

Meeting Minutes
Meridian Transportation Commission
May 2nd, 2016

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

I. Roll Call

(Meeting called to order at 3:32 pm and Roll taken)

<u>x</u> Ryan Lancaster	<u>o</u> Bryan Leisle	<u>x</u> Luke Cavener (ex-officio)
<u>o</u> Darrel McRoberts	<u>x</u> Ryan Hall	<u>o</u> Shawn Martin (ex-officio)
<u>x</u> Stephen Lewis	<u>x</u> Jack McGee	<u>o</u> Toni Tisdale (ex-officio)
<u>x</u> David Ballard	<u>x</u> Lance Baumgartner	<u>o</u> Rhonda Jalbert (ex-officio)
<u>x</u> Tracy Hopkins	<u>o</u> Mark Wasdahl (ex-officio)	<u>o</u> Miranda Carson (ex-officio)

Others Present: Ted Baird, Brian McClure and Caleb Hood

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Ballard, second by Commissioner McGee – all ayes – motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 11th, 2016 Meeting

Motion by Commissioner McGee to adopted minutes as presented in the packet, second by Commissioner Ballard – all ayes – motion carried.

4. Old Business Items

a. Chateau Traffic Calming (C. Hood)

(Commission members Rhonda Jalbert, Toni Tisdale, Miranda Carson, Mark Wasdahl and Brian Leisle arrived during this agenda item)

Mr. Hood updated the Commission that he has had conversation with Miranda Carson and she would be updating the Commission upon her arrival regarding the bus stop near Ten Mile/Chateau. Additionally, ACHD is collecting speed and volume data and if triggers are met they'll look at cut-through percentages. Data collection/analysis should be completed by August, so this will be an old business topic for a meeting in the fall.

Ms. Carson arrived and provided an update regarding funding & policy regarding students walking to school and bussing. The State uses an average to provide district funding based on number of students per mile and calculates for all districts the per mile average that it is safe for students to walk to a bus stop or school. The State standard (average) for students is 1.5 miles and West Ada has chosen to reduce their district standards to 0.4 (elementary) and 0.8 of a mile (middle/high school) to walk to a bus stop. Ms. Carson met with the developer near this intersection and analyzed the student population in the area and several alternative options and

determined that the current bus stop location allows service to the entire student population in the area within the district standards. Any change in location would impact a subset of students for safety and length of time on the bus and cause additional cost to the District. Comments and discussion took place.

Additional data was requested for current and future street width information to be provided at the meeting when ACHD presents the volume and speed data.

b. Transit Service Update (C. Hood)

Mr. Hood provided a very brief update; similar info is presented in the Transportation Projects Update memo. The transit group has had three meetings and Commissioner Baumgartner has participated. The group is working on next steps and is developing a curb to curb 'lifestyle service' concept targeting seniors and the disabled, who could, with a 48 hour notice, call for a schedule pickup/transportation within a 12-15 square mile area of Meridian from ~ 9/10am – 4pm. A community partner is being sought and a council presentation will need to take place for inclusion in FY17 budget recommendations. Ms. Jalbert updated that VRT Service changes within Ada County will be minimal as will changes to the inter-county routes. The ridership on route 42 was forwarded to Mr. Hood and on-time performance metrics are being gathered and will be provided to the Commission on a regular basis going forward.

c. Records Ave./Village Drive Crosswalk (C. Hood)

Table to next month as Shawn Martin was not at the meeting.

d. Main St./King St. Crosswalk Enhancement (C. Hood)

Table to next month as Shawn Martin was not at the meeting.

e. Transportation Projects Update (memo attached; C. Hood)

Mr. Hood provided a brief update. Memo begins on page 6 of the packet. New information is in **BOLD**. Starting on page 6 specific projects mentioned were:

Ustick Corridor - After the packet was sent out, ACHD sent out their 90 day bid list. Widening Locust Grove to Linder (2miles) and the intersection reconfiguration at Meridian Road is on the list. Project cost is estimated at \$8.3 million.

Meridian Road, Cherry to Ustick - Public information meeting held at city hall with about 100 people attending. This project will be discussed at ACHD's Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting later today and the bike lanes being done in concrete or asphalt. The project is straight forward; the bike lane is the main topic for public input.

US 20/26 - Town hall meeting held on March 27th went well, most of the discussion revolved around US 20/26. Mr. Hood thanked Commissioner Ballard for attending and showing support for the project.

Parklets - The City executed an addendum to the master license agreement with ACHD and what can happen in the right of way in the downtown core area. This addendum allows a business to follow the City designed process and utilize parking outside their business for seating or other activities (Parklets).

Transportation Alternatives Program - A statewide call for projects was issued recently. City staff does not feel there is anything that qualifies for Statewide TAP at this time, due to Right-Of-Way and easement issues.

Eagle Road Bike/Ped Project Development - This corridor is currently being studied and Commissioner Lewis or someone in his firm will present to the Commission next month. Once this corridor is evaluated, Mr. Hood feels this would be a good candidate for TAP/Community Choices funding for construction. However, without the Right of Way or easement access it's premature to apply/seek funds. Ms. Tisdale noted that if the Commission/City does decide it would like to apply for anything with TAP, it must be coordinated with COMPASS and applications are due by May 20th.

Eagle Road Adaptive Traffic Signals - Mr. Hood mentioned updated information he received at RTAC that there is a TIP amendment and the Traffic Signals are going to be pushed back to 2018 not 2017 as mentioned in the memo.

Mr. Hood opened the floor for any questions regarding any of the memo items and mentioned that Jay Gibbons is the parks and pathways point of contact. Ms. Tisdale mentioned that with the Statewide TAP program, ITD does not allow ROW acquisition. Questions were asked and answered.

5. New Business Items

a. Master Mobility Map (memo attached; C. Hood)

Mr. Hood referenced the memo and asked the Commission for feedback/dialog regarding the information presented. Brian McClure developed a comprehensive mobility map of all the pathways, roads and the projects within Meridian. There is no specific timeframe, but Caleb would like to know if this information is helpful to the Commission or if they think some other group could benefit from the totality of information. This map is not intended to reinvent what others are doing. It was a first attempt to accomplish what Commissioner Zaremba requested, but the question to be answered is 'what is this map trying to accomplish?' The goal needs to be better defined and include land use. Questions were asked, discussed and answered. Keep this item as Old Business for further discussion at a future meeting.

b. Department Status Report (Sgt. Stacy Arnold)

Sargent Arnold was not present; keep on for next month's agenda

c. Staff Communications (memo attached; C. Hood)

The only communication to share is regarding a training opportunity. Mr. Hood will share future opportunities he hears or comes across. If there are any that the Commissioners would like to attend speak with Caleb.

6. Future Meeting Topics

- a. **Eagle Road Bike/Ped Project Development** (to June agenda as New Business)
- b. **Eagle Road Speed Limit Update**
- c. **Meridian Road Speed Study**
- d. **VRT Transit 101**
- e. **ACHD CIP** (to June agenda as New Business)
- f. **US 20/26 Corridor Study**

7. Next Meeting Date: ^{June 6th} May 2nd, 2016

8. Recognition of Commissioner McRoberts

Mr. Hood publically acknowledged Commissioner McRoberts' service and thanked him although he was not present. Mr. Hood will make sure Commissioner McRoberts is contacted personally.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Lewis and second by Commissioner Hall to adjourn – all ayes – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

(AUDIO RECORDING AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

APPROVED:


TRACY HOPKINS, CHAIR

6-6-16
DATE

ATTEST:

Machele Hlee for
~~JAYCEE L. HOLMAN~~
JACY JONES

6-8-16
DATE

