

Keeping Up With COMPASS

May 2016

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

Board of Directors – April 18, 2016

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: June 20, 2016, COMPASS 1st Floor Board Room

April Action Items:

- Population Estimates. Accepted the [2016 population estimates](#) as recommended by the Demographic Advisory Workgroup on March 2, 2016.
- Membership Dues. Approved 2017 membership dues as recommended by the Finance Committee on March 30, 2016.
- Transportation Management Area Funds. Approved a [policy](#) for programming Transportation Management Area (TMA) funds, as recommended by the TMA Funding Ad Hoc Policy Committee on March 21, 2016.
- Transportation Improvement Program Amendment. [Amended](#) the FY2016 - 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as recommended by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee on February 24 and March 30, 2016.
- Regional Rails with Trails Workgroup. Approved a charter for a new [Regional Rails with Trails Workgroup](#) as recommended by the Executive Committee on March 8, 2016.
- Unified Planning Work Program and Budget. Approved Revision 2 of the COMPASS [Unified Planning Work Program and Budget](#) as recommended by the Finance Committee on March 30, 2016.
- Project Obligation Deadline. Approved requests submitted by the Ada County Highway District (four projects), City of Nampa (one project), and Valley Regional Transit (one project) to extend the March 1, 2016, project obligation deadline due to delays beyond the control of the individual agencies.

April Information/Discussion Items:

- Finance Committee. Received a status report on actions taken at the March 30, 2016, Finance Committee meeting.
- Legislative Issues. Received a status report on state and federal legislative issues.

Executive Committee – April 12, 2016

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/execmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: May 10, 2016, COMPASS 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

April Action Item:

- Board Member Travel Request. Approved a travel request for Mayor Garret Nancolas to attend the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) annual conference in Salt Lake City, UT.

April Information/Discussion Items:

- Legislative Issues. Received a status report on state legislative issues.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) – April 27, 2016

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/rtacmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: May 25, 2016, COMPASS First Floor Board Room

April Action Items:

- FY2016 – 2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - Transportation Management Area (TMA) Balancing. Recommended COMPASS Board approval of actions to balance the Surface Transportation Program within the TMA. If approved by the COMPASS Board, the recommended actions will:
 - Release funds from the FY2015 Ada County Highway District (ACHD) maintenance program
 - Add funds to the FY2016 ACHD maintenance program to match an updated estimate
 - Trade funds between the right-of-way phase on an ACHD project and a Valley Regional Transit maintenance project to allow the right-of-way phase of the ACHD project to delay one year and the Valley Regional Transit project to advance one year
 - Cover cost overruns on an ACHD Commuteride van replacement project
 - Fully fund a previously partially funded Valley Regional Transit project for bicycle parking at Main Street Station
 - Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Balancing. Increase the cost for design in FY2016 and construction in FY2019 for an ITD bridge project in Middleton. The scope has not changed, but new cost estimates showed the project was underfunded.
- FY2017 Freight Study Scope of Work. Approved the scope of work for a FY2017 COMPASS freight study. An additional task to develop a template for freight route ordinances within cities was added to the scope, per the request of RTAC.

April Information/Discussion Items:

- FY2017 – 2021 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Reviewed [projects](#) in the COMPASS planning area proposed for ITD's FY2017 – 2021 STIP.
- Balancing Policy. Discussed a policy to guide programming balancing funds in the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The proposed policy would incorporate existing policies under one “umbrella.” This item will be brought back to RTAC for a Board recommendation in May 2016.

April Special Item:

- Title VI Training. ITD and Federal Highway Administration staff provided [training](#) on Title VI, related nondiscrimination programs, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plans.

Workgroups

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: April 1, 2016

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#ptwg

Highlights:

- Made edits to the public transportation work plan and refined the work plan vision statement.
- Reviewed the public transportation system coverage by service type.
- Evaluated the future public transportation service span (hours of service).
- Reviewed and recommended service changes to the future public transportation network.

Next meeting date: April 29, 2016

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: April 29, 2016

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#ptwg

Highlights:

- Discussed the feasibility of applying for a Transit Oriented Development Pilot Grant to plan transit oriented development at proposed bus rapid transit station locations along State Street.
- Discussed updates to the public transportation workgroup charter.
- Discussed future special services/demand response zones.
- Prioritized proposed park and ride facilities.

Next meeting date: TBD

Active Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: April 6, 2016

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#atwg

Highlights:

- Discussed FY2017 bicycle/pedestrian projects, goals, and tasks.
- Reviewed the draft regional bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure map to identify missing segments, highlight naming conventions, and discuss best ways to portray information.
- Received an update on *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*.
- Received an update on recent federal guidelines for bicycle and pedestrian performance measures as well as related COMPASS efforts.

Next meeting date: May 11, 2016

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