



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho

Monday, April 01, 2024 at 3:30 PM

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Agenda

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ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

<input type="checkbox"/> David Ballard	<input type="checkbox"/> John Wasson, Ex-Officio - ACHD
<input type="checkbox"/> Zachary Shoemaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Lila Klopfenstein, Ex-Officio
<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Lancaster	<input type="checkbox"/> Miranda Carson, Ex-Officio - WASD
<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Steed	<input type="checkbox"/> Alissa Taysom, Ex-Officio - VRT
<input type="checkbox"/> Tracy Hopkins	<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Price, Ex-Officio - ITD
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Lewis	<input type="checkbox"/> Sgt. Tara Smith - Police
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<input type="checkbox"/> Tom LeClaire	<input type="checkbox"/> Hether Hill - Community Development
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA [ACTION ITEM]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

1. Approval of Minutes - March 4, 2024

OLD BUSINESS [ACTION ITEM]

2. Transportation Projects Updates

NEW BUSINESS [ACTION ITEM]

3. Parks Pathways (Kim Warren)

4. SH-16 Update (Dan Gorley & Jeff Ryan)
5. ACHD Master Street Map Preservation Corridors (Caleb Hood)
6. Ex-Officio Updates
- [7.](#) Staff Communications

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

8. Belltower and Coppercloud Speed Concerns
9. Lost Rapids/Bird Park
10. Linder Road Concept Study Update

NEXT MEETING - MAY 6, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Minutes
Meridian Transportation Commission
Monday, March 4, 2024

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

Roll Call

MEMBERS

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EX-OFFICIO

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alissa Taysom (VRT) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Wasdahl (ITD) | |

OTHERS PRESENT

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Adoption of the Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda by Staff or Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes

1. February 5, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Lewis to adopt; 2nd by Commissioner Ballard - all ayes; passes. (Chair Steed commented that adjournment time was missing and would like that added.)

Old Business Items

2. Transportation Projects Update – C. Hood

Mr. Hood began on Page 6 of the packet – Eagle Road, Lake Hazel to Amity; ACHD selected an apparent low bidder, however, ACHD had to reject the bid (rendered null). An electrical subcontractor on the bid wasn't approved to do relevant work so the project is being rebid and will be delayed for a time uncertain. Page 10, ITD and RBCI - SH 16 Project. An update will be presented to the TC in April, including the multiple phases of the corridor. Other updates are bolded in the packet. No significant change month over. Mr. Hood stood for questions. No questions or comments from the Commission.

New Business Items [ACTION ITEM]

3. ACHD Downtown Neighborhood Plan - Kristy Inselman (ACHD)

Kristy Inselman, Planning Supervisor, with Ada County Highway District (ACHD) was present to provide an overview of what neighborhood plans are and to provide an update on the Downtown Meridian Neighborhood Transportation Plan in particular. Ms. Inselman explained that neighborhood plans were enacted back in 2012 when ACHD divided Ada County into 16 individual

neighborhood planning areas as a way to do targeted outreach (project identification tool) and identify which areas/types of improvements were needed. The first iteration of Downtown Meridian Neighborhood Transportation Plan is from Linder to Locust Grove, the Interstate to Cherry - a square focused on Meridian downtown area. Recently, ACHD did an update based on feedback from the public. Ms. Inselman stated there are over 1,500 projects, as a whole, neighborhood area with a goal to update plans every 10 years. Meridian has two additional plan areas outside of the downtown core: 1) Meridian North and 2) Meridian South (separated by the freeway). ACHD identified projects that have been completed from recent neighborhood plan update; 9 bike and ped, 3 road and intersection projects. Within the Downtown Meridian Transportation Plan, there are 12 pedestrian, 8 roadway and 14 bikeway projects that were identified in the recently updated and adopted (January 2024) Downtown Neighborhood Plan.

Ms. Inselman stood for questions. Chair Steed asked if this process is done outside the Integrated Five-Year Work Plan (IFYWP) process and how it is funded. Ms. Inselman responded that these projects are funded through their operational budget. Commissioner Ballard asked about accessing concept reports online, Mr. Hood demonstrated where to locate on ACHD's website. Commissioner Lewis asked whether local and collector road projects will be separated from standalone bike and ped projects, Ms. Inselman responded "yes". Chair Steed asked what the review process is for neighborhood plans. Ms. Inselman discussed ACHD's project prioritization methodology.

4. 2024 Roadway, Intersection and Community Program Prioritization – C. Hood

Chair Steed said he had watched the February 27th Council meeting regarding the IFYWP. Mr. Hood explained reasoning for why City Council sent the IFYWP plan to the TC for clarification/reconsideration. Beginning on page 12 of the packet, Mr. Hood discussed preserving 5-lane roadways for most section lane arterials and the implications that will have on associated intersections. Four (4) intersections along the McMillan corridor are identified on the IFWYP presented to the TC. City Council wanted a single comprehensive list of how the projects rank against one another in priority and how does that look with priority corridors. (Baseline for the list is the 2023 priority list.) Council also asked whether we should consider prioritizing a north/south arterial like Meridian or Locust Grove; is one more important than the other?

