

Key September Board/Committee Actions

- > **Board:** Approved the updated COMPASS Joint Powers Agreement and Board, Finance Committee, and Regional Transportation Advisory Committee bylaws.
- > **Executive Committee:** Recommended approval of federal transportation policy positions.
- > **RTAC:** Recommended approval of the public transportation system development process.

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, September 21, 2015.

Mr. Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors, provided a status report on federal transportation funding and reauthorization.

The COMPASS Board then reviewed and approved federal transportation policy positions. These positions will provide guidance to Mr. Burgess and COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll as they discuss federal transportation issues with Idaho's congressional delegation and national advocacy organizations, who represent their members, including COMPASS, in federal policy discussions.

Next, the COMPASS Board of Directors reviewed and approved an updated COMPASS Joint Powers Agreement and Board, Finance Committee, and Regional Transportation Advisory Committee bylaws. The changes brought about by these updates went into effect immediately upon adoption.

Changes include changing the frequency of Board meetings from monthly to bimonthly, moving the annual Board of Directors meeting to December of each year, and eliminating all standing committees except the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Regional Transportation Advisory Committee.

COMPASS will establish workgroups to conduct the work of other previously existing committees.

In its next action item, the Board approved the FY2016 - 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and associated air quality conformity demonstration for northern Ada County.

Subsequently, the Board amended the FY2015 - 2019 TIP to include changes that need to take place to allow projects to move forward while awaiting approval of the FY2016 - 2020 TIP, which is expected in late November or early December.

October Meeting Dates

Executive Committee	October 13
Board of Directors	October 19
Regional Transportation Advisory Committee	October 28

Executive Committee

The COMPASS Executive Committee met on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

The committee approved a travel request for COMPASS Board member Elaine Clegg to travel to the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) annual conference in October. Board member Clegg represents COMPASS on the AMPO Board of Directors and has risen through AMPO's officer rotation — she is expected to be elected AMPO Board President at the October meeting.

The Executive Committee discussed and recommended

Board approval of 10 federal transportation policy positions. These policy positions cover federal transportation funding issues, as well as the reauthorization of the federal transportation authorization act, MAP-21. Once approved by the COMPASS Board, the policies will guide discussions on COMPASS' behalf with federal policy makers. The recommended policy positions will be brought to the COMPASS Board for approval at its September 21, 2015, meeting (above).

COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll then reviewed pro-

cess changes that will be in effect upon Board approval of the updated COMPASS Joint Powers Agreement and Board bylaws. It is anticipated that these will receive Board approval in September (see above). Process changes, as outlined in the draft updated documents, include changing Board meetings to every other month, moving the COMPASS annual meeting to December, and replacing most COMPASS standing committees with less formal workgroups.



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

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

The Regional Transportation Advisory Committee met on September 23, 2015.

Margaret Havey, Valley Regional Transit (VRT), provided a status report on VRT's system analysis for its Canyon County routes.

Next, COMPASS Principal Planner Carl Miller reviewed the second *Communities in Motion 2040* (CIM 2040) reconciled demographic forecast, which will be the basis for CIM 2040 2.0 demographic dataset. More information on this item can be found in the article below.

Kelly Blume, Kittleson and Associates, reviewed the public transportation network analysis that had been conducted on behalf of COMPASS.

In action items, RTAC recommended Board approval of the process to develop the public transportation component of CIM 2040 2.0.

In a related item, RTAC also recommended Board approval to reprogram funds currently programmed for FY2018 for a high capacity corridor study to "preliminary development," to allow those funds to be used at a later date when regional public transportation needs are more clearly defined.

Next, RTAC recommended Board approval of a FY2016 COMPASS funding plan. This plan will allow the COMPASS Board to review and endorse the pursuit of outside funding sources for FY2016 in one package.

The committee also recommended Board approval of amendments to the FY2015-2019 and FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) to add one project and remove another. The amendments are needed in both versions of the TIP, as the FY2015-2019 TIP remains in effect until federal approval of the FY2016-2020 TIP.

In its final actions, RTAC recommended Board approval to release funds from three projects in the FY2015-2019 and FY2016-2020 TIPs. Reprogramming is expected to occur in October. In addition, RTAC recommended the Board reprogram the high capacity corridor study from FY2018 to preliminary development. This action mirrors the action discussed earlier, but includes other affected projects to rebalance the program.

Demographic Advisory Committee

The Demographic Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

COMPASS Principal Planner Carl Miller reviewed the second *Communities in Motion 2040* (CIM 2040) reconciled demographic forecast with the committee.

The reconciliation was based on COMPASS review of approved preliminary plats throughout Ada and Canyon Counties since the first reconciliation in August 2014.

Fifteen preliminary plats comprising 10 Transportation Analysis Zones exceeded the first CIM 2040 reconciled forecast. In addition to the reconciliation, COMPASS worked with member agencies to review their individual areas; some requested changes to the demographic forecasts to reflect updated local policies and plans.

This reconciled forecast will be the basis for the CIM 2040 2.0 demographic dataset. It will be used to provide inputs to

the travel demand model, the financial forecast, traffic impact studies, and other studies and data that will support CIM 2040 2.0.

Finally, the committee reviewed and provided input into a draft Demographic Advisory Workgroup charter. Subsequent to Board approval of an updated Joint Powers Agreement and bylaws, (see article, page 1), the Demographic Advisory Committee will disband and reform as a workgroup.



All meeting packets and minutes are available online.

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COMPASS Board and committee members and meeting schedules, packets, and minutes are available on the COMPASS website.

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