

Meeting Minutes

Meridian Transportation Commission

February 6, 2023

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

Virtual Meeting Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83136458810>

Or join by phone: Dial 669-900-6833 and enter Webinar ID: 831 3645 8810

Roll Call (3:35pm)

<u>x</u> David Ballard	<u>x</u> Stephen Lewis	<u>x</u> John Wasson (ex-officio-ACHD)
<u>x</u> Zachary Shoemaker	<u>x</u> Jared Smith	
<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, T. Murray

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW EX-OFFICIOS

David Reinhart and Lila Klopfenstein

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Lewis to adopt; 2nd by Commissioner Lancaster - All ayes; Passes

Approval of Minutes

1. January 9, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Ballard to approve; 2nd by Commissioner LeClair, adopt as modified with 5 edits- All ayes; Passes

Old Business Items

2. Celebration Development Requests- J. Wasson

Mr. Wasson discussed the parking issues and the mall on the east side of the building. ACHD will be restricting some parking on Celebration from their driveway South of Overland. This is an area where we have 33 feet of right-away, and 3 lanes. Parking on the South side of Celebration on the side of Sonic the areas-running East and West, is permitted. Parking on the North side, adjacent to Indian Cycle shop and the Theatre has been restricted by Director Wong, seven or eight years ago. Mr. Wasson's questioned to the committee on the desire for him to go back to Director Wong and request reconsideration to remove the parking restrictions from the North side of Celebration to allow parking as it is wide enough to do so. A question was posed on why the restriction was made in the first place. Some discussion, no definitive response. Some further discussion. Commissioner Smith motioned to request Director Wong to reconsider removing the restriction, 2nd LeClaire all-ayes; passes

3. Transportation Projects Update- M. Carson

Ms. Carson presented the following updates: Pg. 6 The Integrated Five-Year Work Plan is going back to Council on February 7th. Council did make 1 change to move Black Cat, Chery to Franklin up on the list. There could be additional changes at the meeting. The Linder, Overland to Franklin project is anticipated to have a public meeting to be held in early March for the design. Locust Grove, Victory to Overland is under construction as well as Highway 16. The Stoddard Road, Victory to Overland project is open for public input. Ms. Carson stood for questions. Some discussion about Highway 16. Ms. Carson will obtain more information regarding the bidding of the middle section of Phase 2 on the Highway 16 project.

New Business Items

4. Ordinance and Development Subcommittee Report- T. LeClaire

Mr. LeClaire spoke about the Committee meeting with Chris Danley of Vitruvian Planning and Ashley Squyers of Meridian Development Corporation regarding the Destination Downtown update. During that meeting there were questions about Urban Renewal Districts and the identity of downtown Meridian. Speed limit discussion was deferred to the next Subcommittee meeting.

5. Transportation Commission 2022 Report- W. Steed

Mr. Steed explained that annually the Council is invited to report to the City Council on what has been going on the previous calendar year. On pages 13/14 is the document on which Mr. Steed plans on making that report. The Commission members are asked to look at that document and make any changes/edits. Some discussion about suggested edits. 1. On paragraph 2 “attend as” to be replaced to “participates as” regarding Ex-Officio members. 2. In the December paragraph, 2nd line, should read “crosswalk installed and the speed limit reduced”.

6. Staff Communications- M. Carson

Ms. Carson began with the traffic concern on Lost Rapids/Bird Park, Mr. McClean did reach out to ACHD to request a review, ACHD procedure was to have a resident reach out for that request. Staff at City and ACHD are making improvements for requests.

Traffic light at Blue Heron and Meridian Rd, was requested by a resident. Mr. Martin will conduct an evaluation.

A 2nd citizen request about the speed limit from Fairview to Ustick be changed back to the previous speed. Determined from ACHD that there was no speed change.

There will also be 2 joint meetings with ACHD and West Ada School district, back to back on Feb. 23rd, in council chambers from 4pm-7:30pm.

Next item, Black Cat/Gondola crosswalk plans were approved, waiting for construction timeline. Looks like it will be a summer project.

Final item, after the request from elected officials, ACHD and staff to kick off an interagency taskforce to discuss intersection and pedestrian safety, primarily around schools. Taskforce will meet on Feb. 9th, to discuss what efforts are already being made, and what further efforts that

the taskforce can do, and to perform site visits of the major intersections of the City of Meridian and pedestrian crossings. Ms. Carson stood for questions. Some further discussion about what agencies are involved in the task force. Ms. Carson explained that they are members of the City of Meridian, ACHD, West Ada School District, COMPASS, and Safe Routes to School Coordinator as well as the elected officials. Some further discussion of why they set up the taskforce, what is the purpose. Some further discussion about conducting meetings on-site. Ms. Carson will include the Pedestrian/Intersection Taskforce in the future meeting topics to update on the progress of those meetings and get Commission feedback.

Future Meeting Topics

- 7. Lost Rapids Citizen Requests**
- 8. Destination Downtown Update**
- 9. Black Cat/Gondola Update**
- 10. Ped/Intersection Taskforce**

Next Meeting Date: March 6 2023

Adjournment

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

WALTER STEED, CHAIR

DATE

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

DATE