



## TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho  
Monday, December 06, 2021 at 3:30 PM

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### Agenda

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#### ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

<input type="checkbox"/> David Ballard	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke Cavener, Ex-Officio - City Council
<input type="checkbox"/> Zachary Shoemaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Shawn Martin, Ex-Officio - ACHD
<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Lancaster	<input type="checkbox"/> Toni Tisdale, Ex-Officio - COMPASS
<input type="checkbox"/> Walter Steed	<input type="checkbox"/> RD Huntley, Ex-Officio - WASD
<input type="checkbox"/> Tracy Hopkins	<input type="checkbox"/> Alissa Taysom, Ex-Officio - VRT
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Lewis	<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Price, Ex-Officio - ITD
<input type="checkbox"/> Jared Smith	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom LeClaire	
<input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Leckie	

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA [ACTION ITEM]

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

- [1.](#) November 1, 2021

#### OLD BUSINESS [ACTION ITEM]

- [2.](#) Transportation Projects Update - M. Carson

#### NEW BUSINESS [ACTION ITEM]

[3.](#) Staff Communications - M. Carson

[4.](#) Transportation Construction Updates - M. Carson

**FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

5. Election of Officers (January)
6. Fields Subarea Plan (February)
7. I-84, Eastbound Off-ramp at Eagle Road
8. Field Trip 2022
9. Valley Regional Transit Service Update

**NEXT MEETING - January 3, 2022**

**ADJOURNMENT [ACTION ITEM]**

## Meeting Minutes

### Meridian Transportation Commission

#### November 1, 2021

#### Virtual Meeting Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81023239736>

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**(Due to audio issues the meeting was called to order late at approximately 3:47 p.m.; and roll was taken. The Zoom portion of the meeting began as scheduled)**

<u>  x  </u> Walter Steed	<u>  x  </u> Stephen Lewis	<u>  x  </u> Shawn Martin (Ex-Officio-ACHD) (via zoom)
<u>  x  </u> David Ballard	<u>  x  </u> Jared Smith (via zoom)	<u>  x  </u> Toni Tisdale (Ex-Officio-COMPASS) (via zoom)
<u>  x  </u> Ryan Lancaster	<u>  x  </u> Zachary Shoemaker	<u>  x  </u> RD Huntley (Ex-Officio-WASD)
<u>  x  </u> Tom LeClaire (via-zoom)	<u>  x  </u> Joseph Leckie	<u>  o  </u> Alissa Taysom (Ex-Officio VRT) (via zoom)
<u>  x  </u> Tracy Hopkins	<u>  x  </u> Luke Cavener, (Ex-Officio)	<u>  x  </u> Justin Price (Ex-Officio ITD) (via zoom)

Others Present: T. Baird, M. Carson, Lt. B. Frasier, Sgt. Dance, C. Hood

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Prior to the motion to adopt, Chairman Steed requested that item 8 (ACHD-CICAC) be removed from the agenda as the City Attorney's office and ACHD are in discussion on the topic. The topic will be postponed until the December meeting.

A motion by Commissioner Lancaster to adopt the amended agenda was made; second by Commissioner Lewis – all ayes – motion passed.

#### **I. Approval of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes**

Chairman Steed called for any corrections, comments or needed changes to the October 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Lancaster noted the needed changes to the Roll Call section to reflect the he and Commissioner Lewis along with Sgt. Frasier were not in attendance. Additionally, Commissioner LeClaire and Commissioner Shoemaker were in attendance via zoom.

Chairman Steed also noted that on page 3 under Staff Communications that he as well as Councilman Cavener provided commentary on the Compass School traffic item.

Commissioner Ballard made a general inquire to City Counsel regarding outside research and/or discussion that is brought to the Commission and if there is any conflict as it relates to the public record. Ted Baird responded, but his audible response was not captured through the zoom recording. No other discussion took place and a motion was made by Commissioner Hopkins to

adopt the October 4<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended; second by Commissioner Ballard – all ayes- motion passed.

Prior to continuing with Old Business Chairman Steed requested of the Commission to move up item 4 under New Business and the introduction of Sgt. Dance as the Commission's new Police Liaison representative.

Chairman Steed acknowledged, newly promoted, Lt. Frasier and asked him to introduce Sgt. Dance. Sgt. Dance provided a brief introduction of himself.

