

Meeting Minutes

Meridian Transportation Commission

Monday, July 1, 2024

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

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 Song, 2nd by Commissioner Ballard. All ayes

Approval of Minutes

1. June 3, 2024

Commissioner Ballard had one question/point of clarification which Ms. Hill addressed. Motion to approve by Commissioner Hopkins, 2nd by Commissioner Song- 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 Ustick – Owhyee Storm to Black Cat project and noted ACHD staff were present to provide an update during agenda item number 5. There were no further questions or comments from the Commission.

3. ACHD Master Street Map Changes: Arterial Corridor Preservation – Caleb Hood

Mr. Hood provided an update and overview of the letter sent to ACHD (included in the packet). The ACHD Commission approved the proposed changes to the MSM on June 26th and are reflected in ACHD's online mapping tools. Fairview/Cherry right-of-way preservation will be revisited later this year.

4. Linder Road Concept Study – Hether Hill

Ms. Hill provided an update on the recommendation the Transportation Commission (TC) provided to City Council on the Linder Road Concept Study. ACHD presented to City Council on June 18th and Council chose Concept #2 (of the options previously presented to the TC). Concept #2 is the standard 5-lane road without roundabouts. There were no further questions or comments from the Commission.

New Business Items [ACTION ITEM]

5. Ustick, Owhyee Storm to Black Cat Project Update - Seth Jarsky (ACHD)

Mr. Jarsky provided an update via presentation of the Ustick, Owhyee Storm to Black Cat project, including community survey results. Discussion ensued following the presentation.

6. Ex-Officio Updates

Lila Klopfenstein – The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) public comment period is open July 1st through July 31st, with an open house scheduled for July 15th. Information will be emailed out to the TC and is available on the COMPASS website.

Miranda Carson – Durham School Services will begin servicing West Ada School District (WASD) beginning in Fall of 2024 for a 5-year contract. WASD is hosting an on-site hiring and family fun day on July 3rd.

Alissa Taysom – Valley Regional Transit (VRT) service changes were launched June 3rd, however, ridership numbers are not yet available. Ridership numbers for Route 24 may be available by the next TC meeting.

Justin Price – ITD kicked off planning for a public meeting(s) for Eagle Road. Additional details were not available, however, more information on the public meetings (anticipated for late August) will be provided soon.

7. September Workshop

Ms. Hill reminded the Commission of the holiday in September and requested any recommendations/ideas be submitted so a field trip for the Commission could be scheduled.

8. Staff Communications

Staff Communications began on page 15 of the packet, which primarily concerned an intersection in the Baraya Subdivision. In addition to what was published in the packet, Ms. Hill informed the Commission that a \$500,000 budget request for FY25 was presented to City Council for implementation of pedestrian and intersection improvement projects identified in the Meridian Intersection and Pedestrian Safety Task Force Report developed in 2023. Ms. Hill noted additional scoping and evaluation is needed to implement projects and would take place once and if funding is secured. Mr. Hood also added that ITD is seeking feedback on the Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP) with a public comment period of July 1st through July 31st.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

9. Lost Rapids/Bird Park

- 10. Franklin, McDermott to Black Cat Project Update
- 11. Meridian Intersection Pedestrian Safety (MIPS) Task Force Update
- 12. Master Street Map Update
- 13. VRT Ridership Update

Next Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

Adjournment; 4:25pm – 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 _____