



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

From: Caleb Hood

Meeting Date: March 4, 2024

Topic: Staff Communications

Below are summaries of relevant correspondences received by City Staff since the last TC meeting.

SH-16 Update

2/29/2024

Caleb,

Perfect. ITD would be happy to provide the Meridian Transportation Committee a SH 16 update on April 1st. This timeframe gives us a more time to prepare. More than likely the presenters will be Dan Gorley and Jeff Ryan and they will work off a PowerPoint.

I have cc'd Alexis from our office on this email. Alexis or I will be in touch the week of March 19th to finalize arrangements.

Thanks for the invitation—glad all is well.

Rosemary

From: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 2:37 PM

To: Rosemary Curtin <Rosemary@RBCI.net>

Subject: SH-16 Presentation

Rosemary,

I heard back from the chair of the transportation commission. If April 1st still works and a presentation can be prepared then, that date is preferred. I really appreciate you getting this squared away. Let me know if we need to coordinate further. Thanks! Caleb

(The TC will get a personalized update in April, see above; below is a status update)

February 2024 Update

The Idaho Transportation Department thanks everyone who attended last week's quarterly drop-in meeting. Be on the watch for the May quarterly drop-in meeting invitation.

What's new in the work zone

US-20/26

- This spring, traffic will begin using the north ramps at the intersection when traveling to and from Emmett.



McMillan Road to Ustick Road

- Crews placed girders for the new McDermott Overpass earlier this month.
- Utility and irrigation work will continue until April.
- Irrigation work may affect traffic on Ustick Road in March. We will keep you informed.



Ustick Road to Franklin Road

- Materials are being hauled into the central work zone between Ustick and Franklin Roads.
- Crews will drive steel piles into the ground this spring to support the future Cherry Lane Overpass. **This work will be noisy.**

- Traffic on Franklin Road will move to the south side of the road this spring while crews rebuild the north side.

I-84/SH-16 Interchange

- Crews are working in the median of I-84 to build the center pier that will support the new I-84/SH-16 interchange.
- Girders will be placed for the new interchange bridge in March. This work will require an overnight detour on I-84.



Bicycle Friendly Community

2/20/2024

Good morning Caleb,

ACHD is gearing up to apply for the **2024 Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) Award**. To achieve this award, we need your help.

As part of our community's collective effort, we will be seeking your insights into existing and planned cycling facilities and initiatives within your jurisdiction. Your input will greatly enhance our application across key categories: engineering, encouragement, education, evaluation & planning, and equity & accessibility.

Over the next four months, our team will be working on these five key categories within our application. We wanted to give you heads up now, and please expect requests for data and information as we progress. Meg McCarthy and Matt Pak (Cc') are leading the effort on our end and will be reaching out over the following weeks. If there is anyone additional from the City of Meridian we should be including, please let us know.

With the application deadline on **June 25th, 2024**, your timely feedback will be crucial.

Thank you for your collaboration and efforts, and if you have any questions just let us know.

Kristy Inselman (she/her)

Supervisor | Planning

ACHD Operations Report

2/23/2024

ACHD Releases FY2023 Operations Report

ADA COUNTY — The Ada County Highway District has released its [2023 Operations Report](#), the first report of its kind at the District.

In years' past, ACHD has released an annual Jurisdictional Report, highlighting expenditures from each city. Last year, ACHD took a strategic pause to examine how the report could be updated to better reflect numbers that matter to ACHD's agency partners and to the public. The result is ACHD's Operations Report.

The Operations Report still includes revenue and expenditures in each of Ada County's six cities and the unincorporated areas. New this year, the report highlights some of ACHD's operational accomplishments and includes major projects that were completed in each area.

"Balancing the distribution of ACHD funding is an important and complex process, and this new report is a more comprehensive way for the public to see where each dollar is invested," said ACHD Commission President Alexis Pickering.

The report begins with accomplishments and statistics from the teams within the Ada County Highway District. It has highlights from ACHD's maintenance division, which maintained 5,359 lane miles throughout the county. The report also shows that ACHD collected \$20 million in impact fees and processed 580 development applications.