## **Old Business Items**

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

Ms. Carson addressed the Commission and noted that new items are in bold. Ms. Carson will highlight a few of the notable items and stand for questions at the end.

Ms. Carson began with the ACHD IFYWP and noted that the public partner comments period is open right now. Comments can be submitted directly to ACHD through the link in the packet [projects@achdidaho.org](mailto:projects@achdidaho.org) or the Commission may choose to submit their recommended comments to City Council for submission to ACHD. The revised draft was provided to Ms. Carson earlier today. Ms. Carson opened the revised draft that was adopted at the ACHD meeting September 23<sup>rd</sup> and highlighted some of the changes in that document. Items in red were bumped out further, items in blue were moved forward and there were 2 items removed from programming. The most notable change was the Eagle to Overland item that was removed from programming altogether. Ms. Carson will forward the spreadsheet to the Commission after the meeting. Ms. Carson asked the Commission to review the updated draft and if there are any concerns to open discussion to formulate the comments the Commission wants to send to City Council, for an official position to be sent to ACHD. It's Ms. Carson's understanding that the revisions were due to budgetary shortfalls. Discussion was opened and had. Chairman Steed requested that the Commission have time to study the document and then provide comments. The Commission has until November 15<sup>th</sup> to submit comments directly to ACHD or send their comments to Miranda, so they can be compiled and sent to ACHD, by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

It was suggested that the subcommittee review the revised ACHD draft and formulate a synopsis to send to the Transportation Commission and/or City Council. Due to noticing requirements the earliest the subcommittee could meet would be between November 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. If any Commissioners would like to send comments to the subcommittee, those should first be sent to Ms. Carson who will compile them and send to the subcommittee. Ms. Carson will notify the full Commission on the date of the subcommittee meeting and work back from that date to get any comments from the full Commission, to forward to the subcommittee prior to their meeting. In the interest of time, the subcommittee Chair Commissioner Smith has sent an invite to the subcommittee members.

Ms. Carson continued with the next item on the Transportation Projects update of the Linder Road overpass. The RFQ for design is open and responses are being accepted.

On Page 8, Ms. Carson highlighted the Ten Mile Road, Victory to Overland and Ten Mile/Victory Roundabout is going through a redesign for one-way bike facilities behind the back of curb.

On the bottom of page 9 Ms. Carson noted the Ustick, Ten Mile to Linder project and that center medians are being planned as part of the project.

Ms. Carson concluded by noting the Amity Rd and Locust Grove Rd Signal, which ACHD was planning to construct an interim solution is now back on with a full ultimate design of both a roundabout and signal. In addition, sidewalks or a planned pathway feature will connect to Mary McPherson Elementary.

Ms. Carson stood for questions, none took place.

## **New Business Items**

### **3. Valley Regional Transit Service Update (A. Taysom)**

Ms. Taysom presented instead of Mr. Hunt. Ms. Taysom reviewed the FY2021 Ridership numbers in 3 areas:

- Fixed Route Ridership
- Harvest Transit
- VA Shuttle

Ms. Taysom began by sharing her presentation online and then reviewed the data starting with the Fixed Route Ridership program and the results from 2021. Currently there are 3 existing fixed routes.

- 30 Pine (which has been delayed due to Covid)
- 40 Nampa Express
- 42 Happy Day Transit Center to Towne Square Mall.

Ridership has increased in the month of September, with an overall increase of 14%. Routes 40 & 42 collectively have increase 23% with a 20% of the stops being Meridian stops. Ridership is being closely monitored to determine the new launch date for 30 Pine. There was a decrease in ridership between FY20 and FY21, attributable to the Covid pandemic.

VRT also has 3 specialized services

- Harvest Transit – increased ridership with a total of
- Meridian VA Shuttle
- Rides 2 Wellness

Ms. Taysom reviewed the 3 specialized service route ridership information and shared relative commentary on those programs. There has been a slight increase in VRT ridership from FY20 to FY21. The Meridian VA Shuttle service launched in May of 2021 and year to date have had 66 total trips. Ridership is being monitored closely for all programs to determine long-term growth.

Ms. Taysom concluded her presentation and stood for questions, which took place. Commissioner Ballard inquired about long-term plans for bringing on new equipment and Chairman Steed inquired about what advertising efforts are occurring for the VA Shuttle service.

#### **4. Introduction of New Traffic Sergeant (Chairman Steed)**

Moved up to before Old Business to allow Lt. Frasier to depart as needed.

