

Key August Board/ Committee Actions

- > **Board:** Reviewed the draft revised COMPASS Joint Powers Agreement and Board bylaws and authorized a 30-day notice of intent to amend; approved the FY2016 COMPASS UPWP.
- > **Executive Committee:** Established the September 2015 Board meeting agenda.
- > **RTAC:** Recommended Board approval of the FY2016 - 2020 TIP.

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, August 17, 2015.

The meeting began with a special presentation by U.S. Senator Mike Crapo. Senator Crapo discussed the status of federal transportation legislation.

The Board also received an update on the Broadway Bridge replacement project from Idaho Transportation Department District 3 Engineer Manager Amy Schroeder. She reported that the environmental documents for the project have been approved and that construction will take place between December 22, 2015, and September 1, 2016.

In action items, the Board of Directors approved the withdrawal from the process for COMPASS to pursue the transfer of the Idaho Region 3 Economic Development District designation from the Idaho Council of Governments. (See Executive Committee, below, for additional information.)

The Board then reviewed proposed updates to the COMPASS Joint Powers Agreement and Board Bylaws and authorized a 30-day notice of intent to amend. These will be brought back to the COMPASS Board for approval in September.

Next, the COMPASS Board approved the FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP). This budget will go into effect on October 1, 2015.

In its final action, the Board approved the COMPASS Application Guide. This guide consolidates all COMPASS-managed funding applications into one application process.



Executive Committee

Note: Keeping Up With COMPASS was not published in August, as the COMPASS Board meeting and most committee meetings were cancelled in July. Therefore, both July and August Executive Committee meetings are discussed below.

July 14, 2015, Meeting

In its July 14 meeting, the Executive Committee authorized COMPASS staff to remove references to an Economic Development District (EDD) designation from draft revisions to the COMPASS Joint Powers Agreement and Board bylaws.

Per Board direction, COMPASS staff had been pursuing the transfer of the Idaho Region 3 EDD from the Idaho Council of Governments, based upon a series of specific conditions.

However, unforeseen changes occurred in the process to transfer the EDD designation, which would have violated the conditions set by the Board.

These changes lead to a recommendation to discontinue the transfer of the EDD (considered in the August Board meeting; see above) and the request to remove mention of the EDD from draft

revisions to COMPASS governance documents. These draft revised documents were also brought to the COMPASS Board for consideration in August.

In other business, the committee cancelled the July COMPASS Board meeting and established the August 17, 2015, COMPASS Board meeting agenda.

August 11, 2015, Meeting

In its August 11 meeting, the Executive Committee established the September 21, 2015, Board meeting agenda.



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September Meeting Dates	
TMA Balancing Committee	September 3
Executive Committee	September 8
Board of Directors	September 21
Regional Technical Advisory Committee	September 23

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 August 26, 2015.

After review of public comment, the committee recommended Board approval of the FY2016 - 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and an amendment to the FY2015-2019 TIP. Both will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in September. The FY2015 - 2019 TIP will remain in effect until federal approval of the FY2016 - 2020 TIP, which is expected in late November.

RTAC also reviewed a proposal to amend the TIP amendment policy to require Board approval when cumulative cost increases for a project in the TIP reach 30%. After discus-

sion, the committee voted to table this item until a later date and requested that staff try interim solutions involving RTAC review first.

Next, Rhonda Jalbert, Director of Development for Valley Regional Transit (VRT), provided a status report on VRT's regional fare analysis, which will assist VRT in developing a regional fare structure.

COMPASS Principal Planner Liisa Itkonen then reported on member agency feedback regarding freight issues and questions and input into potential members of a freight advisory workgroup. She also provided an update on data collection efforts scheduled for this fall as part of a Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP2) grant and an over-

view of freight related work planned for FY2017 and FY2018.

Finally, Susan Lasuen, Local Highway Technical Assistance Council, reviewed reporting requirements for new maintenance funds generated by HB312, a bill passed by the Idaho Legislature in April to increase transportation funding. Ms. Lasuen reminded committee members that HB312 funding can only be used for maintenance of roads and bridges.

It was announced that the November RTAC meeting will likely be cancelled and that the date of the December RTAC meeting will be moved earlier in the month to avoid conflicts with the holidays. The next RTAC meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2015.

Finance Committee (Special Meeting)

The Finance Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2015.

The committee approved the proposed FY2015 audit process, as presented by Josh Tyree of Harris & Co. It is anticipated that the resulting financial statements will be presented to the Finance Committee for approval in December 2015.

Next, the committee approved the COMPASS Variance Report for Octo-

ber 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

In its final action item, the committee reviewed and recommended COMPASS Board approval of the draft FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP). This item will be brought to the full COMPASS Board for consideration at its August 17, 2015, meeting.

Upon COMPASS Board approval, the UPWP will be submitted to the Federal

Highway Administration. Federal approval of the UPWP by October 1, 2015, is required for work to begin in FY2016.

Due to the addition of this special Finance Committee meeting, the August 13, 2015, Finance Committee meeting has been cancelled. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2015.



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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