Discussion between Chair Steed and Mr. Hood ensued regarding intersections that adjoin prioritized roadway segments and designated priority corridors. Commissioner Ballard stated he would prioritize Meridian Rd. over Locust Grove Rd. due to connectivity from Chinden to the Interstate and on to Kuna. Commissioner Lewis provided input and that this topic was discussed during a prior subcommittee and that priority corridors were considered in prior years. Commissioner Lewis brought attention to the Master Street Map and the need for modification to reflect five lanes on McMillan. Mr. Hood and Ms. Inselman discussed the pending/upcoming updates to the MSM, (including right-of-way preservation) and the CIP. Commissioner LeClaire also joined the discussion on right-of-way preservation of 100 feet (which could accommodate up to 5 lanes) on most, but not all, section line arterials.

Chair Steed, Commissioner Ballard and Mr. Hood discussed the railroad crossing on Black Cat and who's jurisdiction the crossing is - ACHD and/or ITD. Mark Wasdahl (ITD) responded and recommended speaking with ITD's railroad coordinator, Blaine Schwendiman.

Commissioner Lewis suggested the four new McMillan intersections be left at the end of the unprogrammed list and to evaluate and prioritize them in next year's prioritization list for ACHD. Chair Steed was in agreeance and there was no further discussion on the topic from the commission. There was additional discussion regarding the railroad crossing on Black Cat and priority rankings of projects and shifting of some due to discrepancies from last year's ranking list.

5. Ex-Officio Updates

M. Carson (WASD) – Badges for students to get one busses have been rolled out in the elementary schools and will be at all school levels next year. WASD is working on improving parking lots and coming up with solutions to address the bus driver shortage.

A. Taysom (VRT) - VRT will be making a press release regarding upcoming service changes.

S. Martin (ACHD) – ACHD staff are working on enhanced pedestrian crossings in the Meridian area; 1) is on Locust Grove at Heritage Park, between Ustick and McMillan; 2) and another is on Meridian Rd. at Settlers Park, north of Ustick Rd. and 3) Bower St., at Meridian Rd. and Main St. ACHD is also developing a MOU with the Meridian Fire Department to implement a new Opticom GPS system to aid in faster response times, rather than the current line of sight system.

L. Klopfenstein (COMPASS) – Two updates; 1) COMPASS is working on a safety action plan- two work group meetings have been held and a community survey is coming out soon; 2) Transportation Improvement Program is actively open for public comment- ITD has added a study for an auxiliary lane on I-84 and SH-16, US 20/26 Interchange is now slated for construction in 2026. Study is available for comment until March 17th.

M. Wasdahl (ITD) – SH-16 Project- Mr. Wasdahl provided updates the City of Nampa is working on related to the interchange and modifications. Due to the complexity of the SH-16 project, a more detailed report on the construction phases of the project and project program as a whole will be provided to the TC in April.

6. Staff Communications

C. Hood- Bicycle friendly communities- page 19 of the packet; page 21, SW Corner of Chinden/Linder, Everest Ln.- ACHD is working to improve safety and traffic flow. Chair Steed added ACHD has placed new school signs near Gem Prep.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- 7. SH-16 Update (Dan Gorley & Jeff Ryan)**
- 8. ACHD Master Street Map Preservation Corridors**
- 9. Parks Pathways (Eagle Road)**
- 10. Downtown Parking Strategy**

- 11. Belltower and Coppercloud Speed Concerns
- 12. American Fork at Linder Crossing
- 13. Lost Rapids/Bird Park
- 14. Linder Road Concept Study Update

Next Meeting Date: April 1, 2024

Adjournment; 5:10pm - Motion by Commissioner Lewis, 2nd by Commissioner LeClaire - all ayes.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

WALTER STEED, CHAIR

DATE _____

ATTEST:

CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

DATE _____



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

From: Caleb Hood, Deputy Director
Topic: Transportation Project Updates

Meeting Date: April 1, 2024

Below is a summary/update on some of the transportation and roadway City Staff has been involved with recently. This is not an exhaustive list, but rather highlights some of the more important activities that have recently transpired (or are about to occur) in the transportation realm. Staff will be at the Transportation Commission meeting to discuss some of these topics in more detail. Please feel free to contact staff should you have any comments, concerns, or questions on any of these projects. New information is in **bold**.

