

Meeting Minutes

Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, July 6, 2026

Council Chambers – Meridian City Hall • 33 East Broadway Ave., Meridian, Idaho

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

☒ Seat 1: David Ballard

☒ Seat 2: Walter Steed

☐ Seat 3: Vacant

☒ Ryan Lancaster

☒ Stephen Lewis

☒ Tracy Hopkins

☒ Jared Smith

☐ Tom LeClaire

☒ Advik Bansal

EX-OFFICIO

☒ Dyan Bevins (ACHD)

☒ Austin Miller (COMPASS)

☒ Erin Sweeney (WASD)

☐ Kate Dahl (VRT)

☒ Mark Wasdahl (ITD)

OTHERS PRESENT

☒ Sgt. Morgan Carter (Police)

☒ Tishra Murray (Legal)

☒ Brian McClure (Com. Dev.)

☒ Caleb Hood (Com. Dev.)

☒ Craig Bergman (Com. Dev.)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Action: Motion for the adoption of the agenda by Commissioner Hopkins, with second from Commissioner Lewis

Action: Approved, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Monday, June 1, 2026

Action: Motion for the approval of the minutes for June 1, 2026, made by Commissioner Lancaster, Commissioner Ballard seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

2. INFORMATION: Staff Transportation Project Tracking

- Craig Bergman reported that there were no major updates to the transportation project tracking report and advised the Commission that the City's five-year transportation planning process would return the following month. Commissioners noted that several projects appeared to have been delayed or moved to unfunded status and asked whether the changes reflected broader reductions in transportation funding.
- Staff and the Idaho Transportation Department representative Mark Wasdahl explained that ITD District 3 had removed approximately \$1.27 billion in planned projects from its seven-year program, primarily because state bonding funds were not appropriated. Projects already under construction and operations and maintenance funding remained unaffected, while design and right-of-way work would continue for some deferred projects so they could advance if funding

becomes available. The Commission requested a more detailed funding update at its next meeting. ACHD also confirmed that the Ustick Road project between Ten Mile Road and Black Cat Road was complete.

3. ACTION: East 3rd Street Extension Alignment

- Caleb Hood provided an update on the East Third Street extension between Franklin Road and Fairview Avenue. He reviewed the corridor's history, noting that a 2008–study identified East Third Street as the preferred alignment and that the connection has remained in City plans and annual transportation priorities. Since that time, development and roadway changes have affected the feasibility of the original alternatives including construction of residential units near the Third Street alignment. With changes to Main Street and Meridian Road, and approval of development that effectively removed the Fourth Street option.
- Staff outlined several possible approaches, including extending Third Street, using East 2½ Street, installing small roundabouts or traffic circles, or improving possible east/west connections. Commissioners discussed the purpose of the project and whether the primary goal should be vehicle circulation, relief for Main Street, or improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity through Old Town.
- Staff emphasized that the corridor is also intended to provide a north/south multi-use pathway connection between Franklin Road, downtown, Story Park, and the Five Mile Creek pathway system.
- Commissioners requested additional information before making a recommendation. Questions included the comparative cost of the Third Street and 2½ Street alternatives, the feasibility of using the existing 2½ Street alignment without the previously studied reverse curves, future connections north of Fairview Avenue, and the consultant's reasons for favoring 2½ Street. Staff advised that the Meridian Development Corporation's consultant is expected to attend the next meeting, when the item will be returned for possible action and a recommendation to the City Council

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

4. INFORMATION: Ex-Officio Updates

- **ACHD** – Dyan Bevins stated that she did not have a formal update, she offered and stood for questions from the commission.
- **COMPASS** – Austin Miller reported that COMPASS had opened a public comment period for a proposed amendment to Communities in Motion and for the updated regional Transportation Improvement program. The Transportation Improvement Program included ITD projects in the region, including project whose construction phases had recently been moved to an unfunded category.
- **West Ada School District** – Erin Sweeney present for the meeting, but technical difficulties did not capture her response

- **VRT** – No representative with VRT present
- **ITD** – Mark Wasdahl confirmed that Linder Road overpass project remained funded. The draft program included approximately \$7.2 million for construction in 2027 and approximately \$100,000 for right-of-way. ITD is scheduled to provide an Interstate 84 Mobility Study stakeholder update to representatives from Nampa, Meridian, and Boise on July 21. A presentation to the Federal Highway Administration was expected the following week. ITD anticipated conducting an online public open house regarding the study results in August or September.
- **Meridian Police Department** – The Police Department would present information to the City Council on July 7th regarding electric bicycles and electric motorcycles.
- **Meridian Legal** – Trisha Murray notified the Commission that the Police Department would present information to the City Council on July 7 regarding electric bicycles and electric motorcycles. She explained that no new ordinance was being drafted and that the Department would instead rely on existing laws, public education, and enforcement. The City was also coordinating with the West Ada School District and other Treasure Valley agencies to educate parents and children about safe operation, helmet requirements, and the legal differences between electric bicycles, high-powered electric motorcycles, and low-powered standing scooters.

