



## TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho  
Monday, March 07, 2022 at 3:30 PM

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### Agenda

#### VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

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#### ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

\_\_\_ David Ballard

\_\_\_ Stephen Lewis

\_\_\_ Zachary Shoemaker

\_\_\_ Jared Smith

\_\_\_ Ryan Lancaster

\_\_\_ Justin Price, Ex-Officio - ITD

\_\_\_ Tom LeClaire

\_\_\_ Shawn Martin, Ex-Officio - ACHD

\_\_\_ Walter Steed

\_\_\_ Carl Miller, Ex-Officio - COMPASS

\_\_\_ Tracy Hopkins

\_\_\_ RD Huntley, Ex-Officio - WASD

\_\_\_ Joseph Leckie

\_\_\_ Alissa Taysom, Ex-Officio - VRT

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA [ACTION ITEM]

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

1. January 3, 2022
2. February 7, 2022

#### OLD BUSINESS [ACTION ITEM]

3. Field Trip 2022 - W. Steed
4. Transportation Project Updates - M. Carson

#### NEW BUSINESS [ACTION ITEM]

5. Meridian Police Department Update - Sgt Dance

- [6.](#) Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Locations - S. Lewis
- [7.](#) End of Year Report - W. Steed
- [8.](#) Staff Communications - M. Carson

**FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

9. Harvest and Veterans Transit Ridership Updates
10. ACHD Capital Investment Citizens Advisory Committee Update
11. ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee Update
12. I-84 Eastbound Off-ramp at Eagle Road

**NEXT MEETING - April 4, 2022**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meridian Transportation Commission**  
**January 3, 2022**

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**Roll Call**

**(Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m.; YouTube started and roll taken)**

<u>  </u> <b>David Ballard</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Stephen Lewis</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Shawn Martin (ex-officio-ACHD)</b>
<u>  </u> <b>Zachary Shoemaker</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Jared Smith (zoom)</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Toni Tisdale (ex-officio-COMPASS) (zoom)</b>
<u>  </u> <b>Ryan Lancaster</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Tom LeClaire</b>	<u>  </u> <b>RD Huntley (ex-officio-WASD)</b>
<u>  </u> <b>Walter Steed</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Joseph Leckie</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Stephen Hunt (ex-officio-VRT) (zoom)</b>
<u>  </u> <b>Tracy Hopkins (zoom)</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Luke Cavener (ex-officio-City Council)</b>	<u>  </u> <b>Justin Price (ex-officio-ITD) (zoom)</b>

Others Present: Ted Baird, Miranda Carson

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Chairman Steed called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Lewis motioned to adopt; second by Commissioner Hopkins - all-ayes – motion carried.

**Election of the Officers**

Commissioner Ballard nominated Walter Steed for a second term as Chair. Commissioner Lancaster motioned for Chairman Steed to remain as Chair; second by Commissioner Hopkins – all ayes – motion carried.

Commissioner Lewis nominated Jared Smith for a second term as Vice Chair. Commissioner Ballard motioned for Commissioner Smith to remain as Vice Chair; second by Commissioner Lewis – all ayes – motion carried.

**I. Approval of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes.**

Commission Ballard motioned to approve the meeting minutes with the no changes; second by Commissioner LeClaire – all ayes - motion carried.

**Old Business Items**

## **2. Transportation Projects Update (M. Carson)**

Ms. Carson noted that new updates are in bold and she will highlight a few of the items from the Memo in the packet, but not all. If the Commission has questions regarding any of the information in the packet Ms. Carson will stand for questions at the end of the update.

Ms. Carson began on page 6 with the ACHD Integrated Five-Year Work Plan and highlighted that the City was invited to participate in a workgroup evaluating and updating the prioritization methodology.

The next item Ms. Carson noted was the Linder, Overland to Franklin project and that the design consultant was selected.

Ms. Carson continued to page 7 with an update that the Locust Grove Road, Victory to Overland and roundabout at Victory project will be signed at 35 MPH with virtually no traffic calming included in the design. It was also noted that the hawk signal will be moved to half-way between Mastiff and Puffin, and there is not a pedestrian refuge island currently planned.

Ms. Carson concluded her review on page 8; noting that the Residential Capital Maintenance projects are now included in the memo.

Ms. Carson stood for questions; there was some discussion. Shawn Martin also spoke on the topic to further explain the prioritization methodology workgroup.

### **New Business Items**

## **3. Meridian Police Department Update (J. Dance)**

This item was moved to after item 4. Sgt Dance provided an update that MPD was approved by ITD for a grant to participate in multiple mobilizations of officers working overtime to enforce drunk and/or aggressive driving particularly around Holidays.

Sgt Dance stood for questions; there were some questions and discussion.

## **4. North Records Way at Bri Development (Jon Wheeler)**

Councilman Luke Cavener explained the public forum process at City Council meetings. Jon Wheeler had brought forth a traffic concern on North Records Way to Council during that forum, and he was directed by Council and Mayor to take the item to the Transportation Commission.

Mr. Wheeler presented on the concerns of the Bri Village Traffic Safety Group. Two other community members voiced concerns: Dave Dahl and John Swarz. The Commission discussed the issue, and Shawn Martin, ACHD spoke on the issue as well.

Commission Lancaster motioned to request ACHD do a speed study, crosswalk evaluation, and evaluation of a need for a feedback speed limit sign; second by Commissioner Hopkins – all ayes - motion carried.

### **5. Valley Regional Transit Connected Meridian (Stephen Hunt)**

Mr. Hunt provided VRT ridership updates. The COVID-19 pandemic caused a significant drop in ridership from pre-pandemic levels nationwide. Overall fixed route ridership for Valley Regional Transit closely mirrors the nationwide reduction since the start of the pandemic. Before the pandemic began, monthly fixed route ridership was between 100,000 and 130,000 riders. Ridership dropped in March 2020, and has been slowly recovering. In November 2021, total monthly ridership was 69,834; ridership exceeds previous November's ridership, first time since the start of the pandemic that ridership is higher than the same month the previous year.

Mr. Hunt also introduced the Connected Meridian survey seeking public input on services in Meridian.

Mr. Hunt stood for questions; there were none.

### **6. Staff Communications (M. Carson)**

Ms. Carson will highlight a few of the items in the Memo that starts on page 20 and will stand for questions at the end of the update.

Ms. Carson noted that COMPASS held an I-84 Corridor Operations Plan stakeholders meeting. Some in depth notes came out of that, and link to those is provided in the packet.

Ms. Carson noted that ACHD has invited the City to participate in a concept study for a bikeway that goes from Locust Grove Rd to Entertainment Ave.

Ms. Carson highlighted that is an update on I-84 Eastbound off-ramp at Eagle included in the packet, and the item will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Lastly, it was noted that the City's response to ACHD's Master Street Map updates are included in the packet.

Ms. Carson concluded and stood for any additional questions; there was some discussion.

Councilman Luke Cavener notified the Commission that he would no longer be serving as the Council Ex-Officio, and he was not aware of who his replacement would be. Chairman Steed thanked him for his service on the Commission.

### **Future Meeting Topics**

Chairman Steed reviewed the Future Meeting Topics and asked for any additional items or any needed changes to the list. Items 11-13 were added. There was also a request for future MPD

update to include as warranted: handsfree legislation effectiveness; alleys and parking; and airbrake updates.

- 7. Ustick Road Corridor Median Improvements (February)**
- 8. Fields Subarea Plan (February)**
- 9. I-84, Eastbound Off-ramp at Eagle Road**
- 10. Field Trip 2022**
- 11. Harvest Transit and VA Ridership Updates**
- 12. New Council Liaison**
- 13. Downtown Street Cleanings**

**Next Meeting Date: February 7, 2022**

**Adjourn**

A motion by Commissioner Ballard to adjourn; second Commissioner Lewis – all ayes - motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

(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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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meridian Transportation Commission**  
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Others Present: Ted Baird, Caleb Hood, and Miranda Carson

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Chairman Steed called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Ballard motioned to adopt; second by Commissioner Lewis - all-ayes – motion carried.

**Introduction of New COMPASS Ex-Officio Carl Miller**

Chairman Steed invited Carl Miller to introduce himself. Mr. Miller introduced himself, and he noted he will be the new Ex-Officio representing COMPASS.

**Old Business Items**

**I. Transportation Projects Update (M. Carson)**

Ms. Carson noted that new updates are in bold and she will highlight a few of the items from the Memo in the packet, but not all. If the Commission has questions regarding any of the information in the packet Ms. Carson will stand for questions at the end of the update.

Ms. Carson began on page 3 with the ACHD Integrated Five-Year Work Plan and highlighted that the plan was adopted with no changes to the Meridian City projects.

The next item Ms. Carson noted was that the Scope of Work and Interagency Agreement for Linder, Overland to Franklin project is continuing to be worked on.

Ms. Carson continued to page 4 with an update that the McMillan/Black Cat intersection project that was planned to be interim will instead be designed for the most appropriate permanent intersection. It is programmed for design in 2022 and construction in 2024.

Ms. Carson noted that construction of the Locust Grove to Meridian section of the ChindenWest project will begin Spring 2022.

The final item Ms. Carson covered was that the Transportation Action Plan was scheduled to go before the County Board of Commissioners on February 9<sup>th</sup> for final adoption.

Ms. Carson stood for questions; there was some discussion.

## **New Business Items**

### **2. Fields Subarea Plan (Brian McClure)**

Brian McClure provided a presentation on the intent and vision of the City's Fields Sub Area Plan adopted by City Council in December 2021. The plan is a continuation of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. McClure explained the extent of the plan is the four square miles in Northwest Meridian bordered by Chinden, McDermott, Ustick, and Can Ada.

Mr. McClure stood for questions; there was some discussion.

### **3. Meridian Police Department Update (J. Dance)**

Sergeant Dance did not have any update beyond his presentation on Eagle Road.

### **4. Eagle Road Variable Speed Limits (J. Dance)**

Lieutenant Ford and Sergeant Dance presented information on Eagle Road from Overland to McMillan. Eagle Road being a state highway the speed limit is currently 55 mph. Sgt Dance discussed the current land use characteristics adjacent to the road and opened a conversation on whether the speed limit should remain 55mp or be reduced. Data on reported collisions and other traffic incidents was presented and discussed. There was lengthy discussion of the history, possible solutions, and challenges between the Commissioners, Lieutenant Ford, Sergeant Dance, and Caleb Hood.

Commissioner Ballard motioned to recommend a speed study on Eagle Road with consideration for variable speed as one solution and a second by Commissioner LeClaire. Commissioner Lancaster abstained; all others were ayes. Motion passed.

