

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meridian Transportation Commission**  
**June 7, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting Information**

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**(Meeting called to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.; Zoom Meeting started and roll taken)**

<u>  </u> <b>Walter Steed</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Stephen Lewis</b>	<u>  </u> <b>John Wasson &amp; Shawn Martin (Ex-Officio-ACHD) (via zoom)</b>
<u>  </u> <b>David Ballard</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Jared Smith</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Toni Tisdale (Ex-Officio-COMPASS)</b>
<u>  </u> <b>Ryan Lancaster</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Zachary Shoemaker (via-zoom)</b>	<u>  </u> <b>VACANT (Ex-Officio-WASD)</b>
<u>  </u> <b>Tom LeClaire (via-zoom)</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Joseph Leckie (excused)</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Alissa Taysom (Ex-Officio VRT)</b>
<u>  </u> <b>Tracy Hopkins</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Luke Cavener, (Ex-Officio via Zoom)</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Mark Wasdahl for Justin Price (Ex-Officio ITD) (via zoom)</b>

Others Present: T. Baird (zoom), M. Carson (chambers), Tom Laws, Joe Guenther, Chip Gallagher, Jim Cox

**Adoption of the Agenda – no motion to adopt was made**

**I. Approval of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes**

Chairman Steed called for any corrections, comments or needed changes to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lewis motioned to accept the May 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes as written; second was not audible on the video, but Chairman Steed noted a second was made. Commissioner LeClair had a noted correction, in item 5 of New Business - Ordinance and Development Subcommittee update. Due to connectivity issues Chairman Steed conveyed Commissioner LeClair's correction in the order of information in that section. Ms. Carson will amend the May 5<sup>th</sup> minutes to reflect the subcommittee's proposal to hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing at the June meeting to directly follow the recommendation for approval of the ordinance at the June meeting. With the noted correction Commissioner Lewis accepted the amended motion; second by Commissioner Ballard – all ayes- motion passed to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 minutes.

**Old Business Items**

**2. Transportation Projects Update (M. Carson)**

Ms. Carson addressed the Commission and noted that the Transportation Projects updates begin on page 8. New items are in bold and Ms. Carson will highlight a few of the notable items and stand for questions at the end.

Ms. Carson began with the Linder Rd., Overland to Franklin and noted that an interagency Task Force has been established to ensure the Linder overpass is realized. Commissioner Ballard will participate on the Task Force and Ms. Carson will provide updates through the Project Update Memo.

On pg. 10 Ms. Carson noted the Lake Hazel and Eagle signal although bolded there is no new update.

On pg. 11 Ms. Carson noted the Amity Rd. and Locust Grove Rd. Interim Signal 50% design review meeting held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. ACHD confirmed there are no sidewalk or ADA improvements with the project. Ms. Carson also noted that the interim solution is expected to last 10 years.

Ms. Carson moved onto the Ustick, Ten Mile to Linder project and noted the team met on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Design is slotted to begin next year with construction to begin in 2025.

The FY20 Capital Maintenance is complete and this is the last time this update will appear in the packet and will be replaced by The FY21 Capital Maintenance project updates. Meridian has two sections that will be focused on:

- Victory Rd, Black Cat Rd to McMillan
- Amity Rd, Meridian Rd to Locust Grove

Updates will be provided as they become available.

On pg. 12 the Chinden West corridor project had several updates. The paving on the south side of Chinden, from Linder Rd. to Meridian began on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Additional information can be found in the Staff Communications section of the packet.

Additionally, on pg. 12 ITD held a public meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the Idaho Highway 16 extension, U.S. 20/26 to I-84. Additional information can be found on ITD's website: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/517dbca99c4d4a078ac5c777872baca1>.

Ms. Carson concluded by highlighting the South Meridian Neighborhood Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan project and has provided feedback to ACHD. Any additional feedback can be provided at <https://communityremarks.com/southmeridian/>.

Ms. Carson stood for questions, which took place.

## **New Business Items**

### **3. Deer Crest Parking (M. Carson, John Wasson, Chip Gallagher & Jim Cox).**

Chairman Steed opened the item and Ms. Carson provided a brief synopsis of the complaint that was brought to the City. The topic is being presented to the Transportation Commission for feedback on imposing time restricted parking similar to those on W. Laughton. Meridian PD does not oppose the restrictions and is in support of the Commission's and ACHD's position. John

Wasson, provided some context on the topic and some issues to ponder, but would support restricted hours if that is what the City/MPD Leadership proposes as a solution and the home owners on Deer Crest sign an agreement that they want the restricted parking hours.

Chairman Steed opened the floor for discussion, which took place.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lancaster to recommend to Council to support the restricted hours of parking on Deer Crest; second by Commissioner Ballard – all ayes – motion passed.

#### **4. Meridian Police Department (Sgt. B. Frasier)**

Sgt. Frasier provided a few updates. The ATV/UTV ordinance is pending a Department report out to City Council, which currently has not been scheduled.

Sgt. Frasier noted the increase in traffic inquiries in the area of Eagle/Amity and Eagle/Lake Hazel due to road construction detours. The good news is that primarily inquiries are because of volume and not because of other dangerous activity.

Sgt. Frasier closed with an update on the 100 deadliest days of summer. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the # of traffic fatalities in Idaho increase dramatically during these months. MPD has some grant funds to help address this issue. Sgt. Frasier cautioned motorcyclist to wear protective gear, get proper training and endorsements. There has already been one motorcyclist fatality and two others have been seriously injured.