5. INFORMATION: Staff Communications

a. Staff Communication: ACHD Ex – Officio / Transportation Commission

- No discussion

b. Staff Communication: River Valley / Records Crosswalk Request

- Craig Bergman presented a request for an enhanced pedestrian crossing on East River Valley Street between the Regency Apartments and The Village at Meridian. He clarified that the request involved a different location from the River Valley Street and Records Avenue concerns previously considered by the Commission. Those earlier concerns dated back to 2021 and included speeding, drivers rolling through the stop sign, pedestrian near misses, and requests for additional enforcement. The Commission had previously recommended lowering the speed limit on Records Avenue from 30 to 25 miles per hour and had asked ACHD to evaluate a roundabout, which commissioners recalled was not recommended.
- A Regency Apartments resident told the Commission that residents regularly crossed River Valley Street at the midblock location because the existing crossings at Eagle Road and Records Avenue required a substantial detour. He said many residents were elderly or had mobility limitations and that he had observed people using wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers crossing the street. He reported support from the apartment management and Boise Co-op, had collected 67 petition signatures, and stated that an ACHD review found insufficient gaps in traffic to safely

accommodate pedestrians without a crossing. Chair Steed asked him to provide the ACHD correspondence to staff.

- Diane Bevens stated that ACHD had determined a standard striped crosswalk would not be adequate and that the location would require an enhanced crossing, such as a rectangular rapid-flashing beacon or pedestrian hybrid beacon, along with new pedestrian ramps. She noted that ACHD had more than 50 enhanced crossing requests and could generally complete only five to ten each year. Commissioners discussed the nearby transit stops, proposed additional multifamily development, speeding concerns, possible vehicle queuing toward Eagle Road, and whether adjacent property owners or developers should contribute to the improvement.
- Mr. Hood said staff would evaluate whether the proposed expansion could be required to study or contribute toward the crossing. Residents could also request prioritization through ACHD's upcoming five-year plan public comment period, while the City could consider adding the project during its next annual transportation prioritization process. Commissioner Ballard moved to place the crossing on a list for future consideration, but the motion did not receive a second. The Commission agreed that staff had sufficient direction to continue pursuing the available options, and no formal action was taken.

c. Staff Communication: Standing Timber Concerns

- Craig Bergman presented correspondence from Cindy DeForest concerning speeding, reckless driving, and vehicles performing donuts on Standing Timber Road and at nearby intersections. Cindy requested additional police presence and traffic-calming measures
- Sergeant Carter reported that the Police Department had responded to four related calls during the previous three years, including two incidents that resulted in formal reports. In one case, a vehicle fled from officers after performing donuts at approximately 3:00 a.m.; the vehicle was later located, but the driver was not identified. In October 2025, a driver performing high-speed maneuvers crashed into an HOA fence and was cited. Sergeant Carter said he had attempted to contact Cindy and would work with her on possible enforcement strategies.
- Commissioners discussed whether installed traffic calming measures could address the problem. Staff explained that speed humps are generally placed between intersections, while possible intersection treatments could include traffic circles or curb extensions. Dyan Bevens stated that the resident could submit a formal ACHD traffic-calming request, but the standard process primarily evaluates speeding and cut-through traffic rather than late-night donut activity. Larger improvements would need to be prioritized through ACHD's five-year planning process.

d. Staff Communication: Ten Mile Ramp Repair

- The Commission reviewed resident concerns involving pavement on the westbound interstate 84 exit ramp heading northbound on Ten Mile Road. The resident described a patched area located within the normal tire path near where drivers must look for traffic during merging.
- ITD said they are not immediately aware of a scheduled project at that location but explained that ITD completes interchange ramp maintenance projects annually. They agreed to review the condition

e. Staff Communication: Visual Hazards Eagle / Taconic Roundabout

- Craig Bergman presented citizen concerns regarding pedestrian visibility at the roundabout of Eagle Road and Taconic Drive. The Resident expressed concerns that signs and other features within the center of the roundabout obstruct drivers' views of pedestrians, particularly children.
- Craig Bergman states that an adult could generally see traffic and pedestrians adequately. However, a young child, particularly one approximately 12 years old or younger, could have more difficulty seeing or being seen because of height differences. Each crossing does include lighting and rectangular rapid flashing beacons. Chairman Steed emphasized that beacons were push-button active and that pedestrians needed to activate them before entering the crossing. He does not characterize the roundabout as completely safe but did not believe pedestrians were entirely hidden from approaching drivers.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

6. Pine Ave, Black Cat to Ten Mile – Speeding Concerns
7. Union 93 development project on Broadway Ave across from Meridian City Hall.
8. ACHD Master Street Map Changes – Arterial Corridor Preservation (Cherry Lane)
9. ACHD Five-Year Plan Update
10. Woodbridge Neighborhood Requests (cross-walks, traffic calming, gates)

NEXT MEETING - August 3, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm, due to time constraints.

Action: No formal motion

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)