### **5. Ustick Road, Ten Mile to Linder Center Median Options (C. Hood)**

Caleb Hood provided a presentation on a potential partnership with ACHD on non-transportation elements (landscaping center medians) on the Ustick, Ten Mile to Linder project.

The cost of installation and maintenance was noted. Mr. Hood also noted that center medians with vertical elements may be installed as a traffic calming measure. Mr. Hood explained the opportunity to improve the aesthetics of the median along the Ustick corridor.

Mr. Hood stood for questions; there was discussion on the topic. Commissioner Smith made a motion supporting landscaping with a preference toward lower maintenance landscaping if possible; second by Commissioner Leckie. All ayes; motion passes.

## **6. Review of Duties and Powers (M. Carson and C. Hood)**

Ms. Carson presented on City Code Title 2 Chapter 7 to clarify the authority and responsibilities of the Commission. It was noted that for speed study requests the Commission can make those requests directly to ACHD. The simplified guidelines were presented. The Transportation Commission can move forward on recommendations and requests being made to the staff level at either ACHD or ITD without any City dollars attached to the action. Any requests the Commission desires to go to an elected official or board should be made as recommendations to City Council. Any action with City dollars attached would need to be made as a recommendation to City Council.

Ms. Carson stood for questions; there was discussion on the item.

## **7. Staff Communications (M. Carson)**

Ms. Carson will highlight a few of the items in the Memo that starts on page 43 and will stand for questions at the end of the update.

Ms. Carson noted that COMPASS held an I-84 Corridor Operations Plan stakeholders meeting. Some in depth notes came out of that, and link to those is provided in the packet.

Ms. Carson noted that there was a citizen inquiry on a Stoddard pathway project.

Ms. Carson highlighted that is a ChindenWest newsletter in the packet.

Lastly, it was noted that sections of the Idaho Walk Bike Alliance newsletter were included.

Ms. Carson concluded and stood for any additional questions; there was some discussion.

## **8. Ordinance & Development Subcommittee Update (T. LeClaire)**

Commissioner LeClaire provided an overview of the Ordinance & Development Subcommittee meeting that took place just before the meeting. The subcommittee discussed their role for reviewing Development and determined that those reviews will be done on an as needed basis.

In the future, the subcommittee would also like to follow up on the effectiveness of the new Handsfree Ordinance to discuss any enforcement issues or code change considerations.

**Future Meeting Topics**

Chairman Steed reviewed the Future Meeting Topics and asked for any additional items or any needed changes to the list. Items 14-17 were added.

- 9. January 3, 2020 Minutes (March)**
- 10. I-84, Eastbound Off-ramp at Eagle Road**
- 11. Harvest Transit and VA Ridership Updates**
- 12. Field Trip 2022**
- 13. Downtown Street Cleanings**
- 14. Annual Report to City Council March 8<sup>th</sup>**
- 15. ACHD Pedestrian Advisory Group Enhanced Crossing Needs List**
- 16. ACHD Bicycle Advisory Committee update**
- 17. ACHD Capital Investment Citizens Advisory Committee Update**

**Next Meeting Date: March 7, 2022**

**Adjourn**

A motion by Commissioner Lewis to adjourn; second Commissioner Ballard – all ayes - motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

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WALTER STEED, CHAIR

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CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

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# MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

**From:** Miranda Carson

**Meeting Date:** March 7, 2022

**Presenter:** Walter Steed

**Estimated Time:** 5 minutes

**Topic:** Field Trip 2022

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The September meeting date is disrupted each year as Labor Day falls on the first Monday of September. With a change of date, the Transportation Commission often chooses to also have a change of venue. While it is not required September has become a month when the Transportation Commission takes a "field trip".

For 2022 the following suggestions have been posed thus far: touring the ACHD Operations Center and Sign Shop or touring the site of the new highway ID-16.

The floor will be open to offer other suggestions during the March meeting. The intent of the discussion is to come to a determination of what to do, so staff can work through the logistics.



# MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

**From:** Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner      **Meeting Date:** March 7, 2022  
**Presenter:** Miranda Carson      **Estimated Time:** 5 minutes  
**Topic:** Transportation Projects Update

Below is a summary/update on some of the transportation and roadway projects 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 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 2022-2026 Integrated Five-Year Work Plan (IFYWP) was adopted by the ACHD commission on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** More information can be found here:

[https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP\\_2226draft.aspx](https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP_2226draft.aspx).

The ACHD Project Prioritization Stakeholder Kick-off Meeting was held January 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss the current prioritization process and solicit feedback.

*City Staff Contact: Miranda Carson, Community Development*

Linder, Overland to Franklin: The scope of work and interagency agreement are being reviewed by ACHD. The ACHD Commission review is anticipated for mid-March. Design is estimated to be 18 months. 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.

*City Staff Contact: Miranda Carson, Community Development*

Eagle Road, Amity to Victory and roundabout at Amity: **Gravel road on southwest corner of Eagle/Amity ongoing. Concrete ditch and landscaping remaining.** Amity/Eagle roundabout open. Eagle to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, multi-use pathways. Includes a 2-lane roundabout with a slip lane at the northwest corner at Amity for southbound traffic turning west. Here is the project website: [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_eagle-road-amity-road-to-victory-road.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_eagle-road-amity-road-to-victory-road.aspx)

*City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development*

Ten Mile Road, Victory to Overland and Ten Mile/Victory Roundabout: Pedestrian ramps being installed starting Feb 2nd at Linder and Overland. **Sewer work on Lamont Street ongoing. Installing water line across Ten Mile at Lamont. Bridge work ongoing. Placing subgrade for intersection. Excavating for pond.** Construction is anticipated to be complete Fall 2022.

Widen Ten Mile to 5-lanes with curb, gutter, center medians, pedestrian facilities (with recessed side street crossings), and one-way bike facilities behind the back of curb. Here is the project website: [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_ten-mile-victory-to-overland.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_ten-mile-victory-to-overland.aspx)  
*City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development*

McMillan/Black Cat Intersection: This project was programmed for design and right-of-way (ROW) acquisition in FY 2022 and construction in FY 2023 as an interim signalization of an unsignalized intersection. After recent analysis for the feasibility of an interim signal at the intersection, it was determined that a traffic study should be performed to determine the most appropriate permanent intersection treatment. Both signal and roundabout control alternatives will be analyzed. It is now programmed for design in FY22, ROW in FY23, and construction in FY24. Kick off meeting was held in January 2022. *City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development*

Locust Grove Road, Victory to Overland and roundabout at Victory: 99% design is available for review. ACHD intends to sign for 35 MPH. The hawk signal will be moved to half-way between Mastiff and Puffin; ROW will continue in FY 2022, and construction will be in FY 2023. Widen Locust Grove to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, multi-use pathway and at-grade side street crossings. Recessed crossings are not included in this design. Project includes a dual-lane roundabout at Victory. Projects includes replacement/widening of bridge #2116 over the Tenmile Creek on Victory Rd and connection on the north end of a sidewalk gap to the west. Here is the project website: [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_locust-grove-victory-to-overland.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_locust-grove-victory-to-overland.aspx)  
*City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development*

Eagle Road, Lake Hazel to Amity: Design is planned to be complete by summer 2022. A landscape planting plan is being created for the basin adjacent to this project. Design concept includes center medians. Construction in 2024. 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:

[http://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_eagle-lake-hazel-to-amity.aspx](http://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_eagle-lake-hazel-to-amity.aspx)

*City Staff Contact: Miranda Carson, Community Development*

Lake Hazel and Eagle Signal: The design includes significant grade changes of the existing intersection and will integrate large retaining walls. Right-of-way is scheduled for 2021-2022. Construction in 2024. 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:

[http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_intersection\\_lake-hazel-and-eagle.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_intersection_lake-hazel-and-eagle.aspx)

*City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development*

Fairview, Jericho Road to Eagle & Locust Grove Signal: **Project has been extended to Jericho Road just west of Locust Grove Road. Construction is expected to start 2025.** Separate bike and pedestrian facilities are being designed. Recessed crossings are being discussed. 99% design anticipated to be complete in March 2022. This project is exceptionally complex with multiple curbs, materials, and elevations. Z-crossing just west of Fairview/Webb being considered. 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. **ROW 2022-23.** Here is a link to the project website:

[https://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_fairview-avenue-locust-grove-road-to-eagle-road.aspx](https://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_fairview-avenue-locust-grove-road-to-eagle-road.aspx)

*City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development*

Ustick, Ten Mile to Linder: Concept report has been received. Construction is planned for 2025, but may be moved up to 2024. Concept includes two pedestrian bridge crossing options over Five Mile Creek with a signalized crossing over 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. Widen Ustick Rd to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, center medians, and multi-use pathway from Ten Mile Rd to Linder Rd. Here is a link to the project website: [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_road\\_ustick-road-ten-mile-to-linder.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_road_ustick-road-ten-mile-to-linder.aspx)  
*City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development*

Ustick, Ten Mile to Black Cat: Concept includes medians. Parks is interested in exploring landscape improvements. Widen to 5-lanes with center medians, and reconstruct Ustick & Black Cat Intersection. Initial approach for intersection is a roundabout. Signalized crossing at Naomi (location of new ACHD yard, south of wastewater facility). Design in 2023, ROW in 2023-2024, and construction in 2025.

Amity Rd and Locust Grove Rd Signal: Design kick off began on the ultimate configuration October 20th. ACHD is considering both a roundabout and a signal. The full scope is not yet determined, but the project will include sidewalks or a pathway to Mary McPherson Elementary. The interim project was terminated by ACHD. Instead a more final full overhaul of the intersection under a larger project will likely be constructed in FY24 or FY25.  
*City Staff Contact: Brian McClure, Community Development*

Lake Hazel Road, Eagle to Cloverdale: Widen Lake Hazel Rd to five 11' lanes with curb gutter and 10' to 14' detached multiuse path on both sides, narrowing the path as necessary to avoid obstructions in accordance with the completed scoping sketch. Install a retaining wall on the north side on front of existing development. Relocate the existing utility poles into the buffer between the roadway and the multi-use path. Bridge improvement included to remove and replace the existing bridge over the Ten Mile Creek. Design will begin November 2022. Construction is planned for 2026.  
*City Staff Contact: Miranda Carson, Community Development*

Eagle Road Signal Improvements: Installation of detection equipment was completed the end of October. The traffic signal controllers will be replaced by ACHD staff; that has to be completed before the new software system can start collecting data. Evaluation won't begin for several more months (after data is collected).

