

# Keeping Up With COMPASS

March 2016

A newsletter for COMPASS members to keep abreast of COMPASS Board, committee, and workgroup actions.

## Board of Directors – February 22, 2016

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm)

Next meeting date: April 18, 2016, COMPASS First Floor Board Room

### February Action Items:

- **FY2017 – 2021 TIP Priorities:** Approved new project priorities for the FY2017 – 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and voted to establish an ad hoc policy committee of elected Board members to consider a policy regarding the use of Surface Transportation Program and Transportation Alternatives Program Transportation Management Area funds outside of the Transportation Management Area.
- **Legislative Direction:** Directed COMPASS lobbyist Ken Burgess to oppose legislation removing the new \$75 additional registration fee for hybrids and legislation removing sales tax on transportation materials for contractors.
- **Financial Policy and Procedures Manual:** Approved revisions to the COMPASS Financial Policy and Procedures Manual to update its process for payment of accounts payable from paper checks to electronic funds transfer payments.
- **FY2016 – 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** Approved an [amendment](#) to the FY2016 – 2020 TIP to remove, add, and change the descriptions of several projects in the FY2016 – 2020 TIP, per requests from the Ada County Highway District, the City of Boise, the Idaho Transportation Department, and Western Federal Lands.
- **Project Status Reports:** Directed staff to add quarterly status reports on projects in the TIP to the Executive Director's Report in the Board packet, per a recommendation from the Executive Committee (see below).
- **Project Obligation Deadlines:** Approved requests from the City of Caldwell and the City of Eagle to extend project obligation deadlines for one project each from March 1 to June 1, 2016.

### February Information/Discussion Items:

- **Boise GreenBike Program:** Received a status report on the Boise GreenBike program.

## Executive Committee – February 2, 2016

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Next meeting date: March 8, 2016, COMPASS 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

### February Action Items:

- **Board Member Travel:** Approved travel for Councilwoman Elaine Clegg to attend the March 2016 Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) board meeting in Washington, DC.
- **Project Status Reports:** Recommended Board approval to add quarterly status reports on projects in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the Executive Director's Report in the Board packet.

### February Information/Discussion Items:

- **FY2017 – 2021 TIP Priorities:** Discussed new project priorities (as recommended by RTAC) for the FY2017 – 2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This item was brought to the COMPASS Board for action in its February 22, 2016, meeting (see above).
- **Legislative Issues:** Received a status report on state legislative issues.
- **Education Series:** Received a status report on the 2016 COMPASS education series.

# Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) – February 24, 2016

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/rtacmeetings.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/rtacmeetings.htm)

Next meeting date: March 30, 2016, COMPASS First Floor Board Room

## February Action Items:

- **Transportation Management Area (TMA) Balancing:** Recommended Board approval of amendments and modifications to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) within the Transportation Management Area (TMA) to “balance” the TMA program, based on additional funding from the federal FAST (Fixing America’s Surface Transportation) Act and other considerations. The COMPASS Board will be asked to act on amendments in April. Other items will be processed via administrative modification.

## February Information/Discussion Items:

- **Freight Work Plan:** Received notice that they will receive two freight documents via email: (1) a multi-year scope of work for the freight component for *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*, as reviewed by the Freight Advisory Workgroup, and (2) a draft scope of work for a FY2017 freight plan for review and feedback. RTAC will be asked to recommend Board approval of the scope of work for the FY2017 freight plan in its April meeting.
- **Funding Policy:** Continued a discussion of the policy of focusing federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds on maintenance with presentations on maintenance needs from Valley Regional Transit, the City of Nampa, the Idaho Transportation Department, the City of Caldwell, and the Ada County Highway District.
- **FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):** Received a handout describing COMPASS core service areas, a survey to provide input into planning priorities for FY2017, and a member agency request form for FY2017 projects. Information compiled through the survey and member agency request form will be shared with RTAC at its March meeting, at which time RTAC will be asked to provide additional input. The survey and member agency request form will also be sent to RTAC members via email and need to be returned to COMPASS no later than March 16, 2016.

## Workgroups

### Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: February 25, 2016

More information: [www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#ptwg](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#ptwg)

Highlights:

- Revised goals and deliverables for the public transportation work plan.
- Reviewed the proposed fixed route bus network and identified routing and performance preferences.

Next meeting date: TBD

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