Ada County has seen a sharp increase in fatalities on the roadway and has been working to make commuting safer for all users. In 2023, the District launched a rapid implementation team focused on projects that are of a lower-level complexity that can be done in-house quickly. The rapid implementation team successfully completed 104 safety projects, with 63 more in progress. ACHD also began progress on a [leading pedestrian interval \(LPI\) initiative](#), a multi-year plan to increase safety by adding LPI to every signalized intersection in Ada County. Last year, 34 intersections were equipped with LPI technology. In 2023, the Commission also approved a new safety team that will focus on proactive safety updates to existing infrastructure throughout the county.

The report lists expenditure and revenue for each of Ada County's six cities and unincorporated areas. In addition to expenditure and revenue, the report lists major projects in each jurisdiction. For example, in unincorporated Ada County, the biggest project was Ten Mile Road, from Victory Road to Overland Road. Unincorporated Ada County saw a 94% expenditure rate when compared to revenue in Fiscal Year 2023.

The report also looks at comparisons and major projects from a one year, five year and a 15-year timeframe. For example, between 2009 and 2023, Ada County had a 79% expenditure rate, with the Lake Hazel, Cole to Orchard project, and the Ten Mile and Amity Road intersection project being among the largest projects in the area.

The report then looks at the projected split according to the latest Integrated Five-Year Work Plan, along with planned major projects in each area. In unincorporated Ada County, the Lake Hazel Corridor is expected to be a large project, contributing to the 117% projected expenditure rate. The report also lists the projected split and major projects planned in each of the cities.

The report ends with a look-ahead to the FY2024 budget, highlighting benefits to motorists, in accordance with budgeting requirements set by the Idaho State Legislature.

The report was presented to the ACHD Board of Commissioners and then released to the jurisdictions. Members of the public can view the report on [ACHD's website](#).

[ACHD 2023 Operations Report](#)

SWC Chinden/Linder/Everest Traffic Flow and Stop Signs

2/4/2024

John,

I would like to meet up with you this coming week . I am available all week so let me know what your schedule is

Renny Wylie

JRW Construction, LLC

On Friday, February 2, 2024 at 10:14:40 AM MST, John Wasson <jwasson@achdidaho.org> wrote:

Renny,

John Wasson here. I thought I had reached out to you, but I could be mistaken. If you would like to meet up in the next week or two and discuss options, please let me know.

Respectfully,

John

(Part 2 - 2/20/2024)

Hi Ms. Strader,

My children attend Challenger school in Meridian. I reached out to the school about the lack of any signage in the area and was told, due to your experience with similar issues, to contact you. I've attached a photo of the trouble area to this email for you to review.

Here are my issues:

- What you can't see on the attached map is that when you take a right into the parking lot off N Linder Rd and reach N Gertie Pl, you're actually at a four-way intersection. People are able to drive straight past the JC salon and go behind Dollar General. There are zero stop signs. I have personally driven up to the intersection at N Gertie Pl and been presented with 3 vehicles heading in different directions. Currently, people are slowing down & cautiously waving one another on to get through the intersection.
- The intersection of N Gertie Pl & W Everest Ln doesn't have a stop sign.
- People are flying through the parking lot in front of the Dollar Store and heading out onto W Everest Lane without stopping. They're technically leaving a parking lot; it isn't an extension of W Everest lane. As you can see, W Everest lane has a 90 degree turn which, in my opinion, is the reason for the confusion at that intersection.
- There was an accident at the corner of N Gertie Pl two weeks ago. When people are leaving Reed's Dairy Meridian, they pull right out onto N Gertie Pl like they have the right a way because they're going straight. Really, they're leaving a parking lot. Like W Everest Ln, N Gertie Ln has a 90 degree turn which I think is causing confusion. I'm assuming someone was making a

left at that corner while another car was exiting the parking lot coming from Reed's Dairy, and the cars collided (I didn't see the accident, I drove past it after it had occurred).

In short, there are zero traffic signs in this entire area. It's a growing area, so I can only assume that the initial plans included traffic signs and somebody is behind on putting them in. At this point, the area is built out and signage is necessary. Someone is going to get into an accident with their children in the car, which is totally avoidable.

Hopefully you can help me with this issue or point me in the right direction. I did also reach out to Josha Iverson at the Mayor's office last week.

Thank you,

Gina Jacob