## **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.

FY2021 Residential Capital Maintenance: **This project is on the 90-day bid list; notice to proceed is set for May 2022.** Segments included: 5th, Franklin to Bower; 4th, Broadway to State; State Ave, Meridian to E End; Bower, Main to East End; 4th, Washington to North End;

5th, State to N End; 2nd, Idaho to State Ave  
*City Staff Contact: Miranda Carson, Community Development*

FY2022 Residential Capital Maintenance: 75% design was distributed to the project team. ACHD is aiming for complete streets where possible. Segments included: E Broadway Ave, E 3<sup>rd</sup> to E 6<sup>th</sup>; E Washington Ave, NW 7<sup>th</sup> to Meridian Rd; W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, W Pine to north end; W Maple Ave, W 1<sup>st</sup> St to N Meridian Rd; NW 8<sup>th</sup> St, W Carlton to W Washington; W 2<sup>nd</sup> St, W Cherry Ave to W Cherry Ln; W Idaho Ave, W 8<sup>th</sup> St to N Meridian Rd; NW 4<sup>th</sup> S, W Broadway Ave to north end; and W Cherry Ave, NW 4<sup>th</sup> St to Meridian Rd. The following segments may also be added: W 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, W Washington St to W Carlton Ave and NW 7<sup>th</sup> St, W Washington St to middle school micro-path. [http://achdidaho.org/Projects/2022/proj\\_road\\_fy-22-residential-capital-maintenance-meridian.aspx](http://achdidaho.org/Projects/2022/proj_road_fy-22-residential-capital-maintenance-meridian.aspx)

*City Staff Contact: Miranda Carson, Community Development*

FY2023 Residential Capital Maintenance: Kick off meeting was held November 18<sup>th</sup>. Segments included: 01<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> St; Interlachen Ct, west end to Interlachen Way; Laurel Ct, south end to Verbena Dr; Tobago Ct. E., west end to SE 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

*City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development*

FY22 Arterial & Collector Capital Maintenance: 95% design was distributed to the project team. The two Meridian roadway segments are Victory Rd, Black Cat Rd To Ten Mile Rd & Amity Rd, Meridian Rd to Locust Grove Rd.

## ITD PROJECTS

ChindenWest Corridor: This project will result in 4 travel lanes (two in each direction). Widening will take place to the south of the existing alignment and be constructed to accommodate future widening to 6 travel lanes (three in each direction) with high capacity intersections at roads with river crossings. Project website:

[www.ITDprojects.org/ChindenWest](http://www.ITDprojects.org/ChindenWest)

ID-16 to Linder: This section of the project is complete.

Locust Grove Road to Eagle Road: This section of the project is complete.

Linder Road to Locust Grove Road: Locust Grove Road to Meridian construction is anticipated Spring 2022. All four lanes from Linder to Meridian are open.

Star Road to ID-16: Construction is planned for 2023.

*City Staff Contact: Caleb Hood, Community Development*

**Idaho Highway 16 extension, U.S. 20/26 to I-84: It is anticipated the I-84 to Franklin portion will be bid out late March 2022, and the Ustick to Franklin 2nd will be id out mid-April. They will have a 4 week advertisement period. The middle portion from Franklin to Ustick will lag a little behind and will be out to bid late summer into fall. Construction will begin Summer 2022.** Initial construction will include: Five miles of highway between U.S. 20/26 and I-84; an initial interchange at SH-16/I-84; overpasses at Cherry Lane, McMillan Road, and the

railroad; stop-controlled intersections at Franklin Road and Ustick Road; and an updated layout for the current U.S. 20/26 intersection. ITD is also completing the design of the future interchanges at Franklin Road, Ustick Road, U.S. 20/26 and State Highway 44. Additional funding will be needed to build these interchanges. Project website: [www.ITDprojects.org/Idaho16](http://www.ITDprojects.org/Idaho16)

SH-69, Kuna to Meridian Traffic Study: ITD is currently reviewing typical cross-sections and a drainage report is being developed that will determine typical cross-section widths. ITD is studying options to improve safety, mobility and access on Idaho 69 between Kuna and Meridian. The current concept includes continuous flow intersections, median U-turn intersections, reduced conflict U-turn intersections, additional traffic lanes, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. There is currently no funding identified in ITD's seven-year budget for the SH-69 improvements. Here is a link to the project website: <https://itdprojects.org/projects/id69corridor/>

## **PATHWAYS**

South Meridian Neighborhood Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan: Scoping began on the 5 sub projects. Two projects are on Locust Grove Rd: Palermo Dr pedestrian crossing and bridge #1207 just south of Victory. Three projects are improvements along Stoddard Road, Victory to Overland. Design is planned for 2022, and 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. Here is a link to the project site: [http://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj\\_program\\_south-meridian-neighborhood-bicycle-and-pedestrian-plan.aspx](http://www.achdidaho.org/Projects/proj_program_south-meridian-neighborhood-bicycle-and-pedestrian-plan.aspx)

Hollandale/Targee Bikeway Study: ACHD has invited the City to participate in a concept study for a bikeway that goes from Locust Grove Rd to Entertainment Ave along local roads. The purpose of the study is mainly to emphasize the bike route as a low-stress bikeway with signs and pavement markings.

Rail with Trail: In the fall of 2012, the City applied for an \$85,000 grant to study the Rail with Trail (RWT) pathway crossing of streets (7 crossings; Black Cat to Locust Grove). Currently, there are funds for pathway construction in the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) in 2022.

Nine Mile Creek, Linder to Meridian: The path is proposed to run from Linder to Meridian along the Nine Mile Creek drain just north of the railroad. City Parks Department is working with a consultant to negotiate easements for four (4) parcels from Linder to 8<sup>th</sup> St. The City currently has obtained all but one required easement from 8th to 3rd. We are currently pursuing acquisition of easements from 8th Street west to Linder, and from 3rd Street to Meridian Road as a future phase of this project.

Five Mile Creek Pathway: The Quartet Subdivision developer is constructing pathway north of the Five Mile through the proposed development and partnering with the City to add a pedestrian component to their vehicular bridge. The City is working with an engineering consultant on construction plans for the remainder of the run on the south side of the Five Mile Drain (from Quartet, east to the existing McNelis Pathway). This includes a crossing of the Nine Mile Drain, with tentative plans to install a bridge crossing after the 2022 irrigation season wraps. Design and construct a portion of the Five Mile Creek pathway near the Wastewater Resource Recovery Center (WWRRC). The bulk of this pathway will be constructed as a condition of development. The City plans to invest in pedestrian crossings of the Nine Mile and Five Mile

Drains to skirt the WWRRC and achieve continuity with existing McNelis Pathway along the Five Mile Drain.

### **OTHER PROJECTS**

Valley Regional Transit: Valley Regional Transit launched the Connected Meridian project on [engagevalleyregionaltransit.org](https://engagevalleyregionaltransit.org). The intent behind the project is to collect public input on a wide variety of public transportation options for the City of Meridian. Services in Meridian include: Harvest Lifestyle service, a Veterans shuttle to the VA, and intercounty Routes 40 and 42. Route 30 Pine from the Ten Mile Interchange area through downtown to The Village will launch in 2022. For more information visit: <https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/>  
*City Staff Contact: Miranda Carson, Community Development*

Ada County Transportation Action Plan: **The Transportation Action Plan was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in February 2022. The full document can be found on the plan page.** The purpose of the TAP is for Ada County to identify a broad set of transportation policies, goals, and strategies for the unincorporated parts of Ada County. Here is a link to the plan webpage:  
<https://adacounty.id.gov/developmentservices/transportation-action-plan/>



# MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

**From:** Miranda Carson  
**Presenter:** Stephen Lewis  
**Topic:** Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing Locations

**Meeting Date:** March 7, 2022  
**Estimated Time:**

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At a February ACHD Pedestrian Advisory Group meeting, the attached maps were presented, which show locations of existing and planned enhanced pedestrian crossings (i.e., PHBs or RRFBs). The group was asked to review our areas and come back in April with two things: 1) confirm the existing facilities that are shown, and 2) locations where an enhanced crossing is needed but not shown.

Commissioner Lewis is a member of this advisory group. He will be presenting the maps. The intent of the discussion is to review the locations and begin consideration of where other crossings may be needed. This item will also be on the April agenda to finalize the Commission's recommendations.

