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**DOWNTOWN PARKING, TRANSPORTATION AND STREETScape
SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA
October 15, 2014 at 4pm
Meridian City Hall, North Conference Room**

Attendees: Ashley Squyres, Keith Bird, Dan Basalone, Sergeant Matt Parsons, Eric Jensen, Mike Barton, David Ballard, Blaise Exon, Donn Carnahan, Brad [from Keller Associates], Ryan Head

1. Downtown Parking Update – Sergeant Parsons

Sgt. Parsons discussed the changes they have been implementing for downtown parking enforcement. They are now rotating enforcement between five officers which means enforcement is now occurring 5-days a week for 6-hours a day.

They are working with the downtown businesses to educate on the parking requirements and utilizing the downtown parking map to share information with each of the businesses where unrestricted parking is located. He stated that it generally is an issue for many of those who are complaining to walk a block or two to their businesses.

There are a couple of missing parking signs in downtown Meridian and they are working to have these replaced.

There is an average of 60-citations a month for parking enforcement, which appears to be holding steady or increasing per Sgt. Parsons and a total of 282-citations for 2014.

2. Review of recent meeting discussion the newly combined Main Street Island and Phase One Historical Lighting project and discussion of next steps – CH2M Hill and Keller Associates

Ashley provided a brief update of an October 02 meeting with CH2M Hill, Keller Associates, various city departments, Idaho Power and ACHD to discuss the combining of the island project with the historical lighting project in order to try to gain efficiencies and cost-effectiveness. The group came up with a number of items for consideration.

Based upon this meeting, CH2M Hill worked up two different concepts for the island revisions. Concept A provided for two banner arms at each end with a large flower pot in the center of the island. The stamped concrete was removed and replaced with plantings similar to that palette at the cross-over. Blaise stated that he would estimate this concept would reduce the project cost by \$40k. Concept B removed both banner poles and simply provided for plantings in the island and three large flower pots. Blaise stated that he would estimate this concept would reduce the project cost by \$55k.

The committee discussed both options and found the majority wanted at least one banner pole in the island. After discussion of ideas, the committee will recommend to the board that each island should have one banner pole in the center of the island with a large

flowerpot bookending each island. Blaise will provide a revised concept plan for the October 22 board meeting.

Donn reviewed the 60% drawings for the lighting portion of the project with the group. There were no concerns voiced by committee members.

3. Update on Pine Avenue Corridor and ACHD Five Year Workplan – Ryan Head

Ryan discussed that the ACHD Commission granted MDC's and the City of Meridian's requests to reallocate dollars set aside for the East Third Street Corridor project to the Pine Avenue Corridor in the draft Five Year Workplan. The workplan will undergo a public hearing on October 22 and will be formally adopted thereafter. ACHD will include MDC and the City in the scoping of the project.

4. Sidewalk Improvement Priorities for Downtown – All

Ashley reminded the committee that for the FY15 budget, MDC has allocated \$100,000 to sidewalk improvements. Ashley asked Ryan to review the exhibit showing the MDC priority projects per the Downtown Meridian Neighborhood Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan that was adopted in 2012. All projects on the list are either completed or programmed. Ryan suggested one way to make projects occur faster is to invest dollars in projects that have been programmed.

Options include:

*West 1st, Broadway to Pine – ACHD is only placing sidewalk on the west side of the street. Committee members felt that given the direct route to the elementary school, safety should be considered and that it would be best to have sidewalks on both sides of the street. The cost estimate is for \$200k on one side. Ryan was unclear as to what the cost would be for both sides as this may trigger other considerations such as drainage. Design will occur in FY16 and construction in FY17.

*West 4th, Pine to Maple

*State Street between East 3rd and 4th Street – This is being scoped tomorrow for a go or no-go. There is no sidewalk on the north side of State Street between East 2nd and 4th and if desired, this could be included in the scope if we let ACHD know quickly.

*East Third Street Corridor

*Additional dollars towards the Pine Avenue Corridor

The committee will discuss further at the next meeting.