#### **5. Meridian Police Department – (Sgt. J. Dance)**

Item skipped as introduction took place prior to Old Business and the Sergeant was called away.

#### **6. Chinden Access West of Hwy 16 (M. Carson)**

Ms. Carson directed the Commission's attention to the memo on page 16 of the packet. Ms. Carson provided a high-level summary of that memo and ITD's request for input regarding access to Chinden west of Hwy-16.

Ms. Carson asked the Commission to provide a collective opinion that could be provided to City Council on behalf the City.

Chairman Steed opened the topic for discussion. Commissioner Ballard provided feedback but the audio did not clearly capture his comments. Commissioner Lancaster also provided input and suggested any opinion provided should be consistent with the Administrative Code (that governs access points along highways, as this is a two mile stretch from a coast to coast highway), as well as adhering to the access spacing in the ITD corridor plan for Chinden. Both Commissioner Hopkins and Commissioner Lewis provided comments, regarding the current state of ½ mile signalized markers and that being consistent with the ITD corridor plan for an urban area.

Commissioner Lewis made the motion that ½ mile signalized markers are appropriate for the City of Meridian on Chinden West of Hwy 16; second by Commissioner Hopkins. Discussion occurred and Commissioner Lewis amended his motion to state that the signalized ½ mile markers are appropriate and should be at collector streets. The call for a vote by Chairman Steed – all ayes – motion approved.

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

Ms. Carson noted that she would highlight a few of the items included in the Staff Communication Memo which begins on page 17.

Ms. Carson began by noting an update on the COMPASS Charter School and the discussion that took place last month regarding the addition of a left turn lane on Black Cat into COMPASS Charter School. ACHD will not be adding a left turn lane at this time. The decision was made

that the addition of a left turn lane would need to be part of the future widening project for Black Cat Road.

On pg. 19 towards the bottom of the page Ms. Carson noted a discussion she and Chairman Steed had about Transportation Improvements as part of a Development project. These Developer roadway items are not part of the ACHD webpage as they are not managed by ACHD, rather they are managed through the development process. After their discussion it was agreed that a running list of projects required by new developments may be a good task for the Development Review subcommittee to maintain.

Ms. Carson stood for questions and Chairman Steed opened the floor for discussion on the Staff Communication topics, which took place. Ms. Carson suggested that the Development Application subcommittee meet and she will provide a brief tutorial on how to find the information on roadway projects constructed through the development process by using the online resources available to the public.

## **8. ACHD Capital Investment Citizen Advisory Committee (W. Steed)**

Item vacated from the agenda. To be discussed at a future meeting.

## **9. January Meeting Date (W. Steed)**

Chairman Steed opened the discussion and solicited feedback on continuing the regularly scheduled January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 meeting. The Commission and staff confirmed that the January 3<sup>rd</sup> date would work.

Prior to further discussion Ms. Carson wanted to highlight one other item from the Staff Communications update, and directed the Commission's attention to page 36 and the open comment period for the TIP amendment regarding the auxiliary lane on I-84. Any comments can be submitted directly to COMPASS, Ms. Tisdale or Ms. Carson.

Additionally, Commissioner LeClaire proposed that the Development Review Subcommittee meet on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm prior to the regular Transportation Commission meeting.

Chairman Steed opened the topic of Future Meeting Topics and asked for any needed edits. The CICAC Volunteer will be added to the December meeting along with an update from the Development Review Subcommittee.

### **Future Meeting Topics**

**10. Field Trip 2022**

**11. Fields Subarea Plan**

**12. CICAC Volunteer (Dec)**

**13. Street Cleaning operations/scheduling**

**Next Meeting Date: December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## Adjourn

Chairman Steed requested a motion to adjourn; made by Commissioner Lewis; second by Commissioner Ballard – all ayes- meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:

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WALTER STEED, CHAIR

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DATE

ATTEST:

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CHRIS JOHNSON (City Clerk)

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DATE



# MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

**From:** Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner      **Meeting Date:** December 6, 2021  
**Presenter:** Miranda Carson      **Estimated Time:** 10 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 Initial Draft of the Integrated Five-Year Work Plan (IFYWP) is in the process of being revised due to funding availability in the Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Budget. **At the December 1st Work Session, the the ACHD Commission will review public outreach results. The City of Meridian response letter is attached.** 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 2021-2025 IFYWP was adopted by the ACHD commission on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and can be found here: <https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PlansProjects/IFYWP.aspx>