KEY ACHD PROJECTS:

ACHD Integrated Five-Year Work Program: The 2024-2028 IFYWP Draft can be found here: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/integrated-five-year-work-plan-ifywp> **The City's request for priority projects to be included in the 2025-2029 IFYWP were sent to ACHD by the Mayor on March 14th. An initial draft is expected later this spring.**

Linder, Overland to Franklin (Overpass of I-84): Widen Linder Rd to 5 lanes with a bicycle and pedestrian facility from Overland Rd to Franklin Rd. Project includes a new I-84 overpass, improvements to the Overland and Franklin intersections, and connection of W Verbena Dr across Linder. The City is funding design; 95% design shared in January and design should be complete in April. ROW is programmed at ACHD for 2024-2025 and construction is programmed for 2026-2027 in the IFYWP. The ITD Board unanimously approved the inclusion of this project in the draft FY2024-2030 ITIP, Early Development Program with \$10,000.00 in FY24 for preliminary engineering funding for design. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/linder-road-overpass-franklin-road-to-overland-road> The City has been awarded \$4.3M from ITD towards completion of this project. **The Mayor is expected to sign the MOU with ITD for the grant funds on April 2nd.** Staff is discussing how to best use these funds to get this project constructed as soon as possible.

City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development

Eagle Road, Lake Hazel to Amity: Landscaping within the roundabout at Taconic will be included in the Cost Share Permit. 95% design is complete. Widen Eagle to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and a multi-use pathway. Includes a multi-lane roundabout at Eagle Rd and Taconic Dr. Here is the project website: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/eagle-road-lake-hazel-road-to-amity-road>. **Notice to proceed estimated in September 2024.**

City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development

Lake Hazel and Eagle Signal: The design includes significant grade changes of the existing intersection and will integrate large retaining walls. Widen and signalize intersection to 4/5 lanes on Eagle and 3/4 lanes on Lake Hazel with multiuse pathway connections. Here is a link to the project website: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/lake-hazel-and-eagle-intersection> Notice to proceed is **September** 2024, with Eagle roadway widening north.

City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development

Lake Hazel Road, Locust Grove Road to Meridian Road: Brighton owns multiple parcels of land between S Apex Avenue and S Meridian Road. Per their requirements from the City of Meridian they are required to complete a significant utility upgrade that will require the roadway be reconstructed. ACHD Commission has approved a Cooperative Development Agreement for the reconstruction and widening of E Lake Hazel Road between S Apex Avenue and S Meridian Road to 5-lanes, with 10-foot wide concrete multi-use pathways on both sides of the road. Planning Staff has yet to see the plans for widening Lake Hazel in this segment, however, we understand ACHD and the developer have approved plans; design is complete. This project is planned for ROW in 2023 and CN in FY2024-25 in ACHD's IFYWP. Lake Hazel is currently closed in this section for related improvements until 5/15/2024.

Amity Rd and Locust Grove Rd & Amity Road, Meridian to Locust Grove: These projects were presented to the ACHD Commission on September 13th to discuss the projects status, questions and concerns from the public, and the letters the City has submitted. After robust discussion, it was determined this project will be put on a longer hold. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/amity-road-and-locust-grove-road-intersection>

City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development

McMillan/Black Cat Roundabout: Multi-lane roundabout with truck apron, curb, gutter, and 10-foot-wide multi-use pathways. Crosswalk at each leg with two stage pedestrian crossings and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at each pedestrian crossing. City is partnering with ACHD on Tier 1 landscape improvements in the RAB (conduit for now, landscape in the future), splitter islands and 4-foot buffer areas. ROW in FY23; CN24.

<https://engage.achdidaho.org/mcmillan-and-black-cat-intersection>

City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development

Franklin, McDermott to Black Cat: Widening Franklin Rd to 5 lanes between McDermott Rd and Black Cat Rd, and improving the intersection of Franklin Rd and McDermott Rd. The Franklin Rd and McDermott Rd intersection is a joint project with Nampa Highway District No. 1. City/ACHD partnership on landscaping in the medians/buffers and a "Welcome to Meridian" signs are still being considered. Stormwater swales envisioned behind curb. 30% design complete with project team meeting on November 20th. Design in FY23-24, Right of Way in FY24-25, notice to proceed scheduled for early 2026.

City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development

Fairview, Jericho Road to Eagle & Locust Grove/Fairview Signal: Widen intersection to 9 lanes on Fairview and 7 lanes on Locust Grove. Widen Fairview to 7 lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalk and Level 3 bike facility. Currently in ROW phase; construction is expected to start 2028. This project is exceptionally complex with multiple curbs, materials, and elevations. Z-crossing just west of Fairview/Webb being considered. Here is a link to the project website:

<https://engage.achdidaho.org/fairview-avenue-jericho-road-to-eagle-road>

City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development

Ustick, Ten Mile to Linder: Widen Ustick Rd to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, center medians, and multi-use pathway from Ten Mile Rd to Linder Rd. Right-of-way is scheduled for 2025 in the adopted IFYWP and construction is planned for 2026. Median landscaping is being explored by the project team. Concept includes pedestrian bridge crossing over Five Mile Creek with a signalized crossing at Ustick. Design will include multiuse pathways. A retaining wall will be necessary along Five Mile Creek. No sidewalk/pathways along Five Mile creek where retaining wall to be located; connection will rely on City pathway on north side of creek (in Bridgetower). https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick_ten_mile_linder
City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development

