

**Foundation for Ada/Canyon Trail Systems (F.A.C.T.S.)**  
**(Recorded) Minutes of May 27, 2026**  
**Meeting called for 3:00 PM**

In attendance:

Officers: Bill Gigray, President, Bill Mullane, Vice President and Sharon Hubler, Secretary

Directors: Robert Minch, Judy Peavey-Derr, Will Anderson, Gary Segers, Mark Eubank (calling in from Indianola, Iowa) and Bob Hay

Agency "ex officio": Kim Warren, city of Meridian P & R Pathways Project Manager, Tim O'Meara, Middleton Mayor; Mark Wasdahl, ITD Region 3, Senior Planner

Guests: Brent Jennings, formerly ITD Office of Highway & Traffic Safety, now Jennings Consulting, LLC; Nancy Merrill, Eagle City Council Member and liaison to Parks, Pathways and Recreation Commission; Hannah Anderson of Hannah Anderson Design - Creative Project Manager and Digital Strategist

Call to Order

President Bill Gigray

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 MDT by President Bill Gigray.

Approve Agenda – Move to Approve, Additions/Reorder

*It was moved by Bill Gigray, seconded by Robert Minch to approve the Agenda.*

*All voted in favor. Motion carried.*

CITY OF EAGLE – Linder Road Upgrades new Efforts – Robert Minch introduced Nancy Merrill, longtime pathways proponent. Following her tenure as Mayor of the city of Eagle Nancy became Director of Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation for five years. Subsequently, she served an LDS mission for two years in Sydney, Australia with side visits to New Caledonia, New Zealand and Papua, New Guinea. She was elected to Eagle City Council starting her term in January 2026.

Eagle City Council made its prioritization on request forms for ACHD last month; Linder Road from Chinden Blvd. to Highway 44 include widening to seven lanes, bike lanes, north side/north channel Boise River floodplain crossing to get an underpass rather than at grade crossing of Linder Road within the context of partnering with Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation Eagle Island State Park (EISP), Susan Buxton, Director. She will meet with Susan next Friday. Since EISP is pay to play, a \$5 venue for automobiles, the sticking point is finishing the easement through Island Woods for gaining EISP entry from Eagle Road headed along Mace Road and continuing through EISP to Linder Road. This would require monitoring by park personnel. Mike Huffaker Parks and Pathways Committee Chair is involved along with Andrew Glaspell, Planner II and Rick Butler, Planning & Zoning staff for city of Eagle in the Pathways, Trails, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (PTPROS). FACTS is pleased to have Robert Minch as its representative on this Advisory Committee. No entry fee to EISP for walk and ride in. Mace property is not assured yet but three or four other property owners are still supportive with the development agreements. Robert wondered what the current plan for Linder Road is. Nancy responded that the option for over, under crossing for Linder Road is not in the design stage yet. Some opposition to separated bike pathways was heard in public meetings as too expensive. Preference is not at grade but a separated crossing designed to go underneath Linder Road. Decision in early May for FY 2026-27, r-o-w acquisition in FY 2028-29 and 2030 construction. Eagle will be having its budget hearing process June 2,3,4 and can decide on a certain amount of funding or match. ACHD Project Manager on the Linder Road project is Noble Lafferty thanks to Mark Wasdahl who attended the project kick-off meeting March 27, 2026. The city of Eagle tracks the total acreage of pathways and parks (developed and undeveloped) *that are owned*

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*and maintained by the City by the Public Works Department.* Not included in this data are the many pathways available to the public via public access easements on *private property, most often owned by an HOA or developer that bears the cost and responsibility of maintenance and repair.* Will Anderson asked Nancy about the Eagle Road car parking on the south side of the north channel. She responded that ITD and the Sheriff's Department shut that area down for safety reasons in favor of the Mace Parking lot on the other side of Eagle Road situated below the bridge where there are 8 or 10 spaces. Will said it's a loss to Boise River access. Contact Chief of Police Travis Ruby, city of Eagle to get more information.

