

Meeting Minutes
Meridian Transportation Commission
Monday January 8, 2024

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

Roll Call (3:31pm)

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Others Present: C. Hood, B. McClure, T. Murray, Sgt. T. Smith

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Song to adopt; second by Commissioner Ballard - All ayes; Passes

Approval of Minutes

1. December 4, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Lewis to adopt; second by Commissioner Ballard - All ayes; Passes

Old Business Items

2. Transportation Projects Update – C. Hood

Mr. Hood began on page 6 in the packet; ACHD has sent us a letter notifying us that they are beginning the process to create the 2025 to 2029 Integrated Five-Year Work Plan. The website and the interactive map will be going live soon. The Linder, Overland to Franklin Overpass project design has been ongoing for about a year now and that is about to wrap up, spring of 2024. The City got awarded by the ITD Board in mid-December \$4.3 million dollars toward the completion of the Linder Overpass project. Mr. Hood mentioned an email sent regarding the Downtown Meridian Neighborhood Transportation Plan. The ACHD project manager for that project will be invited to come and present details at an upcoming TC meeting. It was noted that the City received a draft State and Local Agreement for a section of pathway construction on Eagle Rd, Highway 55. There will be a meeting tomorrow to figure out if City resources currently exist to manage that project. Commissioner LeClaire asked to meet with Parks to discuss pathways and crossings and connections. Mr. Hood stood for questions. There was some further discussion.

3. Election of Officers for 2024

Nomination by LeClair for Steed to serve as Chair once again; Song seconded. Nominations closed. All Ayes; Passes. Nomination by LeClair for Smith to serve as Vice-Chair once again; Song seconded. Nominations closed. All ayes; Passes.

New Business Items [ACTION ITEM]

4. 2024 Roadway, Intersection and Community Program Prioritization

Mr. Hood referred the Commission to their packet with a refresher on ACHD and the Integrated Five-Year Work Plan. He mentioned some graphs, and some notes on how it's going to work this year and the timeline; March 15th is the cut-off for all cities and any stakeholder in Ada County to get their list of priorities to ACHD for their Commission to consider. Mr. Hood stood for questions, there was some further discussion.

5. Staff Communications - C. Hood

Mr. Hood began on page 23 in the packet and a recent sign that was put up on Ten Mile near the recently-opened Starbucks. Mr. Wasson commented that it was the developer's responsibility to attach the one-way sign to the street name and install a do not enter sign. That has been completed to satisfaction with no recent complaints. There was some further discussion. There was some discussion about a Gondola speeding concern that was brought up, but until The Oaks is further developed, no action is being taken by ACHD. There was some further discussion. There was some discussion about the Linder Rd concept study. There was also an update provided about communications with the developer at the Southwest corner of Linder and Chinden and STOP signs. It was requested that the date be included on when emails are received by City Staff for future communications shared.

6. Ex-Officio Updates (Not originally on the agenda.)

J. Wasson (ACHD) – Mr. Wasson was asked to find out if there was going to be a bridge across Pine between Ten Mile and Black Cat, and there will not be a bridge constructed because it already exists and the road is already open, and accepting traffic; Pine is fully open now between Ten Mile and Black Cat. Movado Way from Overland all the way south to Goldstone is going to be posted for no parking anytime on the west side of the street. ACHD is also looking at installing one additional speed cushion on Ashton, just east of Venable (near Settlers Park) in the next couple of months.

L. Klopfenstein (COMPASS) – Mrs. Klopfenstein mentioned that COMPASS is accepting public comments on some changes they are considering to their public participation plan, which is their policy on what kinds of public comments on the transportation improvement program.

M. Carson (WASD) – Mrs. Carson mentioned the bus badge program was rolled-out at four schools. They are looking at rolling out the rest of the elementary schools between now and March. There hasn't been much more feed back on the Meridian Middle School parking lot and bus pick-up after that change was made earlier this year.

A. Taysom (VRT) – Mrs. Taysom provided an update regarding the service changes they have upcoming. They are anticipating the service will launch this summer, and will be rolling out a new bus up information, will start seeing the new bust stop signs in April.

J. Price (ITD) - No update outside of staff update provided in the packet.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- 7. 2023 End of Year Report
- 8. ACHD Master Street Map Preservation Corridors
- 9. Downtown Parking Strategy
- 10. Belltower and Coppercloud Speed Concerns
- 11. American Fork at Linder Crossing
- 12. Lost Rapids/Bird Park
- 13. Linder Road Concept Study Update

Next Meeting Date: February 5, 2024

Adjournment; Commissioner Shoemaker motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Lewis, All ayes; Passes

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

WALTER STEED, CHAIR

DATE

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

DATE