*City Staff Contact: Miranda Carson, Community Development*

Linder, Overland to Franklin: **The RFQ for design is closed, and consultants are being evaluated for selection. Design is estimated to begin in February 2022 and run for 18 months.** An interagency agreement between ACHD, ITD and the City is being drafted. 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: **Minor punch list remaining.** Widen 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*

McMillan/Black Cat Intersection: Signalize and expand the McMillan Road and Black Cat Road Intersection to a 3x3 configuration. Pedestrian facilities will be added at the intersection in the form of ADA-compliant ramps and signal infrastructure; no additional sidewalk will be constructed beyond what is needed for the pedestrian ramps. The new traffic signal at the intersection will accommodate the 3x3 configuration with flashing yellow arrow capability for the left-turn movements if desired. This project is currently programmed for ROW in FY 2021 and construction in FY 2022.

Locust Grove Road, Victory to Overland: Widen Locust Grove to 5 lanes with curb, gutter, multi-use pathway (with no bike lanes) and at-grade side street crossings. ACHD does not plan to include recessed crossings in this design. The hawk signal will be moved from just south of Mastiff to north of Mastiff, between Mastiff and Puffin; despite City staff request, there is not a pedestrian refuge island currently planned. Additional ROW acquisition due to design changes is now anticipated through FY 2022, and construction is anticipated FY2022. 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*

Victory/Locust Grove Roundabout: ROW will now continue through FY 2022 and Construction will be in FY2023. Construct a multi-lane roundabout. 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*

Ten Mile Road, Victory to Overland and Ten Mile/Victory Roundabout: **Construction scheduled to begin January 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*

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; City Council opted not to request the center medians be landscaped on this project. Construction may be delayed to 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. ROW is programmed in FY 2022. Construction is planned for 2023 in the adopted IFYWP with a cost of \$3.4M. 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 will be delayed to 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, Locust Grove to Eagle & Locust Grove Signal: Bike lane treatment is an ongoing discussion. ACHD has a consultant that will be providing recommendations for how to handle bike crossings. Bike lane is planned to be separated and elevated from the vehicle travel lanes. ACHD is planning to replace existing walks, to address ADA issues, but keep detached where possible in same locations to the degree possible. A Z-crossing just west of Fairview/Webb is 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. Design in 2020-2021 and right-of-way acquisition in 2021-22. Construction may be delayed to 2024. 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 work continues with the design team. Likely significant impacts to landscape buffers on south side of the street, and a retaining wall necessary along Five Mile Creek. ACHD tentatively looking at two pedestrian crossings. Design will include multiuse pathways with 4-foot minimum buffer. 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. Construction is planned for 2025. 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: 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).**

2021 Residential Capital Maintenance Project: ACHD's objective with maintenance projects has expanded outside pavement rehabilitation and now aiming for complete streets. The project is

currently in the design phase, and construction is planned for the spring/summer of 2022. The City has requested the segments include a travel lane in each direction, on-street parking parallel to a curb with gutter and sidewalk. The project includes the following segments: 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

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: All four lanes from Linder to Meridian are open. Motorists can expect periodic lane closures throughout the summer as crews continue work in the intersections and adjacent to the roadway. All remaining work will take place during off peak hours. Periodic flagger control at intersections is also anticipated in the evenings to complete stripping and landscaping. Locust Grove Road to Meridian is in the property acquisition negotiation phase. Construction is anticipated in 2022. All parties are committed to completing this work as soon as possible to achieve four uninterrupted lanes of traffic, two-in-each-direction, from Eagle to State Highway 16.

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: This will include the first portion of the interchange at I-84; at grade intersections at Franklin, Ustick, and US-20/26; bridges over Cherry Lane and McMillan Road with no connections; bridges over the railroad, 10 Mile Creek, 5 Mile Creek; pedestrian bridge over 5 Mile Creek east of McDermott Road; and a few improvements to the local roads on Franklin, Ustick, and McDermott. Design and ROW are in process. Construction of is expected to begin in 2022 and take 2-3 years. At this point, it is too early to know the location where ITD will begin construction; likely the 2 ends will be constructed first. 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

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 City applied for a COMPASS grant to design and construct a portion of the Five Mile Creek pathway near the Wastewater Resource Recovery Center (WWRRC). The City informed COMPASS that we will pursue completion of this project with local funds instead of Federal. There has been purchase and development action on the properties north of Five Mile Creek, west of the WWRRC. Additionally, ACHD has purchased a parcel to the south of the WWRRC. It appears that the bulk of this pathway will be constructed by these new owners 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.

