David Hodge
Director of Public Works
City of Meridian

Strong infrastructure is about more than roads, pipes and projects for David Hodge. It is about building a city where people want to live, work and invest.

As director of Public Works for the City of Meridian, Hodge oversees the essential systems that support everyday life across the community, including streets, drainage, water, wastewater and sanitation services. While much of the department's work happens behind the scenes, he believes its impact is felt every single day.

"There's not a day that goes by that we're not impacting citizens and visitors to the City of Meridian," Hodge said.

A Meridian native and graduate of Lamar High School, Hodge has spent five years with the city after working previously in engineering and consulting. His experience has given him a long-term perspective on what it takes for communities to grow successfully.

"Our vision with Public Works is to transform the City of Meridian," he said. "You can't grow if you don't have good roads and good water and sewer."

Under Hodge's leadership, Public Works has focused on infrastructure improvements, beautification projects and long-range planning designed to support future development throughout the city. From maintaining Bonita Lakes walking trails to revitalizing downtown spaces like Ann's Alley, the department plays a major role in creating a cleaner, safer and more welcoming Meridian.

Hodge says Meridian is experiencing renewed momentum through economic development, public safety improvements and community investment. Projects like the new data center development and continued downtown revitalization are helping position the city for future growth and opportunity.

"There's always something happening in Meridian," he said.

Outside of work, Hodge enjoys spending time with family, cooking, kayaking and exploring the outdoors with his wife. Married for 34 years, he is also celebrating a major family milestone as his son completes medical residency and begins his professional career this fall.

For Hodge, Meridian's future depends on continuing to invest in the quality of life residents experience every day.

"When people come into your city, they notice those things," he said, referring to infrastructure, cleanliness and community pride.

Through thoughtful planning and a commitment to long-term growth, David Hodge is helping lay the foundation for Meridian's next chapter.