

Meeting Minutes

Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, August 5, 2024

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

Meeting commenced at 3:47pm due to technical difficulties in Council Chambers.

Roll Call

MEMBERS

David Ballard

Hoyoon Song

Jared Smith

Walter Steed

Stephen Lewis

Tom LeClaire

Zach Shoemaker

Tracy Hopkins

Ryan Lancaster

EX-OFFICIO

John Wasson (ACHD)

Alissa Taysom (VRT)

Lila Klopfenstein (COMPASS)

Justin Price (ITD)

Miranda Carson (WASD)

OTHERS PRESENT

Cpl. Trevor Weitzel (Police)

Hether Hill (Comm. Dev.)

Tishra Murray (Legal)

Caleb Hood (Comm. Dev.)

Adoption of the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda by staff or commissioners. Motion to approve by Commissioner Lewis, 2nd by Commissioner Song - all ayes.

Approval of Minutes

1. July 1, 2024

Motion to approve by Commissioner Hopkins, 2nd by Commissioner Ballard- all ayes; passes.

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 13. Ms. Hill noted there were no significant updates month over month, with the exception of dates that have been updated per ACHD's draft IFYWP. There were no further questions or comments from the Commission.

3. Draft 2025-2029 IFYWP Update – Hether Hill

Ms. Hill provided an update and overview of the draft IFYWP and shared that the public comment period will end August 14th.

New Business Items [ACTION ITEM]

4. Lost Rapids/Bird Park

Mr. Wasson informed the Commission that ACHD has conducted their evaluations and studies and found there are adequate gaps in traffic to allow for crossings. Therefore, ACHD found no need to mark a crosswalk and considered the topic closed for the time being.

5. September Off-Site Meeting

Ms. Hill reminded the Commission of the off-site meeting scheduled for September 17th at 9:30am at the Public Safety Training Center. The Police Department will provide an informational session/demonstration of a crash reconstruction.

6. Ex-Officio Updates

Lila Klopfenstein – COMPASS is accepting nominations for Leadership in Motion.

Allissa Taysom and Justin Price were available online, however, the audio for remote attendees was not functioning and they were unable to provide any updates.

7. Staff Communications

Staff Communications began on page 15 of the packet. Discussion commenced regarding an email the Mayor's Office received about traffic concerns on Chinden/Ten Mile associated with Rockharbor Church. Mr. Wasson believes the only relief would be if ITD would retroactively provide them an access onto Chinden and informed the Commission the citizens of the neighborhood are considering requesting a petition to limit parking on residential streets. Ms. Wasson also mentioned the use of flaggers requires a license agreement with ACHD. ACHD and ITD are going to coordinate and report back. Second discussion pertained to an email received regarding the intersection of Corporate Dr./ S. Progress Ave. Mr. Wasson is going to take a look and report back in October. The third discussion was related to the Baraya Subdivision. Mr. Wasson discussed ACHD's process for implementing traffic calming measures. Chair Steed acknowledged the Police Department's involvement in these evaluations. Lastly, Chair Steed acknowledged the current meeting was Commissioner Song's last and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- 8. Franklin, McDermott to Black Cat Project Update**
- 9. VRT Ridership Update**
- 10. ACHD Master Street Map Changes – Arterial Corridor Preservation (Cherry Lane)**
- 11. Capital Investments Citizens Advisory Committee (CICAC) Update**

Next Meeting Date (Off-Site): September 19, 2024

Adjournment; 4:36pm – Motion by Commissioner Song, 2nd by Commissioner Hopkins - all ayes.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

WALTER STEED, CHAIR

DATE _____

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

DATE _____