

Keeping Up With COMPASS

November 2019

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

Board of Directors – October 21, 2019

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

Next meeting date: December 16, 2019, Nampa Civic Center

October Action Items:

- Rural Project Priorities. Adopted a resolution demonstrating approval and support for rural project priorities in Ada and Canyon Counties. COMPASS support for these priorities will provide additional points in the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council's statewide prioritization process.
- FY2020-2026 TIP. Adopted the FY2020–2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and associated air quality conformity analysis. Final federal approval of the FY2020-2026 TIP is expected by the end of December 2019. The FY2019-2023 TIP will remain in effect until that time.
- FY2020 Resource Development Plan. Approved the FY2020 Resource Development Plan. This plan will be used to guide COMPASS resource development activities, such as assisting member agencies in finding and applying for grants, throughout FY2020.

October Information/Discussion Item:

- CIM Implementation Grants and Project Development Program. Received an update on FY2018 and FY2019 *Communities in Motion* (CIM) Implementation Grants and Project Development Program projects.

Executive Committee – October 8, 2019

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

Next meeting date: November 12, 2019, COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

October Action Item:

- 2020 Legislative Positions. Provided input into priorities for 2020 state and federal legislative positions. This item will be brought back to the Executive Committee for a recommendation to the full COMPASS Board of Directors in the November 2019 Executive Committee meeting.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) – October 23, 2019

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

Next meeting date: November 20, 2019, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

October Action Item:

- TMA Balancing. Approved actions to balance the Surface Transportation Program - Transportation Management Area (STP-TMA) to partially fulfill requests from Valley Regional Transit and the Ada County Highway District.

October Information/Discussion Items:

- National Highway System. Reviewed recommended changes to the National Highway System. This item will be brought back to RTAC in November for a recommendation to the COMPASS Board of Directors.
- Rails-with-Trails Study. Received an overview of a recently completed [Rails-with-Trails study](#) and discussed next steps.

Workgroups

Census Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: October 9, 2019

Highlights:

- Reviewed the Treasure Valley Census website, which will be live in late October.
- Received social media post templates for November – January.
- Received a presentation from Boise State University's "Blue House" student-led public relations firm on their proposal to promote Census participation to college students.
- Received an update on the 2020 Census from the US Census Bureau.
- Participated in an exercise to determine individual "next steps" for promoting the 2020 Census.

Next meeting date: January 2020

Rails with Trails Workgroup

Meeting date: October 10, 2019

Highlights:

- Reviewed results of the recently completed [Rails-with-Trails study](#).
- Discussed next steps and priorities for the Rails-with-Trails project.

Next meeting date: Winter 2019/2020

Active Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: October 14, 2019

Highlights:

- Reviewed an analysis of the accuracy of the latent demand analysis model.
- Discussed the 2009 Boise River Trail Plan and how it will be integrated into the 2050 Pathways and Bikeways Plan.
- Selected the Nampa Library Square area for a pilot for a “Numina” bicycle/pedestrian counter.
- Reviewed the timeline and expectations regarding the update of the COMPASS Complete Network Policy.
- Refined the prioritization method for permanent bicycle/pedestrian counter site locations.

Next meeting date: November 2019

Environmental Review Workgroup

Meeting date: October 15, 2019

Highlights:

- Reviewed the three-phase process to develop the next regional long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050); discussed the key tasks in FY2020.
- Discussed how to identify regional ecological goals and priorities for CIM 2050; this topic will be a focal point in the next workgroup meeting.
- Discussed regional values to potentially include in the second CIM 2050 public survey (spring 2020).
- Discussed data needs and reviewed the processes used to identify potential environmental impacts in previous long-range plans.

Next meeting date: January 2020

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