- 44 State St: **All work is complete.** Project includes pavement rehabilitation and pedestrian ramp improvements. <https://itdprojects.org/projects/eagleroadrepairs/>

SH-55 Eagle Road Safety Review: An inter-agency team was assembled to discuss a safety review of Eagle Road, Chinden to I-84. The speed study wrapped up at the end of February 2023 with a team meeting. **ITD presented to City Council on 9/5. ITD did not propose to change the enforceable speed limits in Meridian, and instead are proposing to implement a type of advisory limits signage which would suggest a lower speed at certain times of the day based on certain conditions. Several Council members and the Mayor were not supportive of this outcome and asked that ITD to lower the speed limit.**

#### **PATHWAYS**

Nine Mile Creek, Linder to Meridian: The Parks department is moving forward with a land trade to obtain the final access (on 3rd Street) that will make the Rail with Trail (RWT) segment from 3rd Street to 8th Street possible. The engineering consultant is currently preparing legal exhibits for the parcels to be traded. Goal is now construction in 24/25.



The path is proposed to run from Linder to Meridian along the Nine Mile Creek drain just north of the railroad. Some segments are complete.

**Five Mile Creek Pathway:** The City has entered an agreement with ACHD to construct the pathway across their property and be reimbursed after construction is complete. Construction is currently underway. The western half of the project is paved and we are now working on infrastructural elements that will allow the rest of the route to be paved. Bridge delivery is expected late Sept/early October of this year. Project completion is expected this fall. The City will build a run of pathway along the south side of the Five Mile Creek from the Quartet Subdivision, to the Nine Mile Creek, which will culminate in a pedestrian bridge crossing of the Nine Mile Creek and a connection to the existing McNelis Pathway.

**Mary McPherson Pathway:** The City developed a concept for a pathway between Crest Ridge Drive and Mary McPherson Elementary along the Farr Lateral. Parks requested an engineering proposal to complete a site survey and easements, per the preliminary concept layout. Easements, both permanent pedestrian and construction access, have been verbally agreed to and are currently being prepared. The plan is to bid the project as soon as possible, contingent upon funding by Council.

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

**West Ada School District:** Black Cat at Gondola hawk signal construction is complete.

**Valley Regional Transit:** VRT held a public open house in Downtown Meridian for residents to review service change proposals in September. A Better Bus presentation is available online detailing proposed service change scenarios:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d9f2c9e1f8c3495a8421eb89e947b7d7>.

<https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/>

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