

Keeping Up With COMPASS

January 2016

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

Board of Directors - December 21, 2015

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

Next meeting date: February 22, 2016

Action Items:

- UPWP: Approved Revision 1 of the FY2016 COMPASS [Unified Planning Work Program and Budget](#) (UPWP), as recommended by the Finance Committee on November 19, 2015.
- Legislative Positions: Approved [2016 Idaho legislative session position statements](#), as recommended by the Executive Committee on November 10, 2015.
- Workgroup Charters: Approved 2016 COMPASS [workgroup charters](#), as recommended by the Executive Committee on October 13 and December 8, 2015.
- TIP Amendment: Approved amendments to the FY2015-2019 and FY2016-2020 [Regional Transportation Improvement Programs](#) (TIPs). Nine of the 10 changes in these amendments were recommended by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee over the course of two meetings: October 28 and November 17, 2015. One additional change was recommended by the Urban Balancing Committee on November 5, 2015.
- NARC Board of Directors: Approved Mayor Garret Nancolas as a candidate for a position on the board of the National Association of Regional Councils ([NARC](#)) as a representative of COMPASS, as recommended by the Executive Committee on December 8, 2015.
- TIP Amendment Policy: Approved revisions to the COMPASS [TIP Amendment Policy](#), as recommended by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee on November 17, 2015.
- Board Officers: Confirmed succession of 2016 COMPASS Board officers and elected the 2016 COMPASS Board Secretary/Treasurer, as recommended by the Executive Committee on December 8, 2015:
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Mayor Bob Henry
 - Vice Chair: Commissioner Dave Case
 - Chair Elect: Commissioner Steve Rule
 - Chair: Commissioner Sara Baker
 - Immediate Past Chair: Mayor Garret Nancolas
- Small Cities Executive Committee Representatives: Confirmed Executive Committee representatives for cities under 25,000 in population:
 - Ada County: Mayor John Evans
 - Canyon County: Mayor Nathan Leigh

Information/Discussion Items:

- FAST Act: Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors, provided a summary of the newly passed federal surface transportation reauthorization bill – the FAST (Fixing America's Surface Transportation) Act. The FAST Act provides \$305 billion of funding over five years.

Executive Committee – December 8, 2015

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

Next meeting date: February 2, 2016

Action Items:

- Performance Measure Framework Workgroup Charter: Recommended Board approval of an updated Performance Measure Framework Workgroup charter.
- Slate of Officers: Recommended Board approval of the 2016 COMPASS Board slate of officers (see above).
- NARC Board of Directors: Recommended Board approval of Mayor Garret Nancolas as a candidate for a position on the board of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) as a representative of COMPASS.
- Board Member Travel: Approved travel for Mayor Nancolas to attend the February 2016 NARC “National Conference of Regions” in Washington, DC, pending COMPASS Board approval of his candidacy for a NARC board position.

Information/Discussion Items:

- Transportation Legislation: Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors, provided a summary of the newly passed federal surface transportation reauthorization bill – the FAST Act (Fixing America’s Surface Transportation).

Finance Committee – December 10, 2015

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

Next meeting date: March 17, 2016

Action Items:

- Audit: Approved the FY2015 audit – a “clean” audit with no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.
- Financial Policies and Procedures Manual: Recommended Board approval of revisions to the Financial Policies and Procedures manual to allow for payment of accounts via electronic funds transfer.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) - December 16, 2015

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

Next meeting date: January 27, 2016

Action Items:

- TIP Amendments: Recommended amendments to the FY2015-2019 and FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) to remove three projects at the request of the project sponsors: adaptive signals at the Boise Towne Square Mall (ACHD), US 20/26 and Locust Grove intersection safety improvements (ITD), and Eckert Road pathway underpass (City of Boise).
- Project Prioritization: Prioritized projects for Surface Transportation Program – Transportation Management Area (STP-TMA) funds and reviewed priorities for other funding sources as recommended by Valley Regional Transit’s Regional Coordination Council and an RTAC subcommittee. Based on prioritization results and funding availability, COMPASS staff will recommend funding options to RTAC at its January 27, 2016, meeting.

Information/Discussion Items:

- Funding Policy: Discussed the history of the current policy of focusing federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds on maintenance.

Workgroups

Freight Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: December 15, 2015

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#fawg

Highlights:

- Reviewed the discussion and outcomes from the September 15, 2015, Freight Advisory Workgroup meeting.
- Prioritized the deliverables of the draft COMPASS freight program work plan based upon importance and urgency.
- Previewed an introduction to performance measures, to be discussed in more depth at the next workgroup meeting.

Next meeting date: March 15, 2016