

Key November Board/Committee Actions

- > **Board:** Did not meet.
- > **Executive Committee:** Recommended approval of state legislative position statements.
- > **RTAC:** Recommended approval of amendments to the TIP amendment policy.

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

Executive Committee

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

The committee approved amendments to the FY2015-2019 and FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), subject to ratification by the full Board at the December 21, 2015, Board meeting.

The amendment allows first quarter obligations of new or changed projects in the FY2015-2019 TIP, as the FY2016-2020 TIP has not yet received federal approval.

One notable change in the amendment is to advance construction on the Friends Railroad Crossing in Greenleaf FY2018 to FY2017.

Next, the committee recommended COMPASS Board approval of three proposed legislative position statements. The positions will provide guidance and sideboards for conversations with Idaho legislators. They will be brought to the COMPASS Board for approval at its December 21, 2015, meeting.

Executive Director Matt Stoll then reported on candidates interested in serving as the COMPASS Secretary/

Treasurer and as a COMPASS representative on the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Board of Directors.

Finally, Ken Burgess provided an update on federal transportation reauthorization.

Note: The COMPASS Board did not meet in November, per its new meeting schedule.

December Meeting Dates

Executive Committee	December 8
Finance Committee	December 10
Regional Transportation Advisory Committee	December 16
Board of Directors	December 21

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, November 19, 2015.

The committee approved the October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015 variance report.

The Finance Committee then reviewed and recommended COMPASS Board approval of Revision 1 of the FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP). The Board will receive this item for action at its

December 21, 2015, meeting.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2015.



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Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

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

The Regional Transportation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, November 17, 2015.

The committee discussed a request to review the funding allocation policy set in *Communities in Motion 2040* (CIM 2040) that directs that the majority of the federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding be focused on maintaining the existing transportation system.

Upon discussion, it was decided that this topic will be added to the RTAC agenda for each of the next several meetings, beginning with discussions of the history of the current policy, maintenance needs in the region, the financial forecast, and resource levels and availability.

Upon completion of the discussions, RTAC will be asked to make a recommendation to the COMPASS Board regarding if the policy should remain as-is for CIM 2040 2.0, or be changed.

The committee then recommended COMPASS Board approval of an amendment to the FY2015 - 2019 and FY2016 - 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs). The changes in the recommended amendment were requested by Valley Regional Transit and the Idaho Transportation Department. The COMPASS Board will receive this amendment for action in its December 21, 2015, Board meeting.

COMPASS continues to maintain and amend two TIPS, as the Idaho Transportation Department's has

not yet submitted the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The FY2015 - 2019 TIP will remain in effect until the FHWA approves the FY2016 - 2020 TIP.

In its final action, the committee recommended amending the COMPASS TIP amendment policy. Changes to the policy were made to incorporate best practices, to simplify and add flexibility to the policy, and to address concerns raised by FHWA. This item had been tabled at the October RTAC meeting to allow time to consider last-minute comments from FHWA.

Note that the December RTAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2015 — one week earlier than normal, due to the Christmas holiday.

Improving Keeping Up With COMPASS

Since 2011, COMPASS has provided you with this monthly "Keeping Up With COMPASS" newsletter.

The primary purposes of this newsletter have been to provide you a quick overview of issues being addressed by the COMPASS Board and COMPASS committees all in one place.

With the changes to the COMPASS committee structure and Board meeting schedule, we want to ensure we

are providing you with the information you need to stay informed on issues that COMPASS is addressing. To that end, we are looking at ways to improve how we are providing you with that information.

We conducted a survey of "Keeping Up With COMPASS" recipients in November and are using that information to help us improve our communication with you. Be watching for changes in the coming months.

If you have questions or suggestions on this newsletter, please contact Amy Luft at aluft@compassidaho.org or 475-2229.



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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