Ustick, Black Cat to Ten Mile: Widen to 5-lanes with center medians. Signalized crossing at Naomi (location of new ACHD maintenance facility, south of City wastewater facility). The ACHD consultant has submitted 99% PS&E and documents required for ROW acquisition. ROW acquisition taking the next several months; CN in FY25. https://engage.achdidaho.org/ustick_black_cat_ten_mile
City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development

Lake Hazel Road, Eagle to Cloverdale: Widen Lake Hazel Rd to five 11' lanes with curb gutter and 10' detached multiuse path on both sides. Bridge improvement included to remove and replace the existing bridge over the Ten Mile Creek. Project will include swales adjacent to the roadway. Design is complete. Design 2022; ROW; 2023; Construction 2026. https://engage.achdidaho.org/lake_hazel_eagle_cloverdale
City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development

South Meridian Neighborhood Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan: Plan in hand design meeting was held and 95% design meeting was held for 6/5 for 3 segment improvements in the plan: Stoddard Road, Victory to Overland; Locust Grove Rd at Palermo Dr pedestrian crossing; and bridge #1207 at Locust Grove Rd and Ten Mile creek. Construction is not yet programmed. ACHD and several partners including the City coordinated to develop a plan to help improve walking and bicycling routes in South Meridian neighborhoods. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/neighborhood-plans> Stoddard project webpage <https://engage.achdidaho.org/stoddard-road-victory-road-to-overland-road>

Downtown Meridian Neighborhood Transportation Plan: ACHD has developed a plan to help improve neighborhood streets in the Downtown Meridian area. The purpose of this plan is to update the adopted 2012 Downtown Meridian Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and engage with the community to identify and prioritize future transportation (bicycle, pedestrian, crossing, and roadway) projects in the Downtown Meridian planning area. The Plan was adopted by the ACHD Commission on Wednesday, January 10th. https://engage.achdidaho.org/downtown-meridian-neighborhood-transportation-plan?utm_campaign=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govDelivery

Linder, Ustick to Pine (concept): The project team met to review concepts. Also, the ACHD Pedestrian Advisory Group (PAG), ACHD Commissioners, and City staff did an onsite review of the existing conditions on this stretch of road. In all concepts impacts to some properties would have left substandard conditions for parking and exacerbated backout parking concerns for all users. Based on the feedback from the project team and PAG, ACHD is working with consultants to develop new concepts. New concepts discussed include additional shared roads, roundabout couplets for improved safety/access with turning restrictions, and enhanced speed mitigation

features to promote school and park access. The public survey on the project closed on December 19, 2023; more information anticipated in the Spring of 2024.

City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development

Star Road Bridges: Replace two bridges over the Five Mile Creek and Five Mile Feeder. Bridge width will support future widening to 5-lanes and a type 3 bike facility (MUP). **Star Road is currently closed for construction.**

Ustick, Owyhee Storm to Black Cat: ACHD has prepared 30% plans for review. ROW planned for 2026; construction 2027 in the current IFYWP. Project cost is estimated at \$11M.

ACHD CAPITAL MAINTENANCE

Residential Capital Maintenance includes conducting field reconnaissance and collecting survey data to determine an improvement strategy for deteriorated/non-compliant facilities such as: pavement, drainage, pipes, sidewalks, ramps. ACHD aims for bringing the segments up to Complete Streets standards where possible. Existing non-compliant pedestrian ramp and driveway access points located along each roadway segment will be identified to be upgraded to meet ADA compliance. Reasonable attempts will be made to improve each pedestrian ramp as directional, not diagonal.

Meridian Downtown Pavement and Pedestrian Improvements (2024): Notice to proceed is scheduled for spring 2024. Formerly named: "FY2022 Residential Capital Maintenance". The project goal is to rehabilitate pavement and add pedestrian improvements including sidewalk and bulb-outs. Segments include: W 3rd St, W Pine to north end; E Broadway Ave, E 3rd to E 6th; W Cherry Ave, NW 4th St to Meridian Rd; W Idaho Ave, W 8th St to N Meridian Rd; W Maple Ave, W 1st St to N Meridian Rd; W 2nd St, W Cherry Ave to W Cherry Ln; NW 4th S, W Broadway Ave to Maple Ave. <https://engage.achdidaho.org/2022-residential-capital-maintenance> Segments E Washington Ave, NW 7th to Meridian Rd; NW 7th St, W Washington St to middle school micro-path (currently adding sidewalk, no pavement rehab, could change); and W 6th St, W Washington St to W Carlton Ave are also part of this project, but have a separate web page: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/washington-street-and-6th-street>

