

**Key March Board/
Committee Actions**

- > **Board:** Accepted 2015 population estimates; approved FY2016 member dues, an amendment to the FY2015-2019 TIP, and Revision 2 of the UPWP.
- > **Executive Committee:** Recommended a COMPASS proposal to assume the Economic Development District function for southwest Idaho.

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

Board of Directors

The COMPASS Board of Directors met on Monday, March 16, 2015.

The meeting began with an update on state and federal legislative issues by Ken Burgess of Veritas Advisors. Mr. Burgess reported that several transportation funding bills had been introduced in the Idaho legislature, but the final outcome remains uncertain.

The Board reviewed and accepted the 2015 Ada and Canyon County population estimates. Among other uses, the estimates are used to help calculate COMPASS member dues.

Next, the COMPASS Board approved FY2016 COMPASS membership dues, which were calculated using the formula con-

tained in the Membership Dues Policy approved by the Board in January.

The Board then approved an amendment to the FY2015-2019 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), per a request from the Ada County Highway District.

In its next action item, the COMPASS Board approved Revision 2 of the Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP), to add grant funding to purchase additional bicycle/pedestrian counters.

The Board then discussed proposed changes to the COMPASS Joint Powers Agreement and bylaws, including changes requested by COMPASS Board members following the

February 23, 2015, COMPASS Board meeting.

After discussion, the Board voted to continue the item at its April 20, 2015, meeting.

Finally, COMPASS Principal Planner Don Matson provided a status report on the *Communities in Motion* (CIM) grant implementation program. COMPASS is accepting grant applications through April 3, 2015.

The COMPASS Board will be asked to approve FY2015 grant recipients at its May 18, 2015, meeting and consider FY2016 grant funding and award recommendations at its June 15, 2015 meeting.

April Meeting Dates

TMA Balancing Committee	April 2
Public Participation Committee	April 7
Executive Committee	April 14
Regional Technical Advisory Committee	April 15
Board of Directors	April 20
Finance Committee	April 23

Executive Committee

The COMPASS Executive Committee met on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

The committee established the April 20, 2015, COMPASS Board meeting agenda.

Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors, provided a status report on state and federal legislative issues. Mr. Burgess reported that several transportation funding bills had been, and were about to be, introduced in the Idaho legislature. However, none of the recent bills reach the needed \$262 million figure.

Mr. Burgess noted that a local option funding bill may receive a print hearing at the end of the legislative session, but likely will not progress further than that this year.

Mr. Burgess also reported that the legislature passed a concurrent resolution calling for a review of the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council.

The committee then discussed an early draft of a COMPASS proposal to assume the Economic Development District function for southwest Idaho. COMPASS staff reviewed the process used to develop the

proposal, as well as information gathered to date and remaining steps to complete the draft proposal.

COMPASS staff will bring a more complete draft to the Executive Committee at a special meeting on April 3, 2015, prior to presenting the draft proposal to the full COMPASS Board in April.

An article on the April 3, 2015, special Executive Committee meeting can be found on page 2.



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Regional Technical Advisory Committee

The Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) advises the COMPASS Board on regional transportation and related planning issues.

The Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) met on March 17, 2015.

COMPASS requested a subcommittee of RTAC members to evaluate and prioritize applications for *Communities in Motion* implementation grants. Tricia Nilsson (Canyon County), Amy Schroeder (Idaho Transportation Department [ITD]), and Rhonda Jalbert (Valley Regional Transit [VRT]) volunteered to serve on the committee.

RTAC will review the committee's recommendations in its April meeting and recommend 2015 grant recipients and 2016 priorities to the COMPASS Board.

Next, COMPASS requested an RTAC subcommittee to evaluate the timing and

scope of a high capacity corridor study. Funding for this study is currently programmed in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in FY2018. In 2014, the COMPASS Board directed COMPASS to re-evaluate the timing and scope of the study following the 2015 legislative session.

Nine agencies committed staff to serve on the subcommittee: Ada County, Ada County Highway District, City of Boise, Canyon County, City of Eagle, ITD, City of Meridian, City of Nampa, and VRT.

Next, the committee recommended Board approval of an amendment to the FY2015-2019 TIP. COMPASS will solicit public comment on the proposed amendment from March 23 - April 6,

2015. The proposed amendment will be brought to the COMPASS Board for action in its April meeting.

Finally, COMPASS Director of Planning Sabrina Anderson led a discussion of priorities for the FY2016 COMPASS Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP). Ms. Anderson reviewed initial priorities from the February 25, 2015, RTAC meeting and led the committee through a process to refine those priorities to submit to the COMPASS Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee will consider RTAC's priorities as they review the draft FY2016 UPWP in April and May. The FY2016 UPWP will be brought to the COMPASS Board for adoption in its June 2015 meeting.

Special Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee held a special meeting on April 3, 2015, to review and recommend Board approval of a proposal for COMPASS to pursue assumption of the Economic Development District functions currently conducted by the Idaho Council of Governments. The Economic Development District encompasses a 10-county area in southwest Idaho.

Megan Larsen, COMPASS Director of Operations, presented an overview of

the proposal, including the function and value of an Economic Development District, the proposed structure should COMPASS assume Economic Development District functions, and next steps.

After discussion, the Executive Committee voted to recommend COMPASS Board approval of the proposal to move forward in pursuing Economic Development District functions.

This item will be brought to the full COMPASS Board of Directors for consideration at its April 20, 2105, meeting.



All meeting packets and minutes are available online.

Where Can I Find More Information?

COMPASS Board and committee members and meeting schedules, packets, and minutes are available on the COMPASS website.

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