South Meridian Neighborhood Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan: **The plan was adopted by the ACHD Commission October 27<sup>th</sup>.** 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)

*City Staff Contact: Miranda Carson, Community Development*

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

Valley Regional Transit: The Harvest Lifestyle service has been operating since December 2016; the service is operated by Harvest Church in partnership with VRT. The Veterans Shuttle service for Meridian Veterans to schedule rides to the VA Medical Center in Boise launched May 2021. A new route from the Ten Mile Interchange area through downtown to The Village will launch in 2022. Intercounty routes 40 and 42 also serve Meridian residents. For more information visit:

<https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/>

*City Staff Contact: Miranda Carson, Community Development*

Ada County Transportation Action Plan: Ada County, working with consultant Kittelson & Associates, is creating the Ada County Transportation Action Plan (TAP). 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/>

Eagle Road Bike/Ped Project Development: COMPASS has contracted with Keller Associates to further develop a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the corridor. The boundaries of the project are Overland and Chinden.

Shared Vehicles: The City does not currently have an RFP out. Meridian Downtown Business Association (MDBA) will monitor the climate and recommend back to the City when they believe micro mobility is appropriate.



Mayor Robert E. Simison

**City Council Members:**Treg Bernt  
Joe Borton  
Luke CavenerBrad Hoaglund  
Jessica Perreault  
Liz Strader

November 15, 2021

Kent Goldthorpe  
Commission President  
Ada County Highway District  
3775 Adams Street  
Garden City, ID 83714

Dear Commissioner Goldthorpe:

The City of Meridian appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft 2022-2026 Integrated Five Year Work Plan (IFYWP) provided in early November. Our comments continue to reflect the City's position in February, 2021 and we may provide addendum comments prior to the ACHD public hearing in December as our Council has not yet had a chance to review this topic due to the shortened comment period.

As you know, our top priority is the development of the Linder Road Overpass. With direct funding of \$2.5 million from the City, a Federal infrastructure bill that will provide more than \$2 billion for federal highway apportioned programs and bridge projects in Idaho, and an RFQ for the design of Linder overpass nearly complete, we continue to ask ACHD to identify this a top priority project, including identifying 2022 as the target design completion year.

To assist in the advancement of the Linder Road Overpass and to accommodate the transportation needs that already exist within the City limits, we continue to support delay of improvements to the Ten Mile Road corridor, south of Victory Road. We appreciate ACHD's willingness to continue to work with the State to explore creative funding solutions and move this project forward through design so that it is shovel ready as quickly as possible. We also continue to highlight the importance of including programming for local road and intersection projects, including Lake Hazel Road, Locust Grove to Eagle Road and the intersection of Eagle and Overland.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact Miranda Carson, 208-884-5533, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robt', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert Simison  
Mayor

cc: ACHD Commissioners  
Meridian City Council  
Kristy Inselman, Senior Transportation Planner  
Justin Lucas, Deputy Director of Plans and Projects



# MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

**From:** Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner      **Meeting Date:** December 6, 2021  
**Presenter:** Miranda Carson      **Estimated Time:** 10 minutes  
**Topic:** Staff Communications

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

### Accessible Parking in Downtown Meridian

The City received an inquiry from Senator Lori Den Hartog regarding availability of accessible parking in Downtown Meridian. I provided the following clarification:

I am coordinating with ACHD and MDC to determine next steps on reviewing the availability of accessible parking downtown.

I did receive information from Emily Kane on parking code. Idaho Code section 49-410(7) speaks to this issue: "Any motor vehicle displaying special license plates for a person with a disability, without regard to the state of residence or displaying the special placard provided in subsections (4) and (8) of this section, shall be allowed to park for unlimited periods of time in parking zones or areas which are otherwise restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted, to park in spaces and zones designated for persons with a disability, and to park in any public parking space with metered parking without being required to pay any parking meter fee." If a person has a disabled parking placard, that person can park in any spot and not get a ticket – even a spot that would otherwise has a time limit. Here is ITD brochure that explains this:

<https://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/vehicleservices/documents/vsdisabl.pdf>

Excerpt:

Plate and Placard Use:

A motor vehicle displaying a special license plate or placard issued by Idaho or any other state for a person with a disability is subject to all Idaho motor vehicle laws and is granted the following privileges when the person with the disability is present:

1. Authorization to park in any public parking space with metered parking without being required to pay any parking meter fee.
2. Authorization to park for unlimited periods of time in parking zones or areas which are otherwise restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted.

