

# Keeping Up With COMPASS

March 2018

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

## Board of Directors – February 26, 2018

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm)

Next meeting date: April 16, 2018, COMPASS, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

### February Special Item:

- Proposed ITD Amendments. Received an overview from the Idaho Transportation Department regarding requested amendments to *Communities in Motion 2040* and the FY2018-2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The requested amendments were to add capacity and safety improvements on Interstate 84 between the City of Caldwell and the Karcher Road (Midland Boulevard) interchange in the City of Nampa and to begin preliminary engineering work for an extension of State Highway 16 from Interstate 84 to US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard).

### February Action Items:

- Amendment to *Communities in Motion 2040*. Approved an [amendment](#) to *Communities in Motion 2040* to add capacity and safety improvements on Interstate-84 from the City of Caldwell to the Karcher Interchange in the City of Nampa, begin preliminary engineering on the extension of State Highway 16 from Interstate 84 to US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard), and begin design and environmental work on a transit oriented development in the City of Nampa.
- Amendment to FY2018-2022 TIP. Approved an [amendment](#) to the FY2018-2022 TIP to add the three projects described above, as well as to remove the expansion portion of an ACHD Commuteride project in Canyon County, remove a Safe Routes to School coordinator project in Canyon County, increase funding for a park and ride lot in the City of Middleton, and increase funding for an entrance and roundabout at the College of Western Idaho in the City of Nampa.
- Unfunded Regional Priorities. Reprioritized the list of [unfunded priority corridors](#) and projects in *Communities in Motion 2040* to move the extension of State Highway 16 from the #14 priority to the #5 priority.
- Project Obligation Deadline. Approved a request from the Ada County Highway District to extend the March 1, 2018, project obligation deadline to April 27, 2018, for the State Street and Collister Drive Intersection Project.
- 2018 Resource Development Plan. Approved the [2018 Resource Development Plan](#), which guides COMPASS staff resource development efforts for both member and COMPASS projects.

### February Information/Discussion Items:

- State and Federal Legislative Activity. Received an update on state and federal legislative activity.
- COMPASS Funding Programs. Received an update on current and completed projects in COMPASS' Project Development Program and *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant Program.

## Executive Committee – February 6, 2018

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/execmeetings.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/execmeetings.htm)

Next meeting date: March 13, 2018, COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

### February Action Items:

- Board Meeting Agenda. Established the February 26, 2018, COMPASS Board meeting agenda.
- Board Member Travel. Approved a travel request for Councilmember Elaine Clegg to represent COMPASS at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' Board of Directors' meeting in Washington, DC, March 18 – 20, 2018.

### February Information/Discussion Items:

- 2018 Legislative Session. Received a status report on the 2018 Idaho legislative session.
- COMPASS Workgroups. Received a status report on FY2018 deliverables for COMPASS workgroups.

## Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) – February 28, 2018

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/rtacmeetings.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/rtacmeetings.htm)

Next meeting date: *Optional workshop: March 7, 2018; Regular meeting: March 21, 2018, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room*

### February Action Items:

- Federal Aid Project Ranking. Approved ranking of projects eligible for federal funding. These rankings will be used to develop funding recommendations for the Surface Transportation Program – Transportation Management Area (STP-TMA), Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U), and Transportation Alternatives Program – TMA, which will be brought to RTAC for recommendation in its March 21, 2018, meeting.
- TMA Balancing. Approved an action to balance the STP-TMA program by decreasing construction funds on an Ada County Highway District (ACHD) project on Franklin Road and adding those funds to an ACHD project at the intersection of State Street and Collister Drive. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors approval to balance the TAP-TMA by increasing construction funds for the Dry Creek Trail and underpass in the City of Eagle and to increase and move FY2018 construction funds for pedestrian improvements on the Fairview Avenue greenbelt ramp in the City of Boise to FY2019.

### February Information/Discussion Items:

- ValleyConnect 2.0. Received an overview of the ValleyConnect 2.0 plan, which is currently open for public comment.
- CIM 2040 2.0. Discussed the initial ranking of unfunded corridors and projects for *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*. RTAC will be asked to recommend unfunded prioritized lists in its March 21, 2018, meeting.

# Workgroups

## Census Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: February 6, 2018

Highlights:

- Reviewed and provided feedback on a proposed communication strategy to encourage participation in the 2020 Census.
- Discussed plans for a Regional Complete Count Committee to assist with encouraging participation in the 2020 Census.
- Discussed barriers to reaching “hard to count” populations for the 2020 Census.

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#cawg](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#cawg)

Next meeting date: Summer 2018

## Active Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: February 9, 2018

Highlights:

- Received a presentation from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) on the Children Pedestrian Safety Program application process.
- Reviewed and provided feedback into the FY2018 active transportation work plan.
- Received an update on crowdsourced bicycle and pedestrian data used by COMPASS.
- Received a report on the project cost estimation tool developed by COMPASS.

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#atwg](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#atwg)

Next meeting date: March 23, 2018

## Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: February 14, 2018

Highlights:

- Reviewed and discussed priorities for public transportation projects included on the proposed list of unfunded projects for *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*.
- Reviewed a proposed 2040 regional public transportation system integrating commuter rail.
- Provided feedback on commuter rail timelines and funding illustrations.

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#ptwg](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#ptwg)

Next meeting date: Mid-March 2018

## Environmental Review Workgroup

Meeting date: February 8, 2018

Highlights:

- Reviewed an updated overlay of transportation corridors with an environmental suitability analysis for *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*; discussed the details of the analysis and how it will be used in long-range transportation planning.
- Reviewed and updated a resource agency matrix for *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*.

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#erwg](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#erwg)

Next meeting date: Late March/Early April

## Freight Advisory Workgroup – Freight Study Webinar

Meeting date: February 9, 2018

Highlights:

- Reviewed regional freight needs based on analysis of delay and safety hotspots and industry input.
- Previewed draft regional freight needs, solutions to those freight needs, and prioritization of needs and solutions. This discussion will continue in the next workgroup meeting.

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#fawg](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#fawg)

Next meeting date: March 13, 2018.