

Key January Board/Committee Actions

- > **Board:** Approved a TIP amendment to move maintenance work on I-84 to "Preliminary Development."
- > **Executive Committee:** Recommended COMPASS Board approval of a request by the Idaho Council of Governments to develop a proposal to ensure retention of federal Economic Development District designation.

Keeping Up With COMPASS

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, January 26, 2015. The Board received an update from Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors, on the status of state and federal legislative issues. He encouraged COMPASS Board members to address transportation funding needs with their local legislators.

The Board of Directors elected and confirmed small city representatives on the Executive Committee and COMPASS Board officers. Board officers for 2015 are: Mayor Garret Nancolas, Chair; Commissioner Sara Baker, Chair Elect; Commissioner Steve Rule, Vice Chair; Commissioner Dave Case, Secretary/Treasurer; Councilman Charlie Rountree, Immediate Past Chair.

Parma Mayor Nathan Leigh

was selected to represent the small cities (population under 25,000) in Canyon County on the Executive Committee and Eagle Mayor Jim Reynolds will represent small cities in Ada County.

The Board approved a uniform dues formula for COMPASS members. Previously, the dues formula had not been the same for the two counties; the new formula provides consistency in how dues are calculated.

Next, the Board amended the FY2015-2019 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) moving a maintenance project on I-84 in Canyon County to Preliminary Development, which reflects projects beyond the horizon year of the TIP. The Idaho Transportation Department

plans to phase the maintenance work beginning in 2020.

The Board then considered a request from the Idaho Council of Governments (ICOG) for COMPASS to develop a proposal outlining how it could assume some or all of ICOG's responsibilities as the Economic Development District (EDD) for Region 3 to ensure the designation as an EDD is retained. The Board directed COMPASS staff to develop a proposal and submit findings to the Board within 90 days.

Finally, the Board approved COMPASS staff submittal of an application for a SHRP-2 (Strategic Highway Research Program 2) grant to collect additional data on freight and enhance performance-based planning for *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*.

PASS staff to develop a proposal outlining how COMPASS could assume responsibilities as the EDD. This item was added to the January 26 COMPASS Board agenda.

Finally, Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors, provided a status report on state legislative issues. He reported that he is setting up meetings with legislators and is working on talking points for the COMPASS Board to assist in individual conversations with legislators.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

The committee approved agenda items for the February 23, 2015, COMPASS Board meeting. In preparation for that meeting, the committee directed Executive Director Matt Stoll to email the current draft of the amendment Joint Powers Agreement and COMPASS Board bylaws to the entire COMPASS Board of Directors for review.

Chair Elect Nancolas then reviewed a request from the

Idaho Council of Governments (ICOG) for COMPASS to explore assuming some or all of ICOG's responsibilities as the Economic Development District (EDD) for Region 3. As ICOG no longer serves as the Area Agency on Aging, it cannot support serving as the EDD as its sole function. The request for COMPASS' assistance is to ensure that the Region 3 EDD designation is not lost, so that local entities may continue to have access to the funding streams available through the EDD. The committee recommended the Board authorize COM-



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February Meeting Dates	
TMA Balancing	February 5
Executive Committee	February 17
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Demographic Advisory Committee	February 25
Finance Committee	February 26

Keeping Up With COMPASS

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

Regional Technical Advisory Committee

The Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) met on January 28, 2015.

The committee elected Rhonda Jalbert, Valley Regional Transit, as Vice Chair for 2015, and Tricia Nilsson, Canyon County, as Chair, pending acceptance from Ms. Nilsson, who was not present at the meeting.

RTAC then recommended Board approval of priorities for new projects for the FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The COMPASS Board will receive the recommended priorities for action at its February 23, 2015, meeting. Pending Board approval, the projects will be incorporated into the draft FY2016-2020 TIP.

COMPASS planners Carl Miller and Tom Laws then provided a brief overview of the new development review checklist and COMPASS Performance Dashboard. COMPASS staff are also available to provide more detailed, agency-specific training on either or both tools.

Next, Sabrina Anderson, Director of Planning, reviewed work to date on *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*, including a farm freight study (underway), an upcoming financial analysis, and an upcoming analysis of needs for the 2040 public transportation network. This information will be included in a discussion of the FY2016 COMPASS work plan and bud-

et, scheduled for the February 25, 2015, RTAC meeting.

COMPASS Director of Operations Megan Larsen then reviewed the new federal Office of Management and Budget "supercircular," which outlines new and revised requirements for recipients of federal funding.

Finally, Don Matson, COMPASS Principal Planner, provided an update on the 2015 *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant Program. A call for grant applications will be released in early February, with applications due in early April. This grant application cycle will cover grants for both FY2015 and FY2016, pending Board approval of FY2016 funding.

Transportation Model Advisory Committee

The Transportation Model Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

The committee elected Clair Bowman, City of Nampa, as Chair for 2015, and Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District, as Vice Chair.

The committee then reviewed and accepted Ada and Canyon County trip generation elements and results, base

year daily travel demand model results, and two base year peak hour model results: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

In addition, COMPASS Principal Planner MaryAnn Waldinger discussed the 7:00 am to 8:00 am peak hour model with the committee. COMPASS staff will continue to develop this model and bring it to the committee for review and acceptance this spring.



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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