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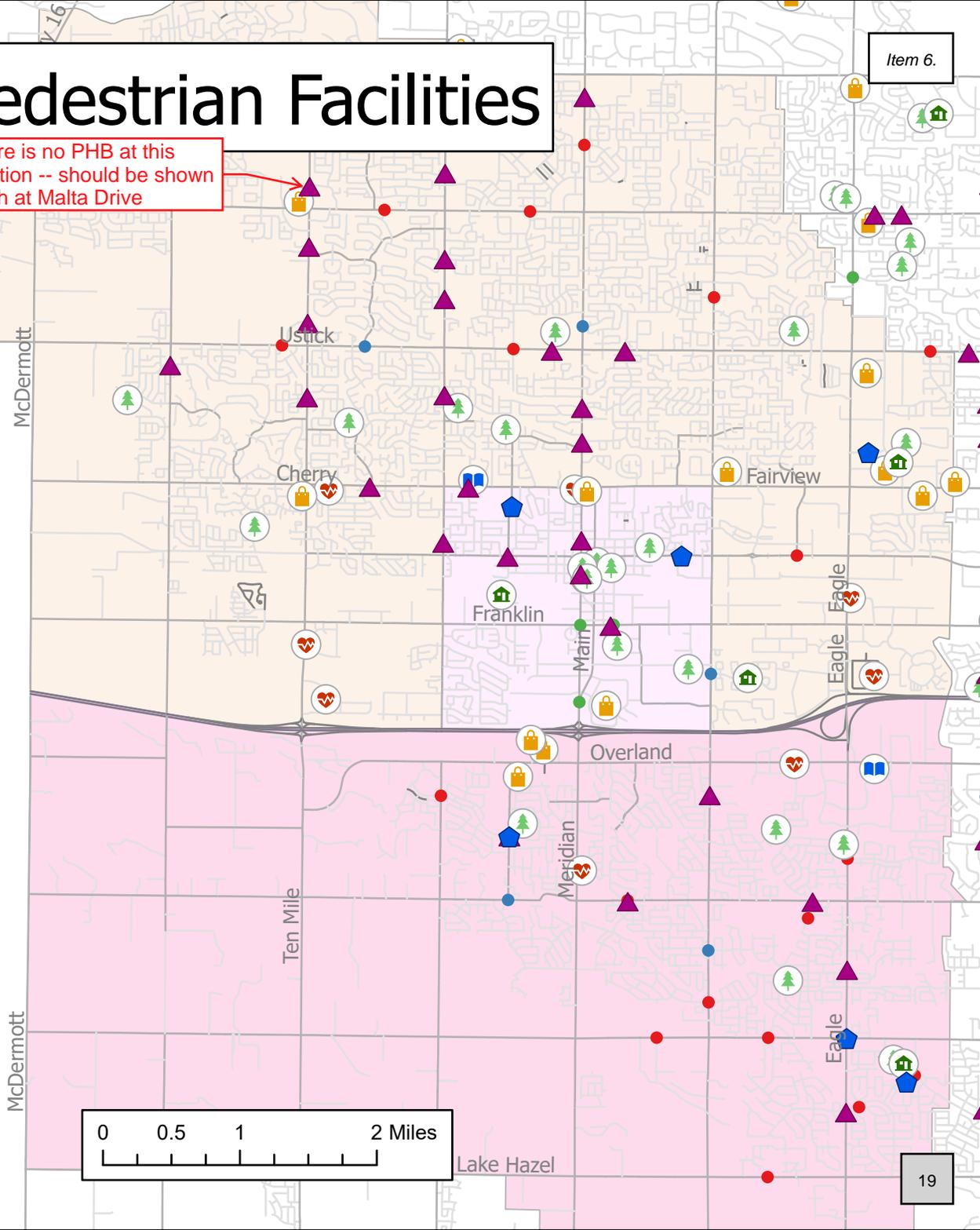
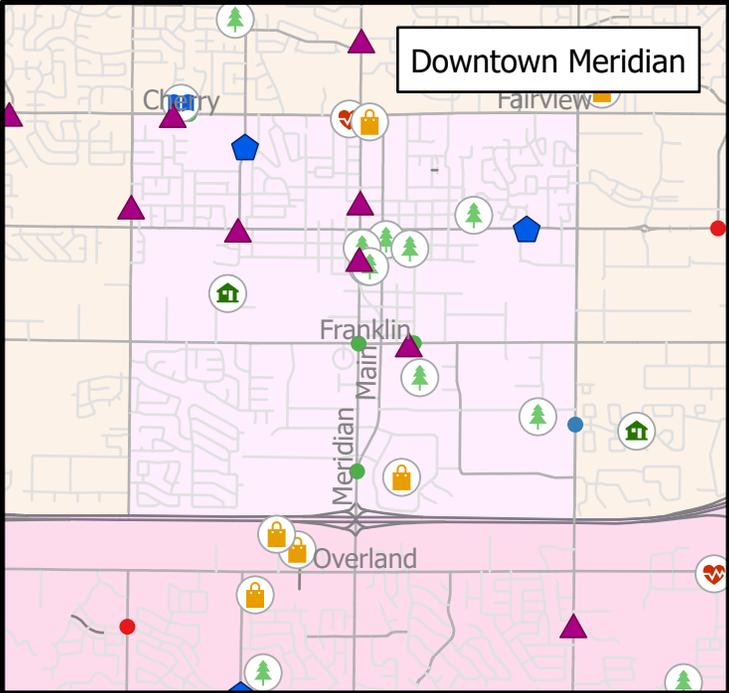
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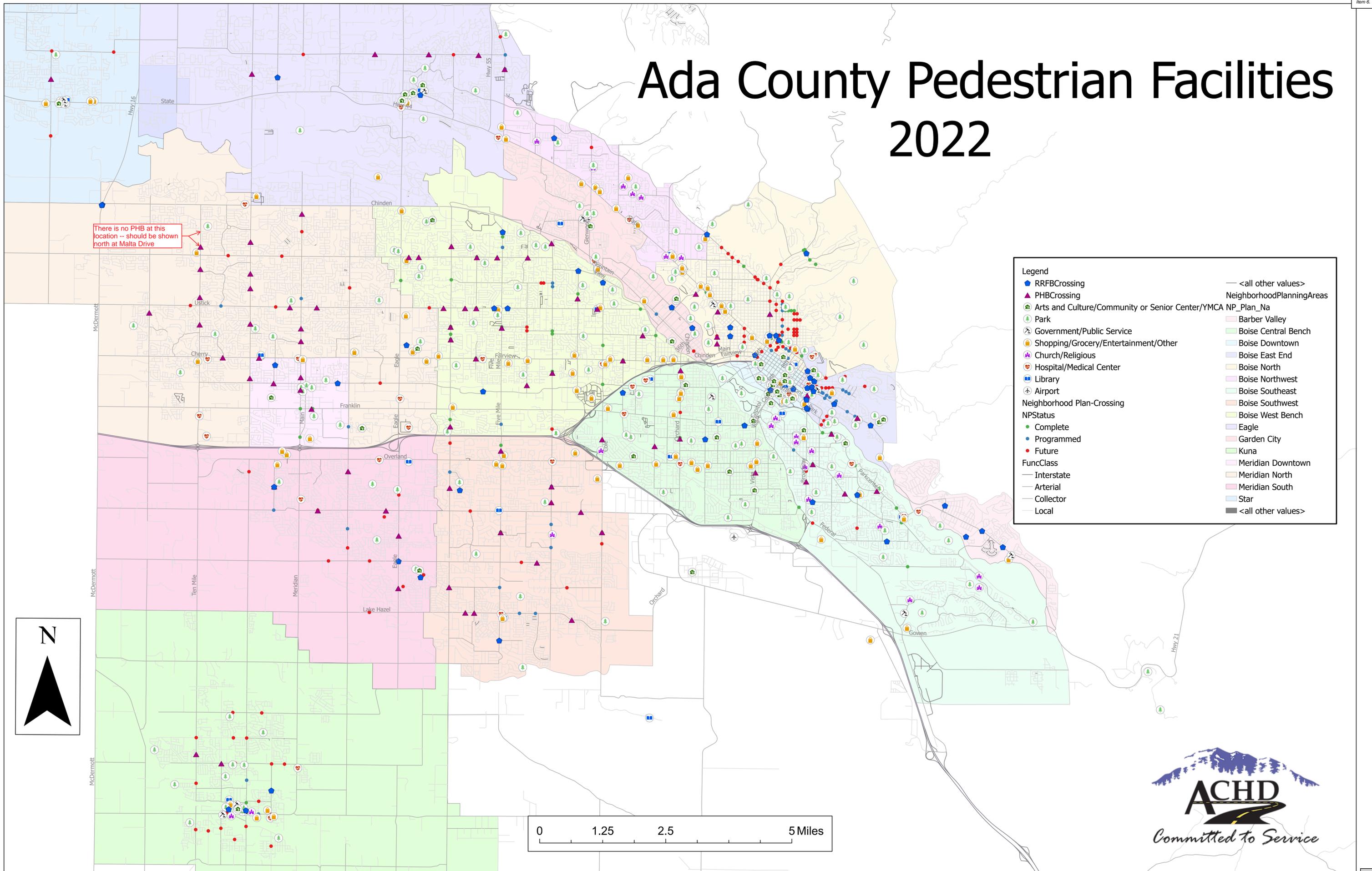
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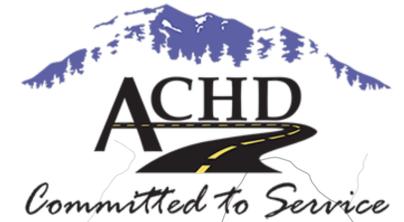
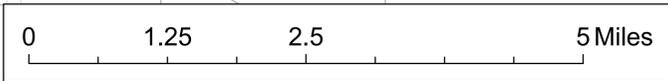
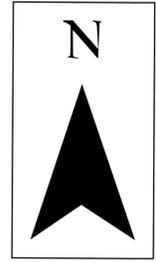
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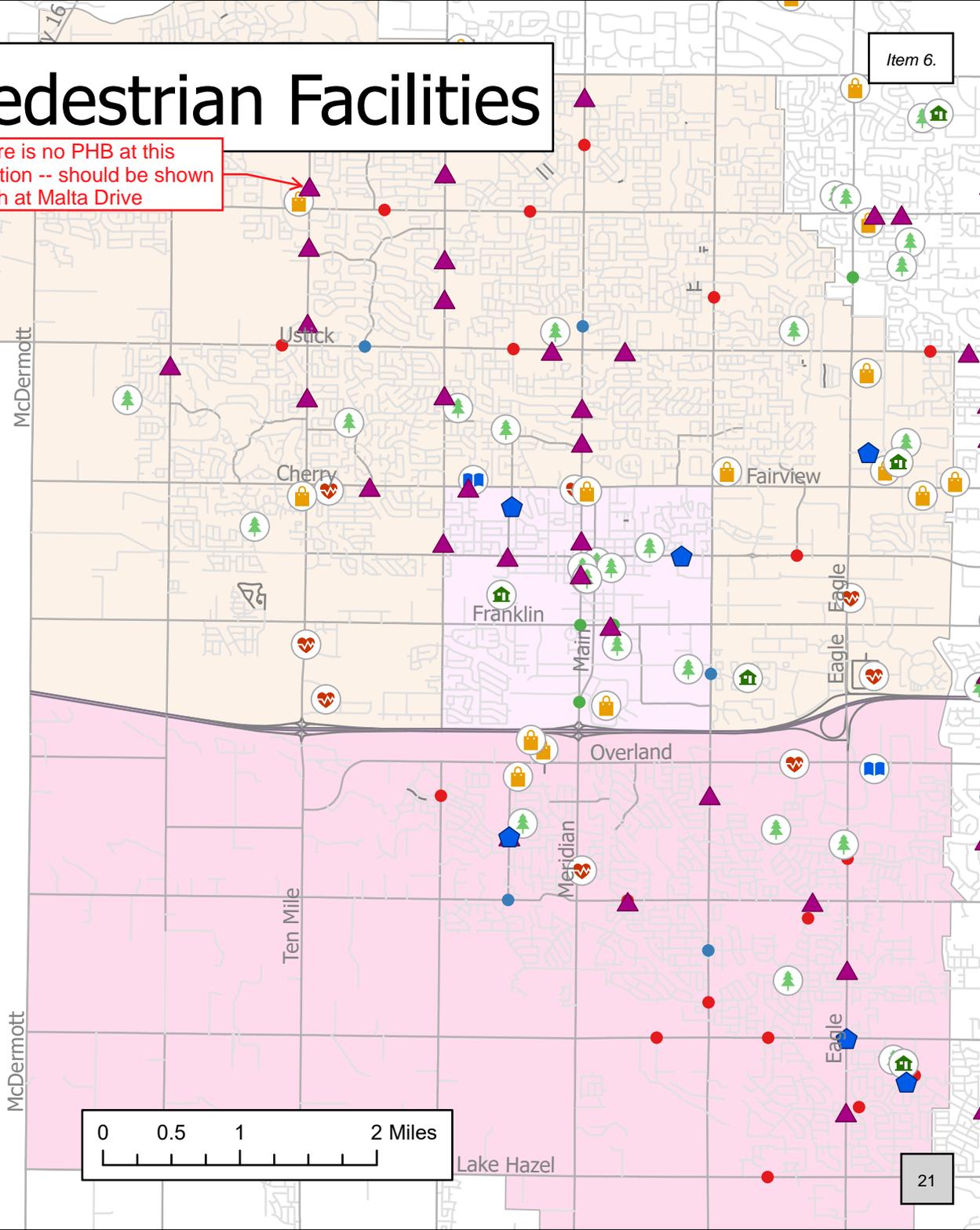
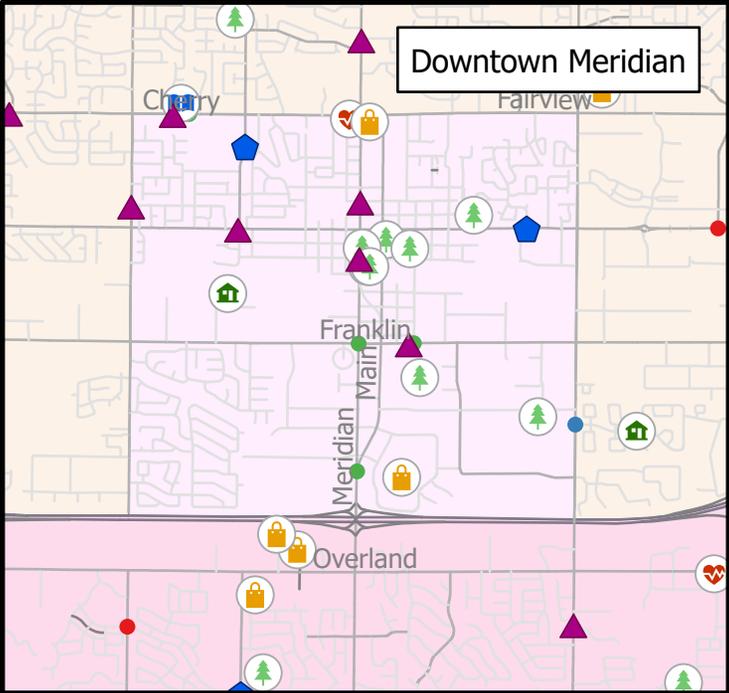
