

Keeping Up With COMPASS

February 2016

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

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) - January 27, 2016

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

Next meeting date: February 24, 2016, 8:30 am, COMPASS 1st Floor Board Room

January Action Items:

- **Election of Officers:** Elected Tom Ferch, Ada County Highway District (ACHD), as Chair and Rhonda Jalbert, Valley Regional Transit, as Vice Chair for 2016.
- **Transportation Management Area (TMA) Balancing:** Recommended Executive Director approval of administrative modifications to the [FY2016–2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program](#) (TIP) to add additional Surface Transportation Program (STP)–TMA funding to two existing ACHD projects (Five Mile, Franklin Road to Franklin Avenue and State Street/Collister Drive intersection) and to reduce STP–TMA funding for a City of Boise project (pathway from Garden City to Americana Boulevard; funding is being replaced with Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program funding) and an ACHD maintenance project.
- **FY2017–2021 TIP:** Recommended priorities for new projects to the COMPASS Board for the FY2017–2021 TIP and for 2017 *Communities in Motion* implementation grants. Recommended formation of a workgroup to address policy issues on allocation of TMA funding.
- **FY2016–2020 TIP:** Recommended an amendment to the FY2016–2020 TIP to (1) change the titles and descriptions of projects along US 20/26 and State Highway 44 from right-of-way preservation to corridor studies, (2) add five bridge rehabilitation/repair projects (including work on 22 bridges in Ada and Canyon Counties) on Idaho Transportation Department facilities, (3) change the project description of a maintenance project on State Highway 55, (4) add three rural public transportation projects, and (5) add a road maintenance and trailhead project on Bogus Basin Road. These recommendations will be brought to the COMPASS Board for action in February.

January Information/Discussion Items:

- **SHRP2:** Received an update on freight and performance measure projects funded by a Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) grant.
- **MAP-21 Rulemaking:** Received an update on the status of federal MAP-21 rulemaking, how new rules will impact the Treasure Valley, and how the new federal transportation act (FAST Act) will affect the ongoing rulemaking.
- **Funding Policy:** Continued a discussion of the policy of focusing federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds on maintenance with a presentation on Canyon Highway District #4's maintenance needs. Other agencies will present maintenance needs at the February RTAC meeting.

Workgroups

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: January 27, 2016

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Highlights:

- Reviewed and provided input into the draft work plan for the public transportation component of *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*.

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