

Meeting Minutes

Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, March 3, 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

☒ Matt Degan (ACHD)

☒ Alissa Taysom (VRT)

☒ Lila Klopfenstein (COMPASS)

☐ Justin Price (ITD)

☒ Miranda Carson (WASD)

OTHERS PRESENT

☐ Sgt. Tara Smith (Police)

☒ Tishra Murray (Legal)

☐ Hether Hill (Comm. Dev.)

Adoption of the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda. Motion to approve by Commissioner Lewis, 2nd by Commissioner Ballard - all ayes.

Approval of Minutes

1. January 6, 2025

Motion to approve by Commissioner Hopkins, 2nd by Commissioner Lewis- all ayes.

Old Business Items

2. Transportation Projects Update – Hether Hill

Ms. Hill began on Page 6 of the packet and recommended the Commission review the updates provided in bolded text through page 12. Ms. Hill noted ITD provided several updates for their projects and that ACHD's updates on the Meridian Downtown Pedestrian Improvements Projects are on page 9.

New Business Items

3. Meridian Intersection Pedestrian Safety (MIPS) Project Updates

Ms. Hill provided an update on MIPS projects following a presentation to City Council on February 25th: 13 crosswalks will be marked with thermoplastic paint and two projects, consisting of pedestrian ramp improvements and sidewalk repairs, are also moving forward. Ms. Hill noted there are several other opportunities to address site vision triangle issues and that at least 12 other projects will require further coordination/review/scoping with ACHD and/or ITD.

4. 2025 Roadway, Intersection and Community Program Prioritization

Ms. Hill provided a recap of the discussion with City Council on February 25th pertaining to the draft priority list for ACHD's 2026-2030 FYP. Ms. Hill highlighted the TC's methodology for prioritizing projects and Council's discussion about identifying a priority corridor (Locust Grove Rd. vs. Meridian Rd.) which prompted discussion amongst the TC. Ms. Hill informed the TC that she would be back before Council on March 11th with revised draft lists and to receive a formal recommendation of the final list to send to ACHD by March 19th.

5. Ex-Officio Updates

Lila Klopfenstein – Provided updates on the upcoming public comment period related to proposed changes to the FY2025-2031 Regional Transportation Improvement Program; highlighted the regional safety campaign "Good Move" as part of the 2025 Regional Safety Action Plan; and provided survey information for the "Move What Matters!" survey to help COMPASS prioritize transportation investments.

Kate Dahl – VRT is working to develop three transit scenarios to build transit routes for Valley Connect 3.0; they are developing cost estimates and a facility assessment based on new routes; and Elaine Clegg (CEO of VRT) is building a coalition with public transit agencies around the state.

Miranda Carson – Bussing continues; boundary changes planned for 2026-2027 school year; Pleasant View Elementary will have a cap on enrollment; WASD is working with ACHD on install pedestrian ramps near a school.

Matt Degan – AHCD is busy with construction projects - several in Meridian.

6. Staff Communications

None.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- 7. ACHD Master Street Map Changes – Arterial Corridor Preservation (Cherry Lane)**
- 8. Capital Investments Citizens Advisory Committee (CICAC) Update**
- 9. Baraya Subdivision**
- 10. Transportation Commission Bylaws**
- 11. ACHD Queuing Analysis**

Next Meeting Date: April 7, 2025

Adjournment; 4:16pm – Motion by Commissioner Hopkins, 2nd by Commissioner Ballard - all ayes.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

WALTER STEED, CHAIR

DATE

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

DATE _____

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