

Keeping Up With COMPASS

February 2019

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

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee – January 23, 2019

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Next meeting date: February 27, 2019, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

January Action Items:

- 2019 Officers. Elected Robb MacDonald, City of Caldwell, as Chair and Maureen Gresham, ACHD Commuteride, as Vice Chair.
- FY2019-2023 TIP. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' adoption of an amendment to the FY2019-2023 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to increase construction costs on the State Highway 55 Snake River Bridge near Marsing by \$2.8 million. The funding will come from state funds. The COMPASS Board of Directors will receive this item for action in its February 25, 2019, meeting.
- TIP Policies. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of updated policies relating to amending the TIP, balancing the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in the Transportation Management Area (TMA), and eligibility for TMA funds, as well as a new policy for TAP-TMA program eligibility. The new and updated policies will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in its February 25, 2019, meeting.
- TMA Balancing. Approved an action to balance the STP-TMA program. An additional action to balance the TAP-TMA program was deferred to the February 27, 2019, RTAC meeting.
- Delivery Deadlines. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval to extend the March 1 obligation deadline to April 30, 2019, for a Boise State University project to construct a covered bicycle parking structure. The deadline extension will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in its February 25, 2019, meeting.

January Information/Discussion Items:

- Transit Asset Management. Received an update on Valley Regional Transit's transit asset management plan and targets.
- Bronco Shuttle. Received an overview of Boise State University's Bronco Shuttle program.
- Communities in Motion. Discussed and provided feedback on the proposed first phase of developing the next long-range transportation plan. An overview of the proposed process for developing the next long-range plan will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for discussion in its February 25, 2019, meeting.
- FY2020 Project Requests. Received information regarding the opportunity for COMPASS member agencies to submit requests for COMPASS assistance in FY2020 for tasks over four workdays. Direct questions, request a project request form, and submit completed forms to [Liisa Itkonen](mailto:Liisa.Itkonen@compassidaho.org) by February 22, 2019.

Workgroups

Freight Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: January 15, 2019

Highlights:

- Reviewed examples of innovative urban freight projects from a Federal Highway Administration peer exchange with Seattle, Washington and Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Reviewed critical rural and urban freight corridor designations and their purposes.
- Discussed local and regional freight needs and potential projects, and related changes to critical corridor designations.

Next meeting date: February 2019

Census Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: January 23, 2018

Highlights:

- Shared successes and challenges in forming local Complete Count Committees.
- Reviewed COMPASS' FY2019 and proposed FY2020 Census work plans and budgets.
- Brainstormed ideas for a regional Census slogan.

Next meeting date: April 2019

Regional Operations Workgroup

Meeting date: January 16, 2019

Highlights:

- Reviewed the objectives, scope of work, and goals for the update of the Transportation Systems Management Operations/Intelligent Traffic Systems (TSMO/ITS) plan.
- Discussed accomplishments from the 2014 TSMO/ITS plan.
- Reviewed strategies and projects identified in the 2014 TSMO/ITS plan and potential updates.
- Discussed next steps for the TSMO/ITS plan update.

Next meeting date: May 2019

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: January 28, 2018

Highlights:

- Reviewed the 2018 Certification Review results.
- Introduced the proposed process for *Communities in Motion 2050* and discussed how planning for public transportation fits into that process.
- Discussed ideas for public transportation within the first phase of developing *Communities in Motion 2050*.

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