Meridian Code Enforcement is aware of this provision. They will not issue a ticket if the disabled parking placard is properly displayed.

## Eagle Rd, Franklin to Ustick Widening

### Eagle Rd, Franklin to Ustick Widening Project Construction to begin

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is beginning construction on a project to widen SH-55 (Eagle Road) between Franklin Road and Ustick Road in Meridian. The project will increase mobility by adding a third southbound lane along this 1.6-mile segment.

Construction will begin this week and is expected to be complete in Fall 2022. Work will occur primarily at night in order to minimize traffic impacts. Nightly work will conclude each day before the morning commute begins. During the nighttime construction, speed limits will be reduced, flaggers may be directing travelers to stop, and lanes may be reduced. During the day, two southbound travel lanes will remain open to traffic.

This project is funded through a Sales Tax Anticipation Revenue (STAR) agreement with the development at the northwest corner of SH-55 and Fairview Avenue. The STAR agreement allows the developer to pay for the roadway improvements now, and be reimbursed later via sales tax revenue generated by the development. This southbound widening is the third and final phase of the original STAR agreement to expand Eagle Road to accommodate economic and population growth in the area.

Learn more about this project and sign up for construction updates @ [www.ITDProjects.org/EagleRdWidening](http://www.ITDProjects.org/EagleRdWidening).

## Keeping Up With COMPASS

### *Keeping Up With COMPASS*

November 2021

**A newsletter for COMPASS members to keep abreast of  
COMPASS Board, committee, and workgroup actions.**

**Board of Directors – October 18, 2021**

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm)

Next meeting date: December 20, 2021; Physical location TBD/Zoom

#### October Special Items:

- Accessible Parking. Received an overview of issues and opportunities regarding accessible parking.
- Design Effects on Speed. Received an overview of how road design and land use affect vehicle speeds.

#### October Action Items:

- CIM 2040 2.0 and TIP. Approved amendments to *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* ([CIM 2040 2.0](#)) and the [FY2021-2027](#) Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and approved the [FY2022-2028 TIP](#) and the associated [air quality conformity demonstration](#). Final federal approval of the FY2022-2028 TIP is expected by the end of December 2021. The FY2021-2027 TIP will remain in effect until that time.
- CIM 2050 Performance Measures. Approved *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050) [performance measures](#) and [targets](#).
- CIM 2050 Funding Policy. Approved the CIM 2050 [funding policy](#). This policy will guide funding of projects in CIM 2050 and the TIP.
- Resource Development Plan. Approved the [FY2022 Resource Development Plan](#). This plan will be used to guide COMPASS resource development activities, such as assisting member agencies in finding and applying for grants, throughout FY2022.
- NARC Board of Directors. Approved the appointment of Ada County Highway District Commissioner Mary May to fulfill the remainder of Mayor Garret Nancolas' term representing COMPASS on the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Board of Directors and approved Commissioner May to run for a full term in the next NARC Board election in June 2022.

## Executive Committee – October 12, 2021

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/execmeetings.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/execmeetings.htm)

Next meeting date: November 9, 2021; COMPASS First Floor Board Room/Zoom

### October Information/Discussion Items:

- State Highway 44 Corridor. Discussed the impacts of a decision by the Middleton City Council to remove the State Highway 44 alternate route from the city's comprehensive plan on the current draft State Highway 44 Environmental Assessment, funding opportunities, and future corridor improvements.
- State and Federal Legislative Priorities. Reviewed potential legislative priorities for the 2022 state and federal legislative sessions. This item will be brought back to the Executive Committee for recommendation to the full Board of Directors at the November 9, 2021, Executive Committee meeting.

## Workgroups

### Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: October 1, 2021

Highlights:

- Reviewed and provided feedback on the process and considerations for identifying public transportation needs and projects for *Communities in Motion 2050*.
- Discussed research findings regarding rail projects from elsewhere in the country.
- Provided input for further technical analyses of regional rail in *Communities in Motion 2050* and the supporting bus system and park and ride facilities.