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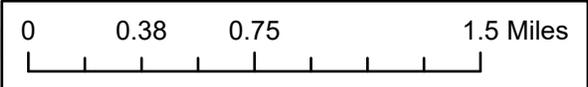
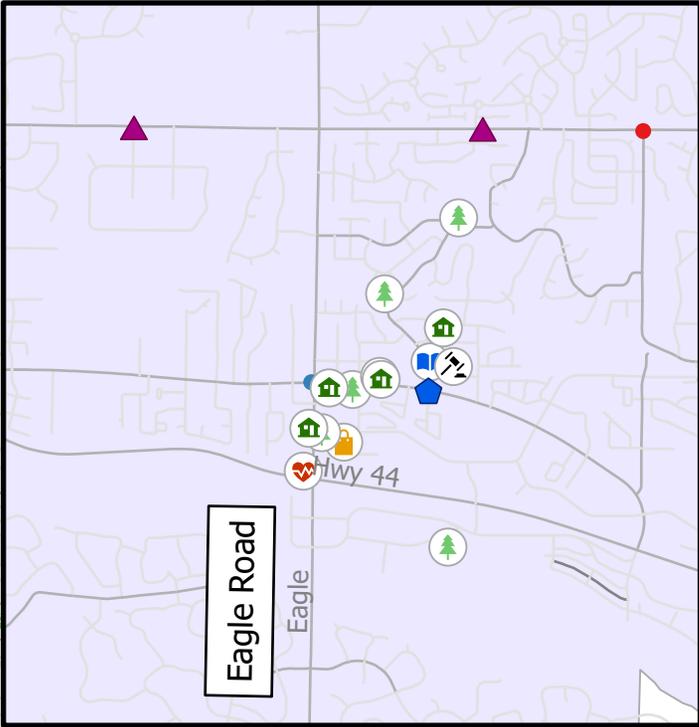
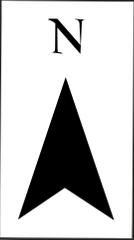
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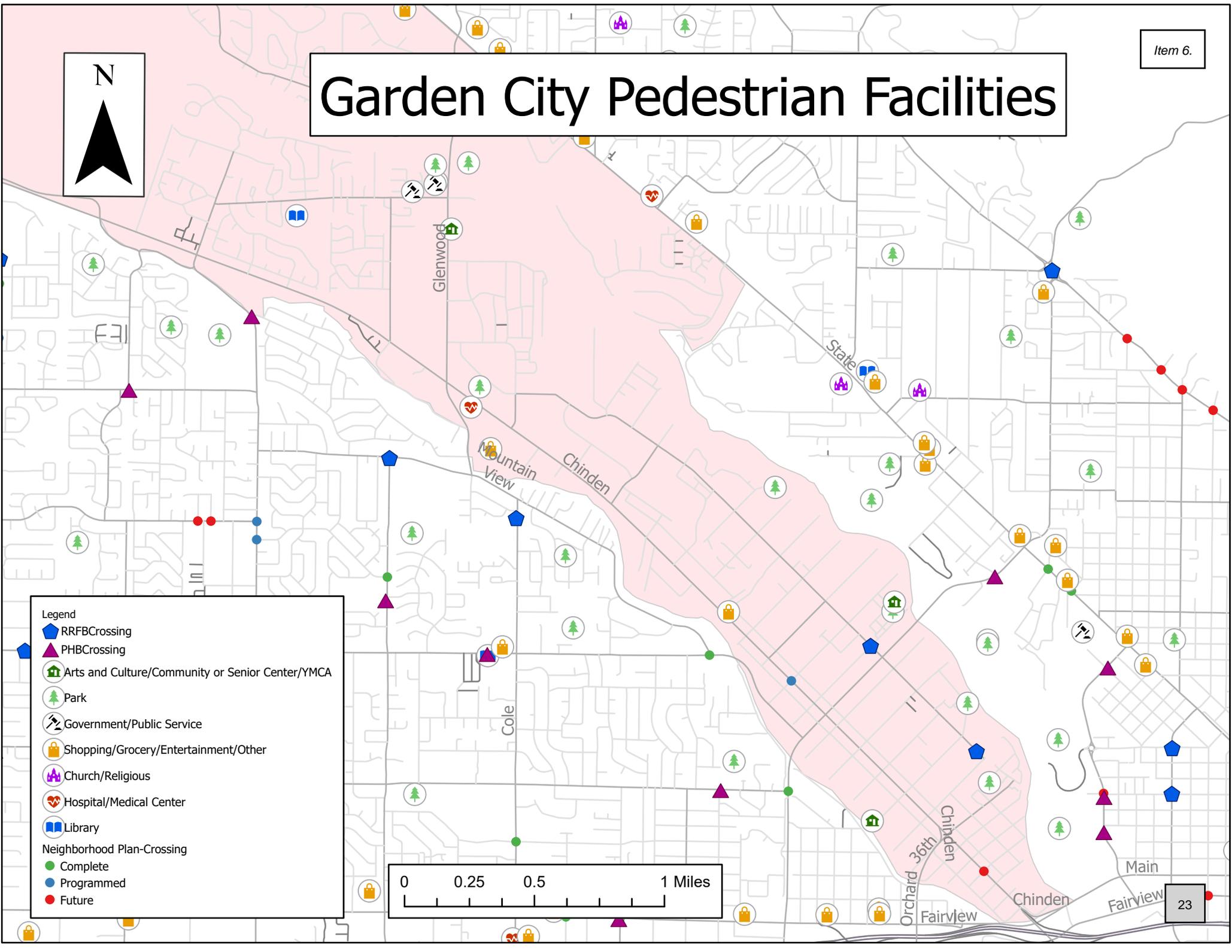
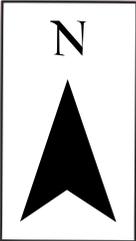
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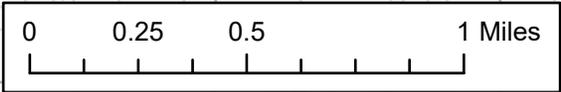
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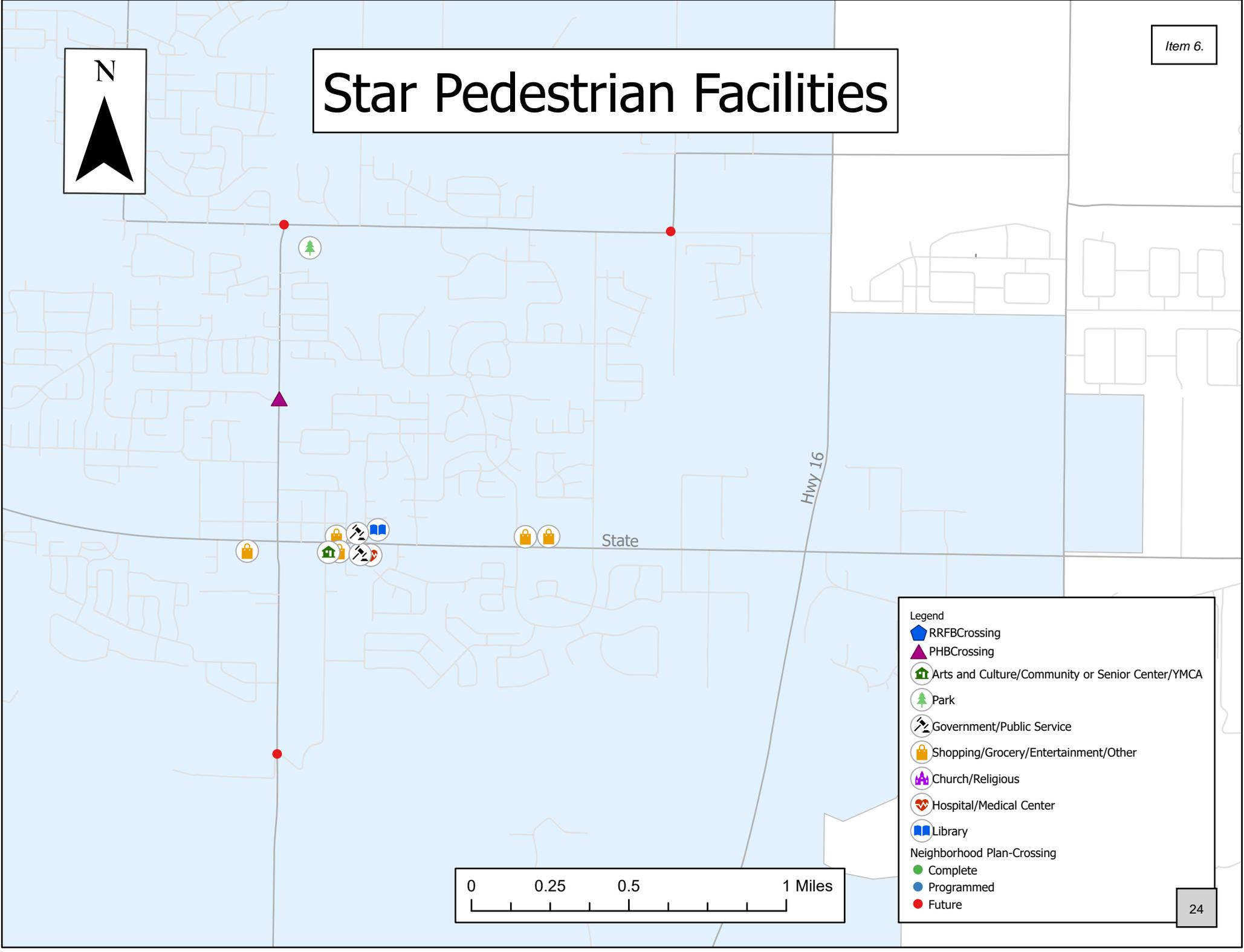


