

# Keeping Up With COMPASS

March 2019

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

## Board of Directors – February 25, 2019

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

Next meeting date: April 15, 2019, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

### February Action Items:

- Legislation Regarding PERSI Participation. Adopted a legislative position opposing any changes to the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) that would restrict participation by COMPASS or its employees.
- TIP Policies. Approved updated [policies](#) relating to amending the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (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.
- Delivery Deadlines. Approved requests from the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) and Boise State University to extend the March 1 obligation deadline for FY2019 federal-aid projects. The ACHD request was for three capital maintenance projects and will extend the deadline to May 1, 2019; the Boise State request was for a covered bicycle parking project and will extend the deadline to April 30, 2019.
- Legislation Regarding the Local Land Use Planning Act. Adopted a legislative position opposing House Bill 127, which would remove the requirement for counties to develop comprehensive plans, and opposing any changes to the Local Land Use Planning Act that would weaken the statute.

### February Information/Discussion Items:

- State and Federal Legislative Issues. Received a status report on state and federal legislative issues.
- Federal Grant Applications. Received a status report on the three federal grant applications – a \$7,000 Federal Highway Administration Technology Transfer grant received by COMPASS to purchase a “data bike” to collect pavement condition data on bike facilities, a federal BUILD grant for US 20/26 applied for by COMPASS, and a federal INFRA grant for I-84 between Nampa and Caldwell currently in the application phase.
- Next Long-Range Transportation Plan. Reviewed COMPASS’ proposed planning assumptions and approach for the next long-range transportation plan, due by December 2022. A draft scope of work will be presented to the COMPASS Board of Directors for review in April and action in June 2019.

## Executive Committee – February 5, 2019

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

### February Action Items:

- Board Meeting Agenda. Established the agenda for the February 25, 2019, COMPASS Board of Directors meeting.
- Board Member Travel. Approved a travel request from Caldwell Mayor Garret Nancolas to attend the 2019 National Association of Regional Councils' annual conference, June 9 – 12, 2019, in Omaha, NE.

### February Information/Discussion Item:

- 2019 Legislative Session. Received a status report on the Idaho legislative session.
- Federal Grant Applications. Received a status report on the three federal grant applications – a \$7,000 Federal Highway Administration Technology Transfer grant received by COMPASS to purchase a “data bike” to collect pavement condition data on bike facilities, a federal BUILD grant for US 20/26 applied for by COMPASS, and a federal INFRA grant for I-84 between Nampa and Caldwell currently in the application phase.

## Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) – February 27, 2019

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Next meeting date: March 6, 2019 (Optional Workshop), COMPASS Second Floor Large Conference Room

March 13, 2019 (Regular Meeting), COMPASS First Floor Board Room

### February Action Items:

- ITD's Statewide 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan. Reviewed the Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD's) draft statewide 2040 long-range transportation plan (*IDAGO 2040*). Action on a recommendation of official COMPASS comments on the draft plan was continued to the March 13, 2019, RTAC meeting.
- Federal-Aid Projects. Recommended rankings of federal-aid project applications based on a paired comparison process conducted from February 1 – 12, 2019, and subsequent committee discussion. Using the ranking information, the projects will be matched with available funding, starting with the highest ranked projects. Funding recommendations will be shared via email and provided for questions and discussion at an optional March 6, 2019, RTAC workshop. RTAC will further discuss the recommendations and be asked to recommend the updated federal-aid programs managed by COMPASS in the March 13, 2019, regular RTAC meeting.

### February Information/Discussion Items:

- Transit Performance Measures. Reviewed Valley Regional Transit's annual report of transit performance measures.
- Safety Targets. Received ITD's annual statewide safety performance targets. COMPASS has opted to support ITD's statewide targets in lieu of setting its own regional targets.

# Workgroups

## Active Transportation Workgroup

*Meeting date: February 13, 2019*

### Highlights:

- Discussed future permanent bicycle/pedestrian counter installation locations.
- Recommended continuing to develop the Latent Demand Analysis Model to determine demand for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Recommended maintaining the existing combined bicycle and pedestrian (active transportation) workgroup, as opposed to separating into two separate workgroups.

*Next meeting date: TBD*

## Freight Advisory Workgroup

*Meeting date: February 28, 2019*

### Highlights:

- Reviewed criteria for critical rural and urban freight corridors.
- Suggested changes to critical freight corridors.
- Discussed identified freight needs and potential projects.

*Next meeting date: TBD*

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