City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development

Residential Pavement and Pedestrian Improvements (2026): Segments included: 1st St W, south end to Franklin Road; Rose Circle; Country Terrace Way S, south end to Overland Road; Blossom Pl, south end to W McGlinchey Ave; McGlinchey Ave, Blossom Pl to NW 8th St; Interlachen Ct, west end to Interlachen Way; Laurel Ct, south end to Verbena Dr; Tobago Ct. E., west end to SE 5th Way; Larkspur Ct, south end to Verbena Dr; Lilac St, south end to Waltman St; Lavender Ct, south end to Verbena Dr; Sugar Creek, south end to Sugar Creek Dr; Lawndale Dr, McGlinchey Ave to Crestmont Dr; Crusier Dr, west end to Five Mile Rd; and Francine Pl S, Victory Rd to S Francine Ln. ACHD project number: 521060. **Plan-in-hand meeting held Friday, March 29th; project team meeting scheduled for April 12th.**

City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development

ITD PROJECTS (Updated by ITD Staff January 2024)

ChindenWest Corridor: Four uninterrupted lanes of traffic, two-in-each-direction, from ID-16 to Eagle, is complete. Project website: <https://itdprojects.org/projects/chindenwest/>

Star Road to ID-16: Improvements include re-aligning and reconstructing US-20/26, constructing pathways, and relocating nearby irrigation infrastructure. Anticipated completion in spring 2024. Crews are currently finishing the final stage of the Phyllis Canal Bridge. Final paving and completion of the bridge should be early summer 2024.

Middleton Road to Star Road: Final design for east and west sections were completed in September and October 2023, respectively. PS&E is scheduled for May 2024 for the east package and for October 2024 for the west package. Construction expected to start in either Fall of 2024 or Spring of 2025 depending upon right-of-way acquisition. Project website: <https://chindenwest.com/middletontostar/>.

City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development

Idaho Highway 16 extension, I-84 to U.S. 20/26

Crews continue building new ramps to connect US-20/26 and SH-16 and will continue through spring of 2024. The new bridge over Five Mile Creek is complete. A new pedestrian bridge over Five Mile Creek east of McDermott Road is complete. The north abutment of the McMillan Overpass will be under construction this winter. Construction on the US 20/26 and SH 16 interchange should start this summer. Construction on several irrigation structures such as the Purdam Drain, & Husky Drain will continue throughout this winter. Foundation work is also starting on bridges over Ten Mile Creek. On the south end of the project, work is continuing on the center pier of the new I-84 interchange and ramps between Franklin Road and I-84. Construction is anticipated to be complete 2025 and will include: Approximately 4.5 miles of highway between U.S. 20/26 and I-84; an interchange at I-84; signalized intersections at Franklin Road and Ustick Road; reconstruction of the U.S. 20/26 intersection; overpasses at Cherry Lane, McMillan Road, and the railroad; and minor adjustments to local roads near SH-16. Project website: itdprojects.idaho.gov/pages/sh16corridor

ITD staff will be at the April TC meeting to give a status update of this corridor.

Interstate 84 Eastbound Auxiliary Lane, Meridian Interchange to Eagle Interchange: Design is anticipated to be complete spring 2024. Construction timeline is dependent on funding availability. This project will add a second on-ramp lane eastbound at Meridian Interchange, an auxiliary (fifth) lane between Meridian Interchange to Eagle Interchange, and a second off-ramp lane at Eagle Interchange:

<https://itdprojects.org/projects/i-84-meridian-interchange-to-eagle-interchange-auxiliary-lane/>

FY24 Surface Treatments US 20/26 & SH 44: Sealcoat approximately 107 lane miles of US 20/26 and SH-44 this summer. This will improve ride quality and extend the pavement lifespan. Project will start no later than June 14, 2024. A typical sealcoat uses oil heated to 150-185F, but this time we will heat it to 275-325F. In addition to the increase in oil temperature, the aggregate is also heated and pre-coated with oil. This new technology makes it possible to do all the work at nighttime, thus greatly reducing the impact to the traveling public.

SH-55 Eagle Road Safety Review: An inter-agency team was assembled to discuss a safety review of Eagle Road, I-84 to SH-44. The safety review, which included a speed study, was completed at the end of February 2023. ITD has presented to City Council several times, the last time was on September 5, 2023. ITD shared what was found in the safety review and showed what sign and striping improvements were made as a result. They also shared that the speed study showed that no change to the enforceable speed limits on Eagle Rd were recommended.

ITD recognizes the city's concerns regarding the daily congestion on Eagle Rd and proposed implementing advisory speed limit signage with flashing beacons. These would be activated during the busiest times of the day. The purpose would be to alert the public of times when congestion is most likely. After the presentation there were concerns from the mayor and at least one council member due to advisory speeds not being enforceable. ITD and the city continue to engage to find the best solution for the traveling public on Eagle Rd. An additional inter-agency team with law enforcement, the city, ITD, and other agencies will be put together in the coming months to continue discussions. While different agencies may have different goals, the main goal we all agree on is keeping the public safe and ensuring drivers can get to where they need to go as efficiently and safely as possible.