### Regional Geographic Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: October 14, 2021

Highlights:

- Reviewed, updated, and finalized a request for proposals for a 2022 regional orthophotography project.

Next meeting date: TBD

Next meeting date: November 3, 2021

## Active Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: October 25, 2021

Highlights:

- Reviewed and recommended changes to a map of prioritized regional pathway segments.
- Received an overview of the COMPASS project application process.

*Next meeting date:* November 2021

## Public Participation Workgroup

Meeting date: October 25, 2021

Highlights:

- Selected Lara Disney as the 2022 Public Participation Workgroup representative on the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Provided feedback on revisions to the *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050) Vision map.
- Provided input into the concept of a CIM 2050 "master map."
- Reviewed how COMPASS communicates project performance related to regional and federal performance measures in the regional transportation improvement program (TIP).
- Discussed quality vs quantity measure of success in virtual public involvement.
- Received an overview of how to use the US Census Bureau's website to find local data.

*Next meeting date:* TBD

Access past editions of *Keeping Up with COMPASS* online at  
[www.compassidaho.org/comm/newsletters.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/comm/newsletters.htm).

## Call for Comments on TIP Amendment Regarding I-84

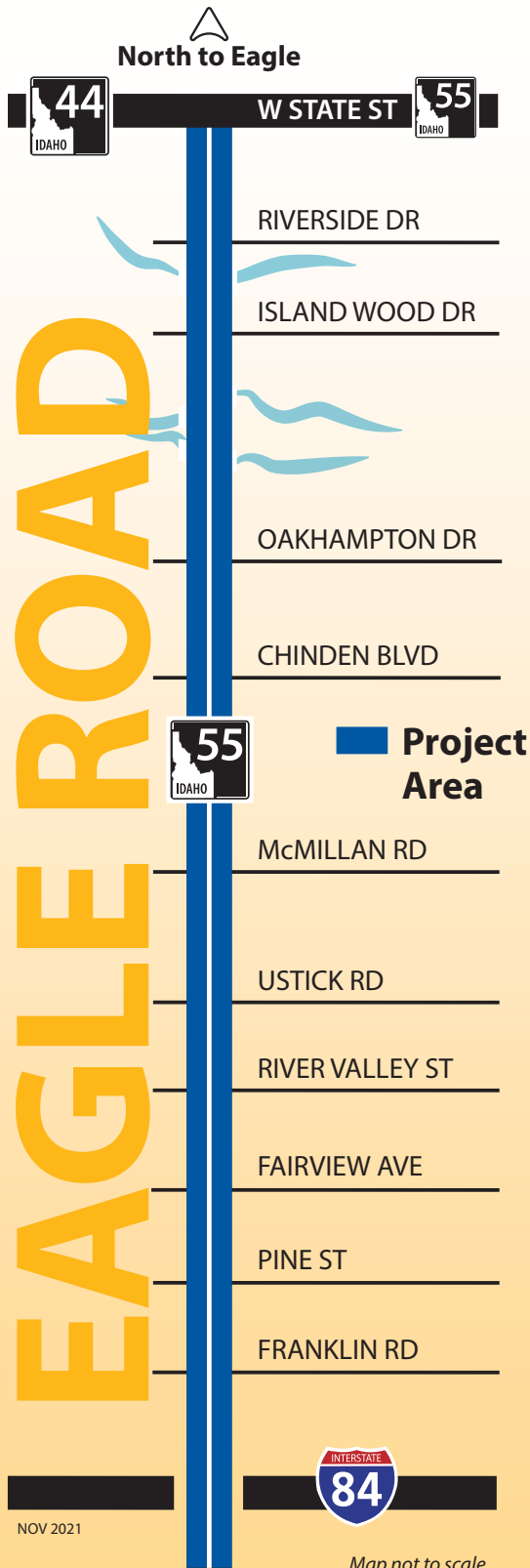
The following comments were sent to COMPASS:

The City would like to comment on the TIP amendment in support for evaluating the addition of an auxiliary lane on I-84, Meridian Road to Eagle Road. The Eagle/Overland intersection and surrounding area has been on our radar as a bottle neck of traffic congestion. The City is supportive of efforts that improve traffic in that area.

