

**Key April Board/
Committee Actions**

- > **Board:** Approved COMPASS' proposal to assume responsibilities as the Economic Development District for southwest Idaho.
- > **Executive Committee:** Received status reports on state and federal legislative issues and on the COMPASS Economic Development District proposal.

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, April 20, 2015.

Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors, provided a status report on state and federal legislative issues. He discussed the myriad of transportation funding bills introduced in the Idaho legislature, and provided details on the \$95 million transportation funding legislation that passed. Mr. Burgess also provided a brief update on other legislation of interest to COMPASS member agencies.

Next, Amy Schroeder, Idaho Transportation Department, reported on the status and timing of maintenance projects on I-84 in Canyon County.

She reported that approximately \$9 million has been

budgeted in the draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program for FY2020 for pavement rehabilitation on I-84 between Franklin Road (Caldwell) and Karcher Road in Nampa.

In addition, ITD intends to budget approximately \$8 million in FY2021 for pavement rehabilitation between Karcher Road and Franklin Boulevard in Nampa.

There is currently no funding available for expansion or reconstruction on I-84, but ITD will continue to pursue additional funding and maintain efforts to be prepared to begin work, should funding become available.

In action items, the Board approved COMPASS' proposal to assume responsi-

bilities as the Economic Development District for southwest Idaho. COMPASS staff will work with appropriate federal, state, and regional agencies to complete the transfer of responsibilities from the Idaho Council of Governments to COMPASS.

The Board then voted to continue an action item to review draft changes to the COMPASS Joint Powers Agreement and Board bylaws until June, as the action on the Economic Development District will necessitate additional changes.

In its final action, the Board approved an amendment to the FY2015-2019 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to add one project, delay one project, remove two projects, and reallocate funding based on the changes.

Executive Committee and Finance Committee

Executive Committee

The COMPASS Executive Committee met on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

The committee received a status report on state and federal legislative issues from Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors. Mr. Burgess provided details on House Bill 312, which passed the Idaho Legislature on April 11, 2015, and will provide an additional \$95 million in transportation funding statewide.

The committee then received a status report on COMPASS' proposal to assume responsibilities as the Economic De-

velopment District (EDD) for southwest Idaho. It was reported that COMPASS had received a letter from the Board of Directors of the Idaho Council of Governments stating it had voted to approve moving the EDD to COMPASS, pending COMPASS Board approval.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 23, 2015.

COMPASS Director of Operations Megan Larsen reviewed the draft FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP). This item will be brought to the committee for

recommendation in May, to prepare for a request for Board adoption in June.

Ms. Larsen noted that the EDD portion of the budget will be added for the May Finance Committee meeting (based on Board action of April 20). This will cause minor changes in workday allocations, but no change to COMPASS direct expense projections.

In action items, the committee recommended Board approval of Revision 3 of the UPWP to add \$225,000 in federal "SHRP2" grant funding.



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May Meeting Dates

TMA Balancing Committee	May 7
Executive Committee	May 12
Finance Committee	May 14
Board of Directors	Cancelled
Regional Technical Advisory Committee	May 27
Demographic Advisory Committee	May 27

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 Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

COMPASS Principal Planner Carl Miller provided a status report on the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. Bicycle and pedestrian counters are being purchased and 10 permanent counters are scheduled to be installed in May.

Principal Planner Don Matson then provided an update on the Project Development Program. Mr. Matson reported that 10 projects had been submitted for consideration in the program. Projects will be selected by mid-May to allow consultants to begin work in June.

Next, COMPASS Principal Planner Toni Tisdale reviewed the COMPASS Funding Application Guide. The guide will be brought to RTAC at its May 27, 2015, meeting for recommendation to the COMPASS Board, and to the COMPASS Board for approval on June 15, 2015.

In action items, the committee recommended COMPASS Board approval of projects for FY2015 *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant Program and project priorities for FY2016 funding. Eleven project applications were submitted, but the City of Nampa asked to have one of its projects removed from consideration during the RTAC meeting, leaving 10 project applications for consideration.

Five projects were recommended for funding in FY2015: one each in the Cities of Eagle, Nampa, and Wilder, and two in the City of Parma.

In addition, five projects were recommended as priorities for FY2016, should funding be approved by the COMPASS Board. Three of these projects were submitted by Boise State University, one by Ada County, and one by the City of Kuna.

All recommendations will be brought to the COMPASS Board for approval in June.

Public Participation Committee

The Public Participation Committee (PPC) met on April 7, 2015. The committee reviewed the draft COMPASS *Integrated Communication Plan* and comments/changes made to the draft plan per recommendations from the Federal Highway Administration and a PPC subcommittee.

The committee then recommended COMPASS Board adoption of the plan, following a 45-day public comment period (April 17-May 31). The Board will

receive the draft plan with a request for adoption at its June 15, 2015, meeting.

The committee also reviewed and provided feedback on public comment materials for the Public Involvement Plan section of the *Integrated Communication Plan*.

Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS Principal Planner, then provided an update on the implementation of *Communities in Motion 2040* and the development of *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*.

The PPC then provided feedback on a draft brochure for drivers of trucks and other large vehicles on the use of roundabouts.

COMPASS Communication Coordinator Amy Luft discussed an upcoming household survey relating to the *Integrated Communication Plan*. Per consensus of the committee, PPC input into the survey will be handled via email, rather than hold a meeting solely for that purpose.

Finally, Ms. Luft provided an update on the COMPASS restructuring proposal.



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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www.compassidaho.org/people/board.htm

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