PATHWAYS

Nine Mile Creek, Linder to Meridian: The Parks Department is moving forward with a land trade to obtain the final access (on 3rd Street) that will make the Rail with Trail (RWT) segment from 3rd Street to 8th Street possible. The engineering consultant is currently preparing legal exhibits for the parcels to be traded. Goal is now construction in 26/27. The path is proposed to run from Linder to Meridian along the Nine Mile Creek drain just north of the railroad. Some segments are complete.

Five Mile Creek Pathway: The City has entered an agreement with ACHD to construct the pathway across their property and be reimbursed after construction is complete. The City will build a run of pathway along the south side of the Five Mile Creek from the Quartet Subdivision, to the Nine Mile Creek, which will culminate in a pedestrian bridge crossing of the Nine Mile Creek and a connection to the existing McNelis Pathway.

Mary McPherson Pathway: The City developed a concept for a pathway between Crest Ridge Drive and Mary McPherson Elementary along the Farr Lateral. Parks requested an engineering proposal to complete a site survey and easements, per the preliminary concept layout. Easements, both permanent pedestrian and construction access, have been agreed to. Pathway is now complete.

NOTE: Parks staff will be at the April TC meeting to discuss pathways in more detail.

OTHER PROJECTS

MDC, Downtown Parking Efforts: MDC is working on an update to Destination Downtown. Part of this is parking analysis. The MDC consultant is wrapping-up the Parking Management Strategies & Implementation Guide. MDC and City Staff met in late January to discuss next steps.



MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

From: Hether Hill

Meeting Date: April 1, 2024

Topic: Staff Communications

Below are summaries of relevant correspondences received by City Staff since the last TC meeting.

From: Rick <richpres@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 3:33 PM
To: Robert Simison <rsimison@meridiancity.org>
Subject: Chinden and Linder Traffic Concerns

External Sender - Please use caution with links or attachments.

Hello Mayor Simison, I know you care about traffic concerns in the city. I am sending a copy of information (below) I passed along today to the Ada County Highway District related to safety concerns in the area of Chinden and Linder near my home. Anything your office can do to help would be appreciated. Thank you!

Richard Presnell
 88 W. Pavilion Ln
 Meridian, ID 83646

There are several safety problems with this area which continues to become busier with growth and may become more so with the hwy 16 extension and more growth. First, there is no direct way to go east on Chinden from the Fred Meyer complex. Many leave getting on Chinden westbound at the Fred Meyer gas station and attempt to cross 4 traffic lanes in a short distance to be able to make a U-turn at Linder. This is very difficult and dangerous especially at busy times of the day. There are so many people that do this that there are a large percentage of U-turns at Linder. I often see people turning right (east) from Linder to Chinden nearly colliding with those making the U-turn. This is in part due to there not being a "yield to U-turn" sign or one of the red U-turn lights similar to those at the intersection of Eagle Road and Ustick. I think there are four things that should be done to improve the situation. 1--Slow down the Chinden traffic (it is only 35 through Garden City and the traffic, number of schools, churches, nursing homes, and private residences are much higher in the Chinden/Linder area). I think it should be no more than 40 MPH similar to the major roadways that feed into it in that area (Meridian Road and Linder). 2--Add a stop light near the Fred Meyer complex to allow people to go east on Chinden at a stop light. A light at Bergman would be perfect

and would not result in traffic backing up into the Fred Meyer complex. 3--Add "yield to U-turn" signage at northbound Linder and Chinden, and perhaps one of those lights preventing a right turn on red from Linder to Chinden when the Chinden to Linder left turn lane has a green arrow. 4--Put a raised center island on Chinden to make it clear where U-turns can be made. I often see illegal U-turns crossing two sets of double yellow lines and also people making the U-turn at Linder much too early which contributes to the problem related to those turning onto Chinden from Linder. They don't think there is anyone making a U-turn and then run into someone who makes the U-turn 50-100 feet before they should. Thank you!

From: Ryan Head <RHead@achdidaho.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 12:33 PM
To: Miranda Carson <Carson.Miranda@westada.org>; John Wasson <jwasson@achdidaho.org>
Cc: hhill@cityofmeridian.org; David Reinhart <Reinhart.David@westada.org>
Subject: Re: Linder Road at Kodiak Crossing

Miranda:

ACHD's Safety Team has put this project on its list to complete. It will likely not occur until next year based on staff capacity to complete the design. That said, it is moving forward.