## Eagle Road Paving, I-84 to Idaho 44

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is developing plans to repave Eagle Road from I-84 to Idaho 44. They provided the attached fact sheet and maps.

# Eagle Road Improvements I-84 to Idaho 44



## The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is developing plans to repave Eagle Road from I-84 to Idaho 44.

Approximately 49,000 vehicles travel on Eagle Road each day. Resurfacing the roadway will help preserve the pavement into the future.

### Project description and benefits

Existing pavement was built in 2012 and has deteriorated due to increased traffic.

A portion of the existing pavement will be milled off (removed) and replaced with new pavement.

The new pavement is expected to last over 10 years.

### Process and schedule

Design improvements	Fall 2021
Gather public input on design plans	Fall 2021
Finalize design plans	Early 2022
Construction begins	Spring/Summer 2022

For more information visit our project website:  
[itdprojects.org/EagleRoadRepairs](https://itdprojects.org/EagleRoadRepairs)



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# Eagle Road Improvements

## Overland Rd to Fairview Ave

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# Eagle Road Improvements

Fairview Ave to McMillan Rd



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# Eagle Road Improvements

McMillan Rd to  
Chinden Blvd



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# Eagle Road Improvements

Chinden Blvd to Highway 44

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CHINDEN BLVD

OAKHAMPTON DR

EAGLES GATE DR

COLCHESTER DR

RIVER MEADOW DR

TWO RIVERS DR

RIVER QUARRY DR

ISLAND WOOD DR

RIVERSHORE LN

RIVERSIDE DR



# MEMO TO TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Agenda Topic on the Transportation Commission Agenda

**From:** Miranda Carson, Coordination Planner

**Meeting Date:** December 6, 2021

**Presenter:** Miranda Carson

**Estimated Time:** 10 minutes

**Topic:** Transportation Construction Updates

At the November 2021 Transportation Commission meeting construction updates were discussed. Transportation construction projects performed through development agreements or maintenance schedules are often not reported through ACHD's normal construction update process.

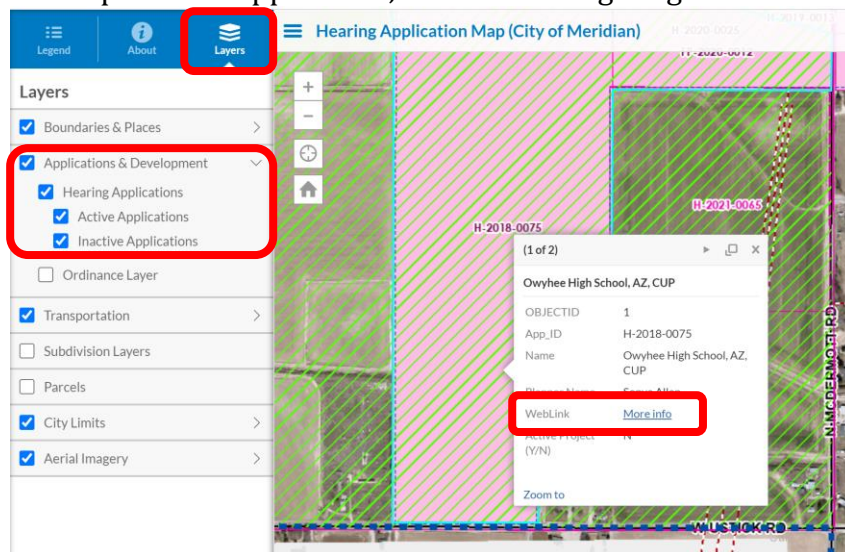
There are several ways you can find information for current and future roadwork throughout Ada County available here: <https://www.achdidaho.org/Departments/PR/Rita.aspx>.

- Interactive Roadwork in the Area (RITA) Map
- Roadways currently having lane restrictions or closures. (updated daily)
- Roadways having temporary restrictions or closures due to Local Events. (updated daily)
- ACHD construction project status updates. (updated weekly)
- Overview of ACHD Projects Home Page

Information on developments underway in the City of Meridian can be found on the Hearing Applications Map.

<https://gis.meridiancity.org/portal/apps/PublicInformation/index.html?appid=b390be1edeae46bebb739ec550d483de>

Active and inactive hearings and their status can be viewed by turning on both layers, clicking the development application, and navigating to the weblink in the pop up.



Transportation related conditions of the Development agreement can be found in the "Z - Findings" document.