

Keeping Up With COMPASS

September 2017

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

Board of Directors – August 28, 2017

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: October 16, 2017, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

August Action Items:

- FY2018 UPWP. Approved the [FY2018 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget](#) (UPWP), as recommended by the Finance Committee at its June 29, 2017, meeting.
- Funding Application Ranking Process. Approved a change to the funding application ranking process to remove the requirement to use the Audience Response System to rank projects, as recommended by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) at its July 26, 2017, meeting.
- FY2018 Workgroup Charters. Approved FY2018 workgroup charters, as recommended by the Executive Committee at its July 13, 2017, meeting.
- FY2018 CIM Implementation Grants. Approved five FY2018 *Communities in Motion* (CIM) Implementation Grants, for a total of \$50,000, as recommended by RTAC at its April 4, 2017, meeting.

August Information/Discussion Items:

- Finance Committee. Received a report on the June 28 and August 17, 2017, [Finance Committee](#) meetings.
- CIM 2040 2.0. Received an update on progress and next steps in developing CIM 2040 2.0, including refining the CIM 2040 funding policy, updating project priorities, and developing a web-based document.
- CIM 2040 Growth Comparison. Reviewed regional growth trends and how they compare to growth forecasted in the *Communities in Motion 2040* Vision.

Executive Committee – August 8, 2017

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/execmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: September 12, 2017, COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

August Action Items:

- Board Member Travel. Approved a travel request from Boise City Councilmember Elaine Clegg to attend the 2017 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' annual conference, October 17 – 20, 2017, in Savannah, GA.

- End-of-Year Program and Redistribution Priorities. Approved changes to the End-of-Year Program and redistribution priorities, which had been previously approved by the COMPASS Board of Directors on June 19, 2017. The changes were the result of two needs not yet known when the Board approved the priorities in June – the addition of right-of-way funds for an intersection project at State Highway 16 and Beacon Light Road and an increase in the amount of the funding request for pedestrian improvements in the City of Kuna. The COMPASS Board of Directors will be asked to confirm this approval via consent agenda at its August 28, 2017, meeting.

August Information/Discussion Items:

- 2018 Idaho Legislative Session. Discussed potential areas of focus for COMPASS legislative position for the 2018 Idaho legislative session. Draft legislative position statements will be presented to the Executive Committee at its November 2017 meeting.
- 2018 Education Series. Reviewed the proposed theme and topics for the 2018 COMPASS education series.
- INFRA Grant. Received a status report on the new Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program, which replaced the FASTLANE grant program. The Idaho Transportation Department intends to submit a grant proposal for widening Interstate 84, similar to the grant previously submitted under the FASTLANE program. COMPASS will assist in developing the grant proposal.

Finance Committee – August 17, 2017

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/financemeetings.htm

Next meeting dates: October 12, 2017 (special meeting); November 30, 2017 (regular meeting), COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

August Action Items:

- 2017 Audit. Approved the FY2017 audit process.
- Variance Report. Approved the October 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, variance report.
- Money Market Balances. Directed staff to schedule a special Finance Committee meeting to discuss the financial policy.

August Information/Discussion Items:

- Disbursement Report. Reviewed disbursements made in the reporting period (June 21 – August 4, 2017).

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) – August 23, 2017

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/rtacmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: September 27, 2017, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

August Information/Discussion Item:

- Proposed FY2017-2021 TIP Amendment, DRAFT FY2018-2022 TIP, and Proposed CIM 2040 Amendments. Received an update on the status of the DRAFT FY2018-2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and proposed amendments to *Communities in Motion 2040* (CIM 2040). After public comment began on these items, the Idaho Transportation Department proposed changes to three projects in the DRAFT FY2018-2022 TIP, as well as the addition of an environmental study on Interstate 84, which would need to be added to the FY2017-2021 TIP and require an amendment to CIM 2040. These changes and additions necessitate additional public comment. Due to time constraints, the CIM 2040 and FY2017-2021 TIP amendments regarding the I-84 project will be brought to the COMPASS Executive Committee for action on September 12, 2017, after public comment is complete. The revised DRAFT FY2018-2022 TIP and remaining amendments to CIM 2040 will be brought to RTAC at its September 27, 2017, meeting for recommendation to the COMPASS Board of Directors.

August Workshop:

- CIM 2040 2.0. Provided input into a draft matrix of information regarding future transportation needs, to be used in prioritizing projects for CIM 2040 2.0.

Workgroups

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: August 25, 2017

Highlights:

- Reviewed public transportation strategies to support *Communities in Motion 2040* goals.
- Discussed commuter rail as an option for the Treasure Valley; reviewed statistics on commuter rail costs and performance in Salt Lake City, UT.

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#ptwg

Next meeting date: TBD

Environmental Review Workgroup

Meeting date: August 30, 2017

Highlights:

- Reviewed how potential environmental issues were identified for CIM 2040.
- Discussed the approach, data needs, and available updates for an environmental suitability analysis for CIM 2040 2.0.
- Planned next steps, including additional data review by workgroup members.

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Next meeting date: October 2017

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