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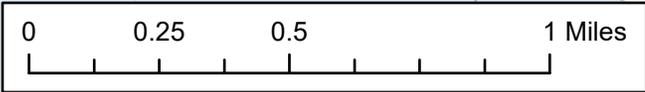


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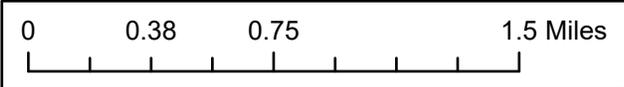
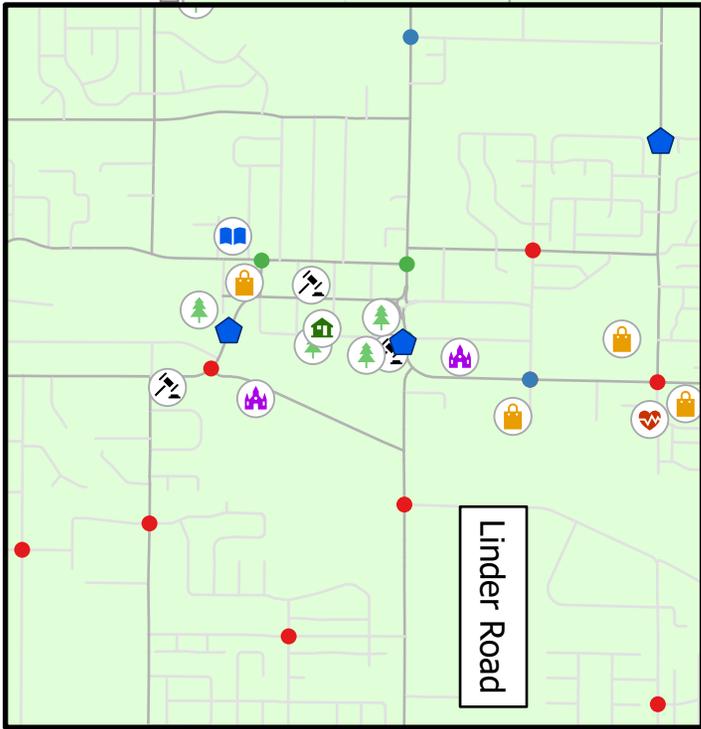
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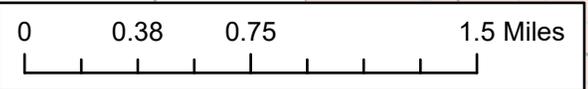
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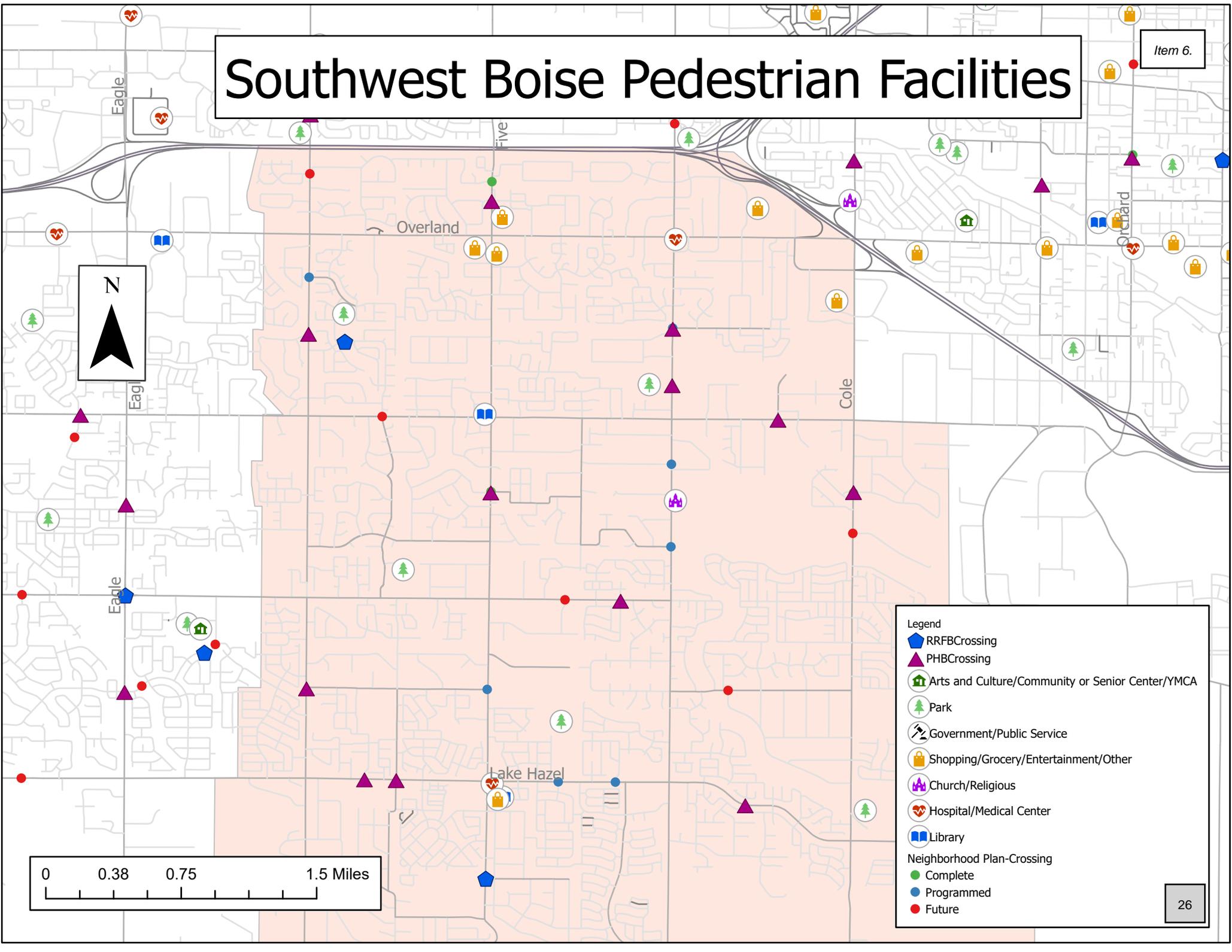
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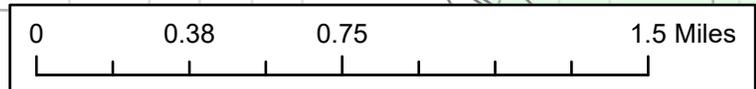
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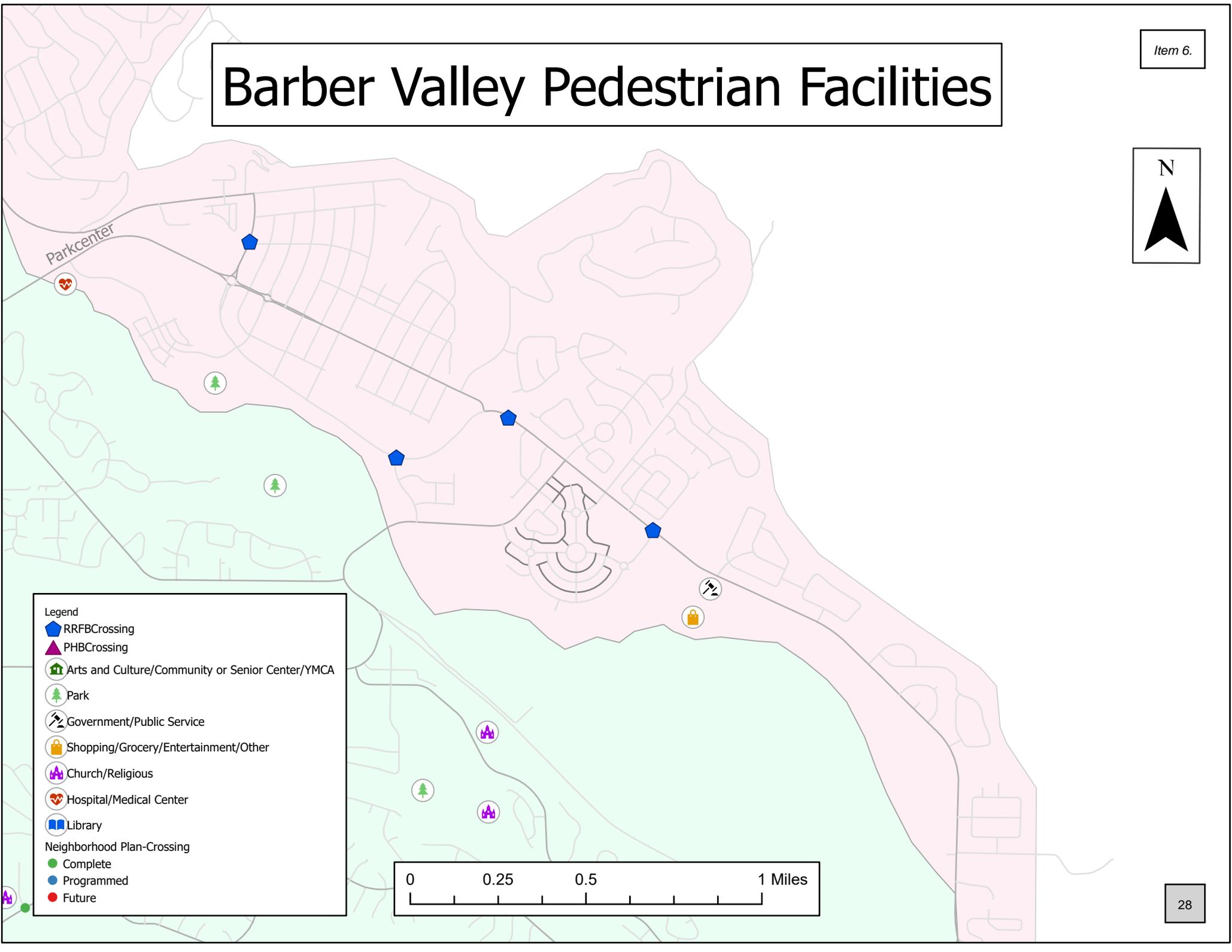