Sgt. Frasier stood for questions, which took place. Sgt. Frasier prefaced the Owyhee HS opening and the McDermott Road jurisdiction crossing, both, Ada and Canyon Counties and there could be some potential issues that arise.

#### **5. ACHD Livable Streets Performance Measures (Ryan Head, ACHD)**

Due to illness Mr. Head was not in attendance and instead Mr. Laws presented. Mr. Laws shared the presentation and gave a brief introduction of himself as the Planning Supervisor at ACHD. ACHD is drafting a Livable Streets Performance Measure for All, to include pedestrian and bicycle modes of transportation.

Historically ACHD has had a level of service metric for automobile transportation (scoring traffic delay from A-F on any given roadway, which is included within the adopted CIP) and is now drafting measurements for pedestrian and bicycle transportation. This new measurement approach is to gauge the “level of stress” of walking on a sidewalk or riding on a bike path regardless of age demographic. The goal is to implement infrastructure that accommodates everyone.

In December of 2020 ACHD hired a consultant to identify industry best practices across the nation. Then assessed how to adapt improvements to the local conditions and tie them to other roadway/intersection/pathway projects with their partner agencies. Mr. Laws’ noted the

important consultation work of the subcommittees and Commissioner Lewis' participation on those subcommittees.

Mr. Laws then reviewed the Plan of Work and timeline and noted ACHD is currently in the Review phase.

- Start up (Dec '20-Jan '21)
- Fact Finding (Jan '21-Mar '21)
- Review (Mar '21-Jun '21)
- Implementation (Jun '21-Winter '21)

Mr. Laws expects these new metrics to be approved by resolution at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> ACHD Commission Meeting and folded into the Transportation Land Use Integration Plan (TLIP)

Mr. Laws reviewed the evolution timeline of active transportation in the Treasure Valley and why this new metric is important. He shared some examples and additional information is included in the agenda packet that explains in detail the performance measures.

Mr. Laws concluded by reviewing next steps and stood for questions, which took place.

#### **6. Transit Service at Pine and 3rd (Joe Guenther, VRT)**

Mr. Guenther from Valley Regional Transit gave a brief presentation on the issue of parked cars blocking the VRT bus stop on Pine and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Guenther noted that VRT has not spoken to ACHD or the land owner on the issue yet. The Transportation Commission is the first agency review of the issue, since the parked cars impede the ability to utilize the stop at this location. Mr. Guenther reviewed some possible solutions with pedestrian bulbs, time restricted parking, or removal of parking stalls to allow this location to be optimized as a transit stop. Some of the audio was difficult to hear so some details may be missing.

Mr. Guenther stood for questions, which took place. Discussion took place but no action was taken by the Commission at this time. Chairman Steed thanked Mr. Guenther for his presentation and the information shared.

#### **7. Downtown Meridian Commercial Parking Study (M. Carson)**

Ms. Carson directed the Commission's attention to page 37 and the parking study included in the packet. The study was conducted with the help of Fred Rush an intern with the City this Spring. The purpose of this study was to update past supply & demand study analyses for commercial parking in the downtown area. Residential uses were not included, and street level inventory was the primary focus. The block diagram in the packet represents the area of study and numbering was kept consistent for historical comparison. Ms. Carson then reviewed the data collected and shared insights as it related to occupancy and the City Code as written today. The conclusion to this analysis and code is that there is adequate parking downtown. There are some considerations that need to be addressed for ADA parking, which Ms. Carson is working through.

Ms. Carson stood for questions, which took place.

## **8. Staff Communications (M. Carson)**

Ms. Carson noted that some of the Staff Communications had been previously reviewed in the projects update, so she would not review again during this time.

Ms. Carson began by noting the West Ada School District (WASD) Ex-Officio seat previously held by Ian Updike is currently vacant. WASD is conducting interview to fill the position due to Mr. Updike's departure, and the hope is to have a replacement relatively quickly.

Ms. Carson noted the COMPASS newsletter Keeping Up With COMPASS, included in the packet and the high quality of the information.

The proposed off-highway vehicle ordinance was included in the packet, which will be presented by MPD to City Council very soon. Additionally, the Pathway Crossing draft was included in the packet for final review. This will be presented to Council once a date is identified.

The ChindenWest updates begin on page 54. Ms. Carson noted that ITD sends out updates and encouraged the Commissioners to sign-up, on the ITD website, to receive those updates.

Ms. Carson concluded by highlighting the South Meridian and Pedestrian Draft, included in the packet. Comments can be forwarded directly to ACHD or to Ms. Carson.

Ms. Carson stood for questions and Chairman Steed opened the floor for discussion on the Staff Communication topics, which took place.

## **9. July Meeting Date/Field Trip**

Chairman Steed opened the topic for discussion, which took place.

A motion to cancel the July meeting was made by Commissioner Lewis; second by Commissioner Ballard – all ayes – motion passed.

Chairman Steed recognized Mr. Hood for comment. Mr. Hood noted that typically the Commission Field trip occurs in September and if there is interest for such an event, to forward information to Ms. Carson and Mr. Hood for coordination with Chairman Steed.

Chairman Steed reviewed the Future Meeting Topics and asked for any additional items to be added. Ms. Tisdale asked to include a COMPASS Update for the August meeting. Chairman Steed asked for any additional items or open discussion, which took place.

## **Future Meeting Topics**

### **10. ACHD Bike and Pedestrian Treatment**

### **11. Comprehensive Plan and Master Mobility Map**

## 12. Harvest Service Update

**Next Meeting Date: August 2, 2021**

### **Adjourn**

Chairman Steed asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Commissioner Ballard; second by Commissioner Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

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WALTER STEED, CHAIR

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