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Request to Include Topic on the City Council Agenda

From:	Kim Warren, Pathways Project Manager	**Meeting Date:**	October 6, 2026
Presenter:	Kim Warren	**Estimated Time:**	20 minutes
Topic:	Adoption of Pathways Master Plan Update and Current GIS Pathway Layer		

Recommended Council Action:

Review the Pathways Master Plan Update and GIS Pathways Layer and offer feedback. A resolution to adopt the updated plan and map layer will be included on an upcoming consent agenda.

Background:

In conjunction with the Meridian Parks Commission and consultant Alta Planning, staff is pleased to present an update to the Meridian Pathways Master Plan. The plan, envisioned as a 'next steps' exercise more than a true update to the original master plan document, notes implementation successes since the original plan and creates a scaffolding for moving the system forward. The updated plan proposes limited but key changes to existing pathway routes, while prioritizing functionality of the overall system through recommendations for pathway wayfinding, visibility, and placemaking.

As Meridian grew beyond the scope of the original 2012 pathways plan, the adopted GIS Pathways Layer has served as the City's primary tool for mapping current pathways and laying out new routes to keep pace with development. At this time staff also offers the most current version of this map layer, with highlighted changes, for council review and comment.

The Meridian Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended the adoption of the Updated Pathway Plan and GIS layer on March 11, 2026

Financial Impact:

Adoption of the map and plan document requires no new budget allocation. Rather, it serves to guide future pathway implementation projects and a full spectrum of pathway improvements along the system.

Conclusion:

Feedback is invited. Staff recommends Council adoption of the plan via a future resolution.