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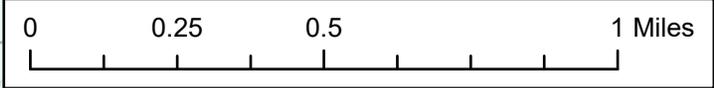


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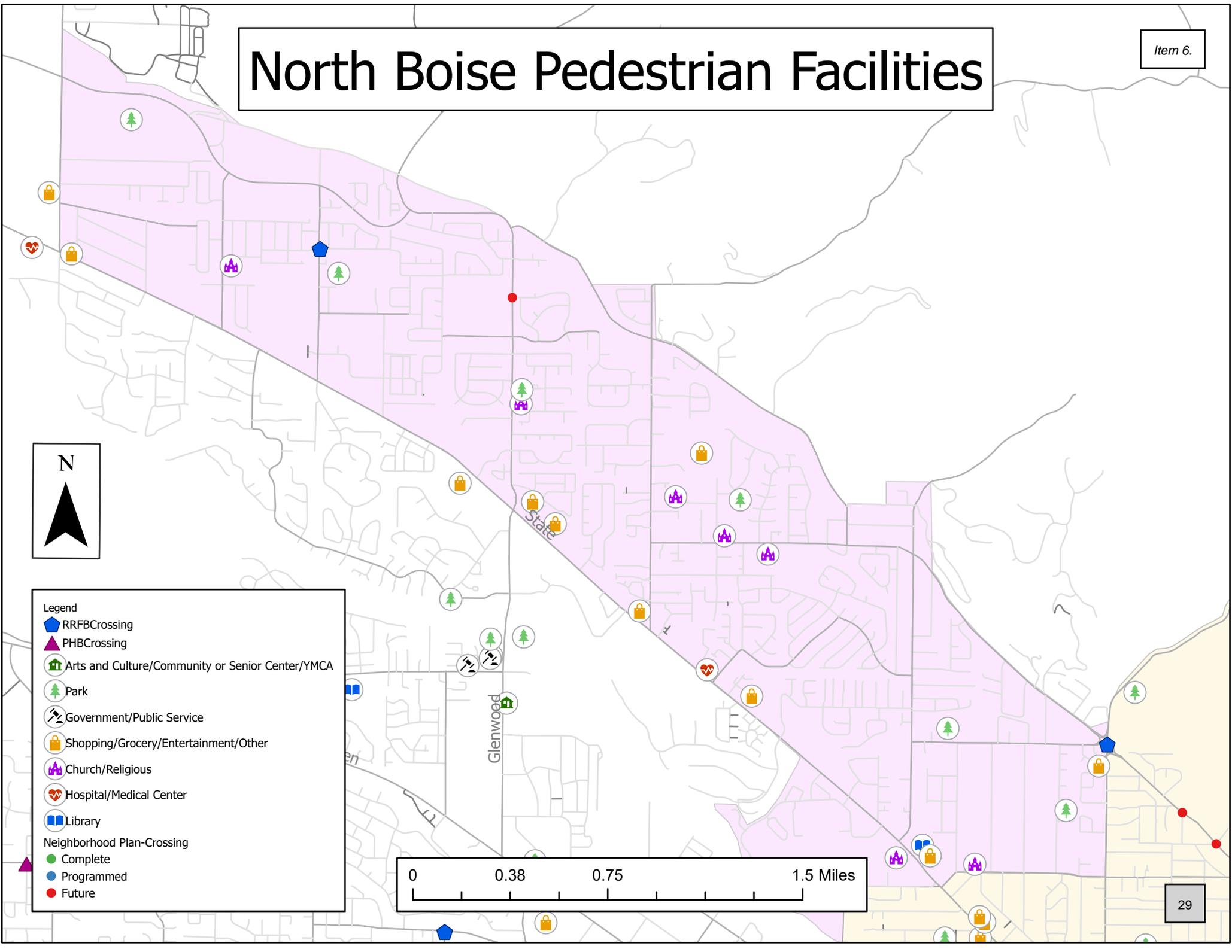
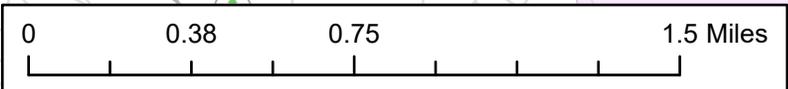


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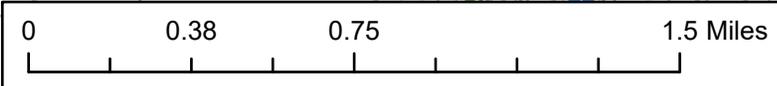
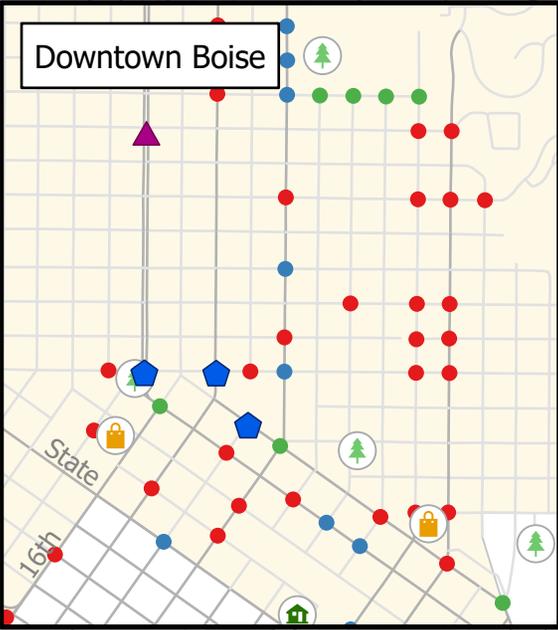
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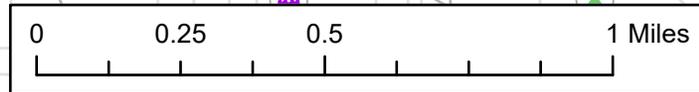
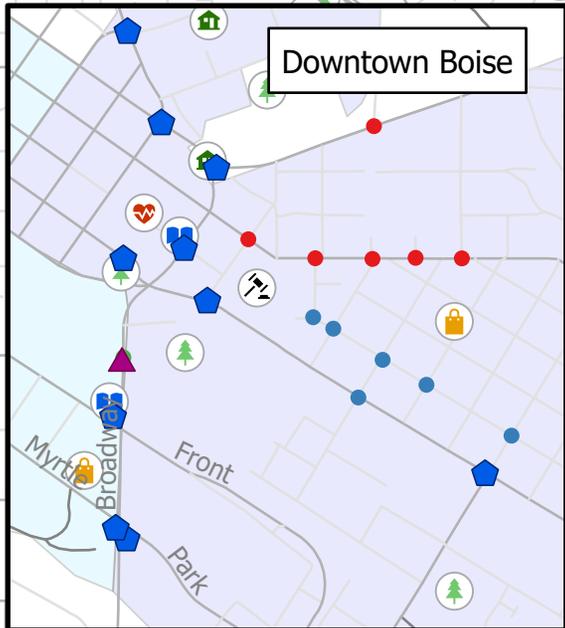
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# Downtown & East End Boise Pedestrian Facilities



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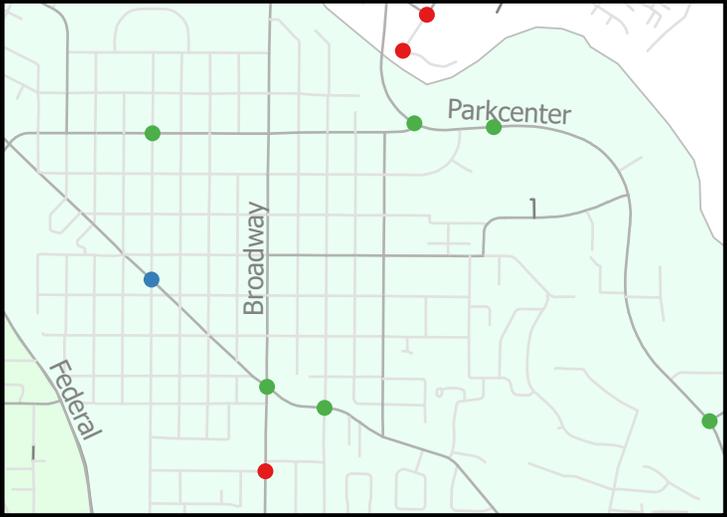
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# South East Boise Pedestrian Facilities

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In March, the Ordinance and Development Subcommittee again met and revised the proposed ATV/UTV ordinance based on citizen input. ACHD introduced the South Meridian Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to the Commission. The Meridian Downtown Business Association presented input on alleyways in Downtown Meridian.

In April, a citizen concern regarding parking on Washington Street was discussed. The Prioritization Subcommittee met to begin reviewing projects for inclusion in the IFYWP. The Ordinance and Development Subcommittee again met to discuss the ATV/UTV ordinance draft.

In May, the Commission discussed a citizen concern regarding turning traffic at Chinden and Black Cat. The Ordinance and Development Subcommittee met to discuss the ATV/UTV ordinance draft, and Mr. LeClaire presented the draft to the Commission. A motion was passed to recommend the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance change.