FUNDRAISING FOR 52<sup>ND</sup> STREET BRIDGE – Judy Peavey-Derr, chair

Judy was pleased to announce that the Boise Exchange Club voted last Friday to contribute \$15,000 to FACTS to meet the \$17,710 match due August 1 for the design phase. Hannah Anderson is working on a grant request for \$5,000 from Idaho Power Company with the introduction made by Joe Jaszewski, Visual Communications Leader. Thanks to Hannah we have a beautiful flyer "Bridge the Gap" with a QR code and information on sending a donation by check or paying through PayPal. June 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy will meet with Gordon Jones, College of Western Idaho president with the introduction from Ward Parkinson. Thanks to Mark Eubank he will have the information table out on the greenbelt as part of the Fundraising Outreach and can use some flyers the middle of June. Bill G. said that to demonstrate FACTS dedication to funding the match for the bridge an example would be the \$5,000 contribution to the Plantation Island Bridge temporary removal and re-installation due to the Treasure Valley snowmageddon of 2016-2017. He would like to suggest that \$5,000 go from the general FACTS account to a dedicated bridge fund, which should be interest bearing. To further demonstrate board members of FACTS should donate individually and that can be mentioned in future Fundraising presentations. Required Minimum Distribution Withdrawal (RMD) from personal IRAs when an individual is 70.5 years of age is another vehicle, particularly for highly appreciated stocks such as Micron. Bob Hay knows a UBS (United Bank of Switzerland) broker who will do this, convert it to cash and the donor gets full credit on the date the RMD was made. It requires a proper receipt listing the stock value as of date sold.

*It was moved by Bob Hay, seconded by Robert Minch that a broker for this type of transaction be approached on behalf of FACTS 52<sup>nd</sup> Bridge Fundraising. All voted in favor. Motion carried.*

*It was moved by Bill Gigray, seconded by Bob Hay that \$5,000 of FACTS general fund be transferred to a dedicated interest bearing account at D.L. Evans Bank and that the signers for this account be Phil Peterson, Treasurer and Sharon Hubler, Secretary. All voted in favor. Motion carried.*

FUNDRAISING Publicity Strategies – Hannah Anderson will assist in recognizing the Boise Exchange Club using its logo. The flyer is ready at the end of this week. FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) will be utilized on social media as another tool and there is potential for having a newsletter. The main thing is to keep people engaged. Vice President Bill Mullane took photos of the hundreds of bicycles parked in front of the Athletic Club Soccer Stadium this past Saturday. Bill said he felt as if he were in Holland with an unbroken stream of bicyclists and other conveyances parked right

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next to The Park at EXPO. This is photographic evidence to garner attention for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge project.

CITY OF MIDDLETON – Tim O’Meara Mayor, formerly executive director of the Greater Middleton Recreation District – some pathways on the north side of the Boise River are under construction. Currently, chasing purchase of the Middleton Railroad Bridge paralleling Middleton Road. As the old steel bridge is turned into a pathway by Canyon Highway District road improvements on Middleton Road can be realized. City of Caldwell owns Plymouth Road, the old Highway 30 and will be proceeding with a new high span bridge to Rio Vista Acres in 2027. Tim said there’s a hold on new development until EPA wastewater standards are met. Working with ITD on Highway 44 through town.

CITY OF MERIDIAN – Kim Warren – couple projects on development application property on the river below the golf course on the Phyllis Canal proximate to Linder Road. Mark Wasdahl elaborated on the Linder Road timeframe. Noble Lafferty ACHD project manager with drainage, hydraulics and geotechnical at the forefront on the five-lane roadway of approximately 14 months duration lasting through April 9, 2027. Following the design phase construction can ensue in 2031. Kim continued her report noting that Rails with Trails is now one-third mile west of Meridian City Hall, which required underground piping for irrigation. Paving is underway all the way from Meridian Road to Linder Road during the next Fiscal Year. One trailhead on Sun Valley Road up from Five Mile Road...not officially approved by city council. Also, Master Pathway Plan upgrade is getting started. Meridian borders parts of Linder Road and State Highway 16 at Black Cat on one side.

ITD – Mark Wasdahl – Region 3 hosts the ITD Commissioners on June 16 and 17 leading to the budget process the entire month of July. Long term budget for expansion has been cut back \$140m last year. Operations are okay. Bonding dollars for a signal light at Palmer Lane and Beacon Light at the 16/44 interchange have enough.

2009 BOISE RIVER BIKEPATH UPGRADE – Brent Jennings and Gary Seger. PDP application for the latter part of June was dropped but there’s another coming up in September. Typically, PDP has three to eight applicants for the \$50,000, requiring no match but relying on a sponsor who is a member of COMPASS. Momentum is critical in terms of getting a sponsor, such as the city of Eagle, perhaps Caldwell.

MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2026 – Moved by Gary Segers, seconded by Bill Gigray to approve. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Moved by Sharon Hubler, seconded by Bill Gigray to accept the D.L. Evans Bank Balance of \$12,350.41. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting stood adjourned at 4:49 MDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubler

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