

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meridian Transportation Commission**  
**Monday February 5, 2024**

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

**Roll Call**

<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>	<b>David Ballard</b>	<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>	<b>Stephen Lewis</b>	<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>	<b>John Wasson (ex-officio-ACHD)</b>
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<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>	<b>Ryan Lancaster</b>	<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>	<b>Tom LeClaire</b>	<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>	<b>David Rhinehart (Ex-officio-WASD)</b>
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<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>	<b>Tracy Hopkins</b>	<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>		<u>  </u> <u>  </u> <u>  </u>	<b>Mark Wasdahl (ex-officio-ITD)</b>

Others Present: Sgt. Tara Smith (Police), Tishra Murray (Legal), Caleb Hood (Community Development)

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Lewis to adopt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Song - all ayes; Passes

**Approval of Minutes**

**1. January 8, 2024**

Motion by Commissioner Song to adopt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ballard – all ayes (with one change); Passes

**Old Business Items**

**2. Transportation Projects Update – C. Hood**

Mr. Hood began his update by referencing page 6 of the packet. He mentioned that there are not a lot of updates, however, there are some handouts from ITD regarding the auxiliary lane between Meridian and Eagle on eastbound I-84. Mark Wasdahl is the project manager for design of the auxiliary lane. The schedule is to have design complete by April 1, 2024. Mark Wasdahl stood for questions. There was some further discussion.

**New Business Items [ACTION ITEM]**

**3. 2024 Roadway, Intersection and Community Program**

Mr. Hood this agenda item by calling out page 14 of the packet. Annually, ACHD reaches out to not only Meridian but other cities and other partner agencies throughout Ada County and the public to ask them what projects they should scope and prioritize for consideration in their Integrated Five-Year Work Plan (IFYWP) and budget. On January 22, the TC Prioritization Subcommittee met and what is in the packet is from the Committee. New this year, ACHD would like two separate lists, one for already programmed projects and for new/not programmed projects. There was some discussion on the FY24 ranking. Commissioner Song moved to adopt the 2024 Meridian prioritization request form with minor changes mentioned during the discussion; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hopkins - all ayes.

#### **4. Transportation Commission 2023 End of Year Report**

Mr. Hood began on page 24 of the packet, the draft end of year report. It was mentioned that Commissioner Steed proofread this document and what you see in front of you is what he will propose to share with Meridian City Council on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There was some further discussion. There was a motion by Commissioner Lewis to approve the text in the year end memo and send to City Council with one addition that was discussed today; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Song – all ayes.

#### **5. Ex-Officio Updates**

A. Taysom (VRT) - VRT will be adding one stop on Overland and Linder; two pairs of stops on Records - Records and River Valley and stops on Pine at Rosario to the Route 30. In addition, they launched the Beyond Access service at the beginning of the year. Beyond Access is a no cost curb-to-curb transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities. It's an opportunity to unify several smaller services into one large services, which allows those riders to go outside of their previous service areas, including between Ada and Canyon counties. As of January, there were 2835 riders. Ms. Taysom stood for questions, there was some further discussion about electric busses.

J. Wasson (ACHD) - Mr. Wasson said ACHD is at 95% installation for speed cushions for this fiscal year and that will include one additional device on Ashton, East of Venable. Five devices were installed early in the year. Mr. Wasson stood for questions, there was some further discussion.

Sgt. Smith (Police) – Sgt. Smith mentioned that there was not a lot new going on to share. There are still a lot of crashes though. PD is in full swing into the annual Office of Highway Safety Grant. They are hoping to add one more officer to Traffic in May. Sgt. Smith stood for questions, there was some further discussion.

L. Klopfenstein (COMPASS) - Ms. Klopfenstein referred the Commission to the flyer provided to them in the packet. COMPASS recently completed a regional housing study, and this is the education piece of that housing study. There will be a presentation that is more geared toward the public on February 21<sup>st</sup> and a longer workshop event on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. In December, the COMPASS Board of Directors approved a regional population forecast number of 1.3 million people by 2055. Ms. Klopfenstein stood for questions. There was some further discussion.

#### **6. Staff Communications**

Mr. Hood began by mentioning that Ada County shared their draft list of priority projects, and that can be seen on page 28 in the packet. There was some concerns from constituents received about Locust Grove Rd, asking when it is to be widened. It was also mentioned that the City has received a draft MOU from ITD and they're looking to award the City \$4.3M for the Linder Overpass project. Mr. Hood stood for questions, there was some further discussion.

#### **FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

- 7. ACHD Downtown Neighborhood Plan Summary**
- 8. Downtown Parking Strategy**
- 9. ACHD Master Street Map Preservation Corridors**
- 10. Belltower and Coppercloud Speed Concerns**

- 11. American Fork at Linder Crossing**
- 12. Lost Rapids/Bird Park**
- 13. Linder Road Concept Study Update**
- 14. Parks Pathways (Eagle Road)**

**Next Meeting Date: March 4, 2024**

**Adjournment** - Motion by Commissioner Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ballard - all ayes. 4:32 pm.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

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WALTER STEED, CHAIR

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ATTEST:

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CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

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