

Key February Board/Committee Actions

- > **Board:** Approved priorities for new projects for the FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- > **Executive Committee:** Reviewed the outline for a proposal for COMPASS to assume responsibilities as the Economic Development District for a 10-county region in 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, February 23, 2015.

Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors, provided a status report on state and federal transportation funding issues. He reported that at the state level, several proposals for transportation funding are being discussed, including an increase in fuel tax, an increase in sales tax, and other options.

Mr. Burgess also reported that options being discussed at the federal level do not include an increase in fuel tax. A copy of Mr. Burgess' slides can be found on the COMPASS website on the [Board meeting webpage](#).

The COMPASS Board then reviewed draft updates to

the COMPASS Joint Powers Agreement and Board bylaws. Several suggested changes to the drafts of both documents were discussed.

The Board voted to direct all Board members with suggested changes to provide those to Executive Director Matt Stoll in writing no later than Monday, March 2, 2015. All suggested changes received will be sent to the Board as part of the March 16, 2015, Board meeting packet.

Suggested changes will be discussed at the March 16 meeting. The Board will be requested to approve releasing the draft updated bylaws and Joint Powers Agreement for the required 30 days notice of intent to amend at is April

2015 meeting. This would allow the Board to consider approval of the changes in its June 2015 meeting.

Finally, the Board approved priorities for new projects for the FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The prioritized projects will be incorporated into the draft FY2016-2020 TIP.

A final item — a status report on the *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant Program — was delayed until the March 16, 2015, Board meeting due to a lack of time.

Executive and Finance Committees

Executive Committee

The COMPASS Executive Committee met on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. In action items, the committee established the March 16, 2015, Board meeting agenda and approved a travel request for Councilmember Elaine Clegg to represent COMPASS at the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' spring board meeting in Washington, DC.

Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors, then provided a status report on state and federal legislative issues. He noted that several options for in ceasing transportation funding are being discussed at the state legislature.

Executive Director Matt Stoll reviewed the outline for a pro-

posal for COMPASS to assume responsibilities as the Economic Development District for a 10-county region in southwest Idaho.

In March, COMPASS staff will bring a proposal to the Executive Committee for review.

Finally, the committee reviewed the current process for selecting Board officers and discussed whether changes to the process should be considered. The committee chose to not pursue changes at this time.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on February 26, 2015. Rebecca Arnold, ACHD, was elected chair for 2015 and Craig Hanson, Canyon County, was elected vice chair.

COMPASS Director of Operations Megan Larsen reviewed five year revenue and expense estimates and assumptions for FY2016-2020, which provide the starting point for the FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP).

The committee then recommended Board approval of Revision 2 of the FY2015 UPWP to purchase three automated bicycle counters using funds from the Federal Highway Administration T2 Deployment Program.

Next, the committee reviewed and approved the October 1 - December 31, 2014, variance report. In its final action, the committee reviewed and recommended Board approval of FY2016 membership dues.

March Meeting Dates

Regional Technical Advisory Committee (special meeting)	March 2
TMA Balancing	March 5
Executive Committee	March 10
Board of Directors	March 16
Executive Committee (special meeting; tentative)	March 24
Regional Technical Advisory Committee	March 17



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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 Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

In its only action item, the committee revisited its January election of 2015 officers. Tricia Nilsson, Canyon County, had been elected chair in January, but was not present at the meeting. Ms. Nilsson later advised COMPASS that she will be unable to attend the majority of the RTAC meetings and requested that someone else serve as chair.

Rhonda Jalbert, Valley Regional Transit, originally elected as vice chair, was subsequently elected as 2015 chair and Tom Ferch, Ada County Highway District, was elected as vice chair.

The committee then participated in a workshop facilitated by Sabrina Anderson, COMPASS Director of Planning, to provide input on member agency priorities for the COMPASS FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP). Members of other COMPASS standing committees were invited to participate in the workshop with RTAC members.

Participants were supplied with comment forms to provide initial input into COMPASS priorities for FY2016. The results of this initial prioritization will be brought to RTAC at its March meeting. In March, RTAC will be asked to review and finalize the prioritization of tasks for the FY2016 UPWP and recommend those priorities to

the COMPASS Finance Committee.

The UPWP is expected to be brought to the COMPASS Board for adoption in June 2015. Fiscal year 2016 begins October 1, 2015.

It was announced that RTAC will hold a special meeting on March 2, 2015, to review and recommend an amendment to the FY2015-2019 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

In addition, at the request of RTAC members, the March 25, 2015, RTAC meeting was changed to March 17, 2015, to accommodate conflicts the last week of March, due to spring break for local schools.

Demographic Advisory Committee

The Demographic Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. The committee elected Brian McClure, City of Meridian, as chair for 2015, and Margaret Havey, Valley Regional Transit, as vice chair.

The committee then reviewed 2015 population estimates based on four alternate vacancy rates. Two of the methodologies discussed used Idaho Power vacancy rates, the utility's high and low estimates, based on household electrical use. After discussion, the committee

recommended 2015 population estimates based on a fifth methodology, calculated using an average of Idaho Power's high and low estimated vacancy rates. The 2015 population estimates will be presented to the COMPASS Board for acceptance in March. Among other uses, the estimates are used to calculate COMPASS member dues.

The committee then discussed dates and topics for a spring 2015 Census workshop. Based on discussion, the work-

shop is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2015.

Finally, COMPASS Principal Planner Carl Miller reported on the US Census Bureau's annual Boundary and Annexation Survey, which COMPASS prepares for member agencies. The survey collects information about legal boundaries and geographic areas to update data for the decennial and economic censuses and for annual estimates and surveys such as the American Community Survey.



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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