Ryan

From: Miranda Carson <Carson.Miranda@westada.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:53:52 AM
To: Ryan Head <RHead@achdidaho.org>; John Wasson <jwasson@achdidaho.org>
Cc: hhill@cityofmeridian.org <hhill@cityofmeridian.org>; David Reinhart <Reinhart.David@westada.org>
Subject: Linder Road at Kodiak Crossing

Ryan,

We (and City of Meridian) have gotten a few requests for a crossing at Linder and Kodiak near Victory Middle. Regardless of where we do or don't bus students are crossing here for school commute and for recreation. I have discussed this crossing with John, and it seems to come down to the programming piece. (Don't they all 😊)

Can one of you help me understand WASD's role if any in getting an enhanced crossing at this location? I will put it on our IFYWP requests list. I think there was some conversation about WASD possibly having put funds toward the crossing when Victory was built, but the details on that conversation are hazy. (John feel free to correct me if I am misremembering.)

Thanks for the assist!

Miranda Carson
 Director of Transportation & Planning

From: Tom Ferch <Tferch@achdidaho.org>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:19 AM
To: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiacity.org>
Cc: Kristy Inselman <Kinselman@achdidaho.org>
Subject: RE: Black Cat RR X-ing

Hi Caleb,

I do not have any information on funding, or a programmed design and construction year for the Black Cat Road and Boise Valley Railroad (BVRR) crossing. Last August, ACHD participated in a scoping of the Black Cat Road and BVRR crossing. Miranda Carson and David Mills were there representing the City of Meridian, along with staff from ITD, the UPRR and the BVRR. From my notes an interim signalized crossing of the existing two lanes would cost \$400,000. The crossing is listed as #21 on ITD's Web Accident Prediction System list for Ada County, which ITD uses to prioritize funding of railroad crossing upgrades. I have included Kristy Inselman on this email in case she has any updated information.

Tom

From: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiacity.org>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:06 AM
To: Tom Ferch <Tferch@achdidaho.org>
Subject: Black Cat RR X-ing

Tom,

Ryan mentioned that you had some involvement with UPRR (or someone) on the upgraded crossing at Black Cat. I know there are no programmed funds, but do you have any kind of update on when that crossing may change from stop-controlled? We are working on our priority projects for consideration in the IFYWP and I'm trying to give my elected officials a status update.

Thanks!

Caleb

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From: Mark Wasdahl <Mark.Wasdahl@itd.idaho.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 2:12:53 PM
To: Caleb Hood (chood@meridiancity.org) <chood@meridiancity.org>
Subject: April Meridian TC Meeting

I spoke with our ITD Railroad Coordinator who provided the following information:

I believe Black Cat Road is the only rail-highway crossing project programed within the city of Meridian.

N BLACK CAT RD RRX, UPRR/BVRR, 819582Y, MERIDIAN (Key No. 24294)

- Diagnostic meeting held on site with ACHD, City of Meridian, UPRR and ITD (August 01, 2023)
- Project currently is programed for FY2029
- Project has not made any progress since the diagnostic meeting.

Give me a call or a return email if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Mark Wasdahl

Senior Planner
 Idaho Transportation Department, District 3
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Hi Caleb,

Just an update from the PD side of things. Our SRO Supervisor, Sgt Carter, spoke with the principal at Doral and their current measures to help with these issues are to triple up the drop off line on their property so more cars can funnel in off of Cherry. She has also sent out correspondence to the parents to ask them to use secondary neighborhood streets for drop off when possible rather than Cherry Ln. And finally, she directs most of her staff to be outside monitoring crossing and drop off activity...like bus duty if you will.

From: Caleb Hood
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 10:37 AM
To: John Wasson <jwasson@achdidaho.org>; Tara Smith <tsmith@meridiancity.org>
Cc: Kendall Kemmer <kkemmer@achdidaho.org>; Hether Hill <hhill@meridiancity.org>
Subject: RE: Doral Academy School Zone / Street Crossing Help Needed

Kendall – Hope you are well! I know this hasn't been in your que for too long, but we have an upcoming Transportation Commission meeting and I've been asked to bring this topic up. So if you have any update prior to Monday, I'd sure appreciate knowing so I can share with my TC. Any information is appreciated.

Caleb

From: John Wasson <jwasson@achdidaho.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:33 PM
To: Tara Smith <tsmith@meridiancity.org>

Cc: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org>; Kendall Kemmer <kkemmer@achdidaho.org>
Subject: RE: Doral Academy School Zone / Street Crossing Help Needed

Tara,

Kendall Kemmer in my shop is working on this issue. I will ask him to include you and Caleb in his response back, so you are in the loop!

John

John Wasson

Assistant Traffic Engineer | Traffic Engineering

From: Tara Smith <tsmith@meridiancity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 3:31 PM
To: John Wasson <jwasson@achdidaho.org>
Cc: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiancity.org>
Subject: Re: Doral Academy School Zone / Street Crossing Help Needed

In the spirit of teamwork, I just wanted to reach out to you both so we are on the same page with this one. The Police Department will just enforce whatever school zone is decided on, and of course, any crossing guards would have to be provided by the school.

Caleb, I believe this is/would actually be a good issue for the Meridian Intersection Pedestrian Task Force, if they are accepting any new issues for consideration.

