

Key December Board/Committee Actions

- > **Board:** Approved 2015 legislative position statements.
- > **Executive Committee:** Recommended Board approval of revised COMPASS Bylaws and Joint Powers Agreement.
- > **RTAC:** Received information on new COMPASS programs related to bicycle/pedestrian planning, project obligation, and project funding readiness.

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, December 15, 2014, following the annual COMPASS/Valley Regional Transit Holiday Board luncheon and presentation of COMPASS 2014 Leadership in Motion awards.

The meeting began with a presentation by Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) District 3 Engineer Amy Revis, who reviewed ITD’s plan to address rehabilitation needs on Interstate 84 between Franklin Road and Franklin Boulevard in Canyon County.

ITD presented a plan to conduct the rehabilitation work in FY2020 and FY2021. In the FY2015-2019 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), this work is shown in FY2019. COM-

PASS will begin a process to amend the FY2015-2019 TIP to reflect ITD’s schedule. This will be brought to the COMPASS Board as an action item in January 2015.

ITD has also committed to aggressively seek funding through federal competitive grants for needed safety and widening improvements on this portion of I-84.

In action items, the Board of Directors approved three 2015 state legislative position statements. The statements focus on support for increased transportation funding, local option taxing authority, and increased funding and flexibility for local transportation agencies.

The Board also adopted Revision 1 of the FY2015

COMPASS Unified Planning Work Program and Budget. The revision will allow the maximum use of federal Consolidated Planning Grant funds. It includes a new program to assist member agencies in project scope development and an investment in bicycle/pedestrian counters. The counters will assist member agencies with local bicycle/pedestrian data needs and support a regional bicycle/pedestrian planning process.

In its final action, the COMPASS Board approved a revised development review protocol and accompanying checklist. The checklist will be used as COMPASS provides input to cities and counties on how proposed land use developments align with *Communities in Motion 2040*.

| January Meeting Dates | |
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| Executive Committee | January 13 |
| TMA Balancing Committee | January 15 |
| Transportation Modeling Advisory Committee | January 20 |
| Board of Directors | January 26 |
| Regional Technical Advisory Committee | January 28 |

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, and established the January 26, 2015, Board agenda.

The committee reviewed the proposed revised COMPASS Bylaws and Joint Powers Agreement, along with comments on proposed revisions submitted by member agencies.

The Executive Committee recommended the proposed changes, including most changes requested by member agencies. Recommended changes will be incorporated as appropriate, and “clean” versions of both

documents will be presented to the full COMPASS Board for review at its February Board meeting.

COMPASS staff has received verbal assurance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Joint Powers Agreement will not affect COMPASS’ designation as a metropolitan planning organization. Once the documents are in final form, COMPASS will request that FHWA provide that assurance in writing.

Upon Board concurrence with the proposed changes, COMPASS will release a 30-day notice of intent to change its Bylaws and Joint Powers Agreement, which must precede COMPASS Board action on the changes.

In its final action, the committee recommended nominations for the 2015 COMPASS Board officers, including recommending Ada County Commissioner Dave Case for the 2015 secretary/treasurer position and ascension of existing officers through the established officer rotation. These recommendations will be brought to the full Board for action in January 2015.



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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 met on Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

The meeting began with a presentation by Jay Gibbons, City of Meridian Parks and Pathway Project Manager, on the city's Union Pacific Railroad rail with trail arterial crossing design study.

Carl Miller, COMPASS Principal Planner, then introduced an outline for a Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan and requested committee feedback on agency expectations and needs. Mr. Miller will review early mapping and data deployment efforts with RTAC in spring 2015.

Next, COMPASS Assistant Planner Tom Laws presented information on bicycle/pedestrian counters and

other means of acquiring data that COMPASS will employ to measure bicycle/pedestrian travel routes, patterns, and demand throughout the region.

Mr. Laws discussed how the data will be used to support the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan and to assist member agencies.

An Active Transportation Workgroup has been convened to assist with the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan and deployment of the bicycle/pedestrian counters. Member agencies are encouraged to ensure they have appropriate representation on that workgroup.

Don Matson, COMPASS Principal Planner, then debuted a new COMPASS project development program to

assist member agencies in preparing projects for funding opportunities. COMPASS staff will be meeting with member agency staff in early 2015 to discuss potential projects for early development assistance.

COMPASS Principal Planner Toni Tisdale provided an overview of new COMPASS procedures to ensure timely project obligation. This will be accomplished through improved communication, tracking, and reporting.

Finally, Ms. Tisdale provided the committee with a preliminary prioritization of transit applications for the FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as prioritized by Valley Regional Transit's Regional Coordination Council.

Finance Committee

The COMPASS Finance Committee met on Thursday, December 11, 2014.

The committee received and approved the FY2014 audited financial statements from the audit firm of Harris & Co. COMPASS received a clean opinion and had no reportable issues.

Next, the committee reviewed and recommended Board approval of a written member dues calculation policy.

This stemmed from previous discussions at the Finance Committee and among Canyon County COMPASS member agencies which revealed that Canyon County general member dues were being calculated differently than Ada County general member dues.

The recommended dues policy will standardize general member dues calculations across both counties. In a nutshell, each member agency's proportionate share of general membership dues

will be calculated using a standard formula based on the population within the member agency's jurisdiction. The dues policy will be brought to the full COMPASS Board for action in January 2015.

In its last action item, the committee approved its 2015 meeting dates.



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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