

Key June Board/
Committee Actions

- > **Board:** Approved CIM implementation grant recipients and two amendments to the FY2015-2019 TIP.
- > **Executive Committee:** Received updates on projects proposed for the FY2015-2020 TIP and end-of-year priorities.
- > **RTAC:** Recommended Board approval of the COMPASS application guide.

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, June 15, 2015.

The Board received a status report on the May 14, 2015, Finance Committee meeting from COMPASS Director of Operations Megan Larsen, followed by an update on the Project Development Program from COMPASS Principal Planner Don Matson.

Mr. Matson reported that 10 applications were received for the Project Development Program. Five were selected to move forward in FY2015 based upon completeness of the application, readiness, and overall program balance. COMPASS staff will work with

the sponsor agencies of the remaining projects for potential selection in FY2016.

The Board then approved *Communities in Motion* implementation grant recipients for FY2015 and priorities for FY2016, pending adoption of the FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program and budget (UPWP) in August. Five grant recipients were selected for each year.

In its final actions, the COMPASS Board approved two amendments to the FY2015-2019 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The first affected four projects in the statewide Transportation

Alternatives Program (TAP). It delayed a project in Nampa, removed a project in Caldwell, and removed a project in Middleton, while moving the funds from that project to another TAP project in Middleton.

The second amendment was to advance four Idaho Transportation Department maintenance projects to allow work to be conducted this summer and to replace anticipated federal funding for construction of these projects with state funding. These changes were made possible due to additional state transportation revenue brought about by the passage of House Bill 312, which will raise the Idaho fuel tax and registration fees effective July 1, 2015.

July Meeting Dates

TMA Balancing Committee	Cancelled
Executive Committee	July 14
Board of Directors	July 20
Regional Technical Advisory Committee	Cancelled

Executive Committee

The COMPASS Executive Committee met on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Idaho Transportation Board Chair Jerry Whitehead and District 3 Board Member Julie DeLorenzo attended as guests.

Amy Schroeder, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), provided an update on proposed ITD projects for the COMPASS planning area for the DRAFT FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including projects that have advanced based on anticipated additional funding from

gas tax and registration fee increases, which will go into effect July 1. She also discussed ITD's "Strategic Initiatives" program and District 3 projects that have been submitted to compete with other projects from around the state for Strategic Initiatives funding.

Toni Tisdale, COMPASS Principal Planner, then provided an update on other proposed major changes to the DRAFT FY2016-2020 TIP and discussed recommended project priorities for "end-of-year" funding, should funding become available through ITD's end-of-year program or redistribution of

funds from other states. These priorities were subsequently approved by the COMPASS Board on June 15.

The committee then approved the July 20, 2015, COMPASS Board meeting agenda. It was noted that action on the proposed new Joint Powers Agreement and bylaws has been moved to July (from June). If the Board acts in July to release them for the required 30-day notice of intent to amend, staff will request that the August meeting be moved back one week to accommodate the 30-day notice period.



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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 (RTAC) met on Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

The committee recommended Board approval of the COMPASS Application Guide. The guide, and its accompanying project application spreadsheet, will assist COMPASS members in applying for federal funding, *Communities in Motion* (CIM) implementation grants, and project development assistance. The draft guide will be brought to the COMPASS Board for action in July.

Don Matson, COMPASS Principal Planner, then provided a status report on the Project Development Program. Projects have been selected for the program for FY2015 and COMPASS is working

with selected consultants to negotiate the scope of work and budget for each project. Consultant work is scheduled to begin in July.

Next, COMPASS Assistant Planner Tina Fuller and Principal Planner Liisa Itkonen reviewed findings of an agricultural freight study and discussed needs and issues for the freight component of CIM 2040 2.0. Member agencies are being asked to provide input via email on the scope of the effort and to recommend members for an agricultural freight advisory group.

Finally, Toni Tisdale, COMPASS Principal Planner, presented the draft FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for review. Ms. Tisdale

noted that some changes may still occur in the draft list in the next few weeks. RTAC members should review the draft TIP project list and provide Ms. Tisdale with any questions or changes by July 8, 2015, so that they can be resolved before the public comment period begins on July 20.

Staff will provide RTAC with all public comments and request RTAC recommendation of Board approval of the TIP project list in August. The COMPASS Board will receive the draft TIP for action in September.

NOTE: The July 2015 RTAC meeting has been cancelled. The next RTAC meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2015.

Public Participation Committee

The Public Participation Committee met on Monday, June 22, 2015.

The committee provided input into topics for draft questions for a random household telephone survey regarding knowledge and opinions of COMPASS and its programs. Survey results will be used to assist in evaluating COMPASS' communication programs. A consultant has been hired to administer the survey, which is scheduled to be complete by September 30, 2015.

Christina Torkelson, COMPASS Communication Assistant, then presented draft materials for a *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* (CIM 2040 2.0) photo contest. The contest will focus on the four transportation components that will be the focus of CIM 2040 2.0: roadways, public transportation, freight, and bicycle/pedestrian. Winning entries will be used in a 2017 calendar to raise awareness of CIM 2040 2.0.

Ms. Torkelson then shared initial ideas and facilitated a discussion regarding a COMPASS video promoting the importance of transportation maintenance and the need for additional funding to keep up with maintenance needs.

Finally, the committee provided input into the purchase of new COMPASS promotional products to serve as "giveaways" to promote COMPASS and attract visitors to COMPASS booths at community events.



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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