In June, a citizen concern regarding parking on Deer Crest was discussed. ACHD introduced the new Livable Streets Performance Measure for All as a metric of pedestrians' and bicyclists' level of stress on the respective facilities. VRT presented possible solutions to the issue of parked cars blocking a future bus stop at Pine and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Downtown Meridian Parking Study completed by the Community Development department was presented.

In August, ACHD provided an update on the South Meridian Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to the Commission. COMPASS presented the FY2022-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

In October, Girl Scout Troop 401 presented on a pedestrian crossing concern on McMillan between Ten Mile and Linder. Commission members were very impressed with their presentation and conveyed it to ACHD who is aware of the problem and plans to address it in the near future. The girls were encouraged to continue to speak up to public officials as they see things with which they are concerned.

In November, Valley Regional Transit presented on ridership of the fixed route, Harvest Transit, and VA Shuttle systems. Sergeant Justin Dance was introduced to the Commission as the new Police Department representative. There was a discussion regarding preservation for local road access to Chinden, west of ID-16.

In December, the Commission was given a demonstration on the use of various tools and resources that can be used to explore construction project updates that are not part of the regular monthly Transportation Projects Update memo.

A complete record of TC minutes can be found here:

<https://weblink.meridiancity.org/WebLink/Browse.aspx?id=222036&dbid=0&repo=MeridianCity>.

The Transportation Commission is grateful for the opportunity to provide service to the citizens of Meridian and City Council regarding transportation systems in our community.



# MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

**From:** Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner      **Meeting Date:** March 7, 2022  
**Presenter:** Miranda Carson      **Estimated Time:** 5 minutes  
**Topic:** Staff Communications

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

### I-84 at Eagle Off Ramp Update

In response to issues with traffic at the Eagle Road off ramp ITD has provided the following updates for improvements:

We have laid out the striping and plan to restripe most of the off ramp to 2 lanes when paint and equipment are available in the spring. The plan is for end of April. There will only be 1 exit lane still, but widen to 2 lanes on the offramp.

There has also been money allocated to work on a study and design to build an auxiliary lane from the Meridian Interchange to Eagle. That will be a more permanent fix and allow for 2 lanes to be able to exit at Eagle. No construction funds have been allocated yet so there isn't a schedule for construction yet.

### SH-16 Update

We received the following update on SH-16:

We are very close to going out to bid on the two ends of SH-16. From I-84 to Franklin then the other is Ustick to US-20/26. They will go out to bid about 2 weeks apart from one another. The current plan is to go with the I-84 to Franklin first (late this month) and the Ustick to Franklin 2nd (mid April). They will have a 4 week advertisement period. The middle portion from Franklin to Ustick will lag a little behind and will be out to bid late summer into fall.

We are also presently working on the design of what we are calling phase 3. This includes the full interchanges at SH-44, US-20/26, Ustick, Franklin, and the system IC at I-84. The portion that is going out to bid now is for at grade signalized intersections at US-20/26, Ustick, Franklin, and a service IC at I-84. The phase 3 wont be ready for construction until early 2024, and funding is not yet available for phase 3 construction.

## Zaldia and Montague Citizen request

We received a concern from a citizen regarding traffic coming off Eagle Road through the Zaldia roundabout and into the Tuscany subdivision. ACHD is planning a speed study. Here is the response from John Wasson at ACHD:

We have requests in from residents. I'll be ordering out the counts in 2-3 weeks. I want to give them the best opportunity for weather not to muck up the data

Zaldia east of Eagle Road - requested

Tybolt, Montague to Beatrice - requested

Nothing yet on Montague. We evaluated it several years ago and it met the criteria and they got a petition together, but it failed the cut thru study by quite a bit – the number of parents driving children to school counts as destination trips, not as cut thru trips and that killed the cut thru study. The neighborhood did not want to pay for traffic calming.

ACHD has left the All Way Stop at Montague/Rome in place for the time being following the Eagle/Amity/Zaldia project.

## RV Parking Citizen Complaint

We received a concern from a citizen regarding an RV parking within 30' of a stop sign Woodhouse Avenue between W. American Fork Drive and W. Woodington Street. After reviewing the issue with the citizen, Emily Kane, and Chief Basterrechea, it was determined that the RV is not currently in violation of any State or Local code.

The citizen inquired on changing City code to have vehicles over 6' from park further than 30'. It was determined that we cannot make the City Code more restrictive than the State. The citizen was referred onto State legislators. I see that as her next step if she wants to pursue state code change. She expressed appreciation for the time that went into this by the City and understood that we do not have any further action we can take.

Below is the in depth review from legal on this issue:

Idaho Code section 49-660(1)(b)(4) and Meridian City Code section 7-2-2(B)(4) are functionally identical: Parking is prohibited within 30' of a stop sign. Idaho Code section 49-660(1)(b)(4) further specifically states that cities can pass an ordinance allowing a lesser parking distance for vehicles under 6' tall. The City of Meridian hasn't done that, which means that all vehicles, regardless of their height, must park at least 30' from stop signs. There isn't an issue of which code section prevails, because there is no conflict, but if the City were to pass a different code to allow vehicles under 6' to park closer to stop signs, that City code provision would apply.

The question we need to answer in order to address Ms. Morris's concern is whether the City can pass an ordinance requiring a greater parking distance from stop signs for vehicles over 6' tall. Generally, cities are allowed to pass more restrictive codes as long as the statutes do not specifically prohibit it. However, Idaho Code section 49-206 does specifically prohibit municipal regulation of motor vehicles and parking, unless a statute in Title 49 specifically authorizes it. (This begs the question: why, then, do we have city code provisions that reiterate the state code provisions? I don't know. Maybe because our code is older than Idaho Code section 49-206? Whatever the reason, we should delete the duplicative provisions in City Code.)

In sum: Idaho Code section 49-660(1)(b)(4) does not specifically allow cities to prohibit the parking of 6'+ vehicles farther than 30' from stop signs. This means that the City cannot pass an ordinance requiring a greater parking distance from stop signs for vehicles over 6' tall.

ACHD could put up signs that enlarge the parking distance from stop signs to greater than 30', but this would apply to all vehicles, not just to vehicles over 6'. Ms. Morris is advocating for a broader solution but this might be a stopgap if a street is designed in a way that presents a particular danger.

Final thought – RVs can only be parked in one place for 72 hours, per Meridian City Code section 7-2-5(A)(1)(b). If they are there longer, Ms. Morris can contact Code Enforcement.

**Idaho Code section 49-660(1)(b)(4):**

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, in compliance with law, the directions of a peace officer or traffic control device, no person shall: . . . Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers: . . . Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic-control signal located at the side of a highway; provided, however, that local authorities may by ordinance or resolution permit the standing or parking of vehicles which are six (6) feet or less in height within such thirty (30) foot distance, or as may be specified by ordinance or resolution or as may be designated with appropriate signs;

**Meridian City Code section 7-2-2 (B)(4):**

Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, no person shall . . . Stand or park a vehicle, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger or passengers: . . . Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.

**Idaho Code section 49-206:**

The provisions of this title shall be applicable and uniform throughout this state in all political subdivisions and municipalities and no local authority shall enact or enforce any ordinance on a matter covered by the provisions of this title unless expressly authorized.

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## Idaho Walk Bike Alliance Legislative Updates- Week Seven

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### Idaho Walk Bike Alliance

*Go Places...Safely!*

The 2022 Idaho legislative session is now in full swing as bills are moving through the lawmaking process. Below is an update on the bills we are following.

**[HB 525](#) – Driver's Licenses, Pending in Senate Transportation Committee.**

Since driver's licenses are needed for identification purposes and licenses being withheld generally last only a short duration, this proposal would make the seizure of licenses that have been suspended unnecessary. Passed unanimously in the House.

**[HB 526](#) – Commercial License Reinstatement, Senate Floor.**

This proposal seeks to implement a program that would include criteria such as a clean driving record for 3 years, completion of an online defensive driving course, truck driver safety and successful completion of knowledge and skills testing. It is expected this proposal would result in 250 drivers returning the first year, with 100 more in each successive year. Passed unanimously in the House.

**[HB 527](#) – Driver's Licenses; Citizenship, Pending in Senate Transportation Committee.**

This legislation would allow for drivers to add an insignia designating US citizenship on their licenses. Drivers would be required to provide proper documentation when applying. Passed through House.

**[HB 528](#) – Personal Delivery Devices, Pending in Senate Transportation Committee.**

Amends existing Idaho State Code to include additional locations where personal delivery devices can operate and device weight from 250 to 550 lbs. Passed through House. IWBA opposes.

**[HB 529](#) – Vehicle Registration Stickers, Pending in House Transportation & Defense Committee.**

This proposal would eliminate the requirement that license plates have stickers identifying the month and year of expiration, as law enforcement are already adequately equipped with technology that can determine if plates are expired or not.

**[HB 539](#) – Suspended Driver's Licenses, Pending in Senate Transportation Committee.**

In accordance with a recommendation from the State Supreme Court, this proposal would allow those with suspended driver's licenses to be able to renew, with the existing suspension being transferred to the new license. Passed through House.

**[HB 571](#) - School Buses Speed Limit, Pending in Senate Transportation Committee.**

Allows school buses to travel up to 70 miles per hour on the interstate. Passed through House.

**[HB 683](#) - Driver's Ed and Parent Instruction, Pending in House Transportation & Defense Committee.**

This legislation would allow qualifying parents and legal guardians to be private educators for Class D Driver's Training Instruction Permits. This legislation aims to enable citizens from rural areas who

must travel long distances to take their children to required public or private driver's education instructors by reducing the need to pay expensive fees for private education.

**[SB 1254](#) – Air Quality Programs, Unanimously passed Senate Transportation Committee, amended on the floor, awaits full Senate vote.**

Removes the requirement for vehicle emissions testing in the Treasure Valley. It removes statutory language that established a Treasure Valley Air Quality Council and provides a process for the Department of Environmental Quality to decide whether to recommend to the legislature that Regional Air Quality Councils be formed to address future air quality concerns when stated thresholds are met.

**[SB 1307](#) – License Plates Single, Pending in Senate Transportation.**

This bill would allow for motorists to only need one plate that is shown on the rear of their vehicle. IWBA opposes.

***On Friday, February 18, 2022, the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee approved the Idaho Transportation Department's proposed budget for the Pedestrian Safety projects with a unanimous vote of 20-0.***

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*In addition to this update, all bills from the 2022 Idaho Legislative Session can be viewed through the [Idaho State Legislative Website](#). The Governor's Bill Tracker can be viewed [HERE](#). A link to the Governor's State of the State Address and Budget Highlights can be viewed [HERE](#).*

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