Let me know if there is anything you guys need from me

Thanks,

Tara.

On Mar 12, 2024, at 1:30 PM, Luke Cavener <lcavener@meridiancity.org> wrote:

Good morning/ afternoon friends,

Below is a request from board and administrative leaders from the Doral Academy. Doral is located in the building that previously housed Cherry Lane Christian and Compass School. As the weather begins to improve and pedestrian traffic increased there is ongoing concern for the safety of students walking to and from the school. Unlike Compass, Doral does not currently bus students thus there is greater reliance on both safe access for students as well as an increase in traffic to and from the school.

I'm forwarding to you all as subject matter experts to explore what options can be implemented both in the short and long term. I'm unsure if we/ Doral needs to make a formal request or if this email is sufficient. I'm happy to chat as well but after speaking with both Angela and Mack its clear this is the largest concern amongst parents who send their kids to the school. If I can be kept in the loop on the progress around this request and any direction for future requests it would be appreciated.

Thank you for your help and efforts.

Best,

Luke

From: Angela Perez <Angela.Perez@doralidaho.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 10:24 AM
To: lcavener@meridiancity.org <lcavener@meridiancity.org>
Cc: Mack Allred <Mack.Allred@doralidaho.org>; Kendal Fleshman <Kendal.Fleshman@doralidaho.org>; Jackie Collins <Jackie.Collins@academicaidaho.com>
Subject: Doral Academy School Zone / Street Crossing Help Needed

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Good Morning Luke,

My name is Angela Perez and I am a member of the Doral Academy Board of Directors. As a board member and grandparent of Doral students, I would like to request your help as the Meridian City Counsel - Seat 6 representative with adjusting the school zone and assist with the Cherry Lane crossing challenges that are being experienced and risking the safety of the children.

1. **Increase Doral School Zone** – The school zone is very short and causes unexpected slowdowns through the zone and backs up the traffic during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. This causes an increased safety risk to drivers and students. The request is to increase the length of the school zone designation so that it will provide adequate time and duration for drivers to stop and for students /parents to remain safe during the drop-off/pick-up times.
2. **Cherry Lane Crossing** - This poses a safety risk to students/parents at the time they are walking across the road to the school. It is a combination of the School Zone being so short, cars not having enough time to stop when the light turns red, and the absence of a crossing guard during the start and release times of the school. The request is to lengthen the zone, provide more time for the light to turn red, and for crossing guard assistance.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if additional information is needed to provide help with the above challenges.

Thank You,
Angela Perez
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On Mar 26, 2024, at 4:29 PM, John Wasson <jwasson@achdidaho.org> wrote:

Renny and Walter,

Here are the maps with locations. The locations are VERY CLOSE to the exact installation points.

John

John Wasson
Assistant Traffic Engineer | Traffic Engineering

Renny,

Based upon the policy that I discussed with you and Walter on Tuesday, and the lack of crash history at that location. ACHD is not planning on installing a stop sign on N. Gertie Place at the entrance into the shopping center.

Additionally, we are unable to provide the signs or poles that you requested. Unfortunately, we can't provide you with materials purchased using public funds for a private enterprise.

I do appreciate you taking the time to discuss the options for your shopping center.

Respectfully,

John

John Wasson
Assistant Traffic Engineer | Traffic Engineering

From: Caleb Hood <chood@meridiacity.org>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 4:34 PM
To: renwylie@aol.com
Cc: John Wasson <jwasson@achdidaho.org>; Walter Steed <wmsted@aol.com>
Subject: Knighthill Center Stop Signs

Renny,

I trust your new year is off to a great start. I wanted to follow-up with you after our phone conversation in December when we spoke about the potential to install some STOP (or other) signs within Knighthill Center. It sounded like you were pretty open to "planting" some signs within your complex if it helps address motorist safety. However, you also mentioned some concerns with where signs might go, due to turnaround easements, irrigation facilities and stacking/blocking issues. You stated you might talk to John Wasson to get his unofficial recommendation on what might help the current situation. (John is generally familiar, but as most/all of the issues are private, I don't think he's really studied the situation. I've copied him on this email.) I know a couple of other Traffic Engineers that may be willing to volunteer some assistance. If you want, I can ask them?

Please let me know if you've thought about this more since our conversation; maybe you even have a plan?

Thank you!

Caleb

From: David Miles
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 4:25 PM
To: Bruce Wong <bwong@achdidaho.org>
Subject: Re: Washington street

Thank you Director. The City continues to look at what long-term parking enforcement might look like and we are grateful for your support as we make those efforts.

Dave

From: Bruce Wong <bwong@achdidaho.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 3:06 PM
To: Dave Miles <dmiles@meridiancity.org>
Subject: Washington street

Dave I understand that the residents have requested no parking signs to ACHD. I also understand that the city does not supports this I have directed my team to deny the request and support the city