

Keeping Up With COMPASS

November 2016

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

Board of Directors – October 17, 2016

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Next meeting date: December 19, 2016, Nampa Civic Center

October Action Items:

- Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Approved the [FY2017–2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program](#) (TIP) and associated [air quality conformity demonstration](#). In September, the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) had recommended one change to the original TIP project list, based on a request provided through public comment. That request was subsequently withdrawn, and the TIP was approved by the COMPASS Board of Directors as originally proposed.
- Rural Priorities. Approved priorities for rural transportation projects to be submitted to the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC). COMPASS Board approval of these priorities provides additional “points” for these projects as they are scored statewide by LHTAC.
- Prioritization Criteria. Approved prioritization criteria for COMPASS’ FY2018-2022 funding application cycle, with the addition of an item to specifically address alignment with the COMPASS complete streets policy. Phase I applications for the first round of applications using these criteria are due November 30, 2016.
- CIM Implementation Grants and Project Development Program. Received an update on completed [Communities in Motion \(CIM\) Implementation Grant](#) and [Project Development](#) projects and approved FY2017 *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grants to fund pathway paving in the City of Kuna, bicycles for Boise GreenBike, and wayfinding signs in the City of Garden City.
- Functional Classification. Approved amendments to the 2025 federal functional classification map for roadways in the Cities of Middleton, Notus, and Parma to include functionally classified collector roads within each city and allow eligibility for federal funding.

October Information/Discussion Item:

- Finance Committee. Received a status report on action taken at the August 18, 2016, Finance Committee meeting.
- One-Time Safety Funds. Received information on one-time safety funds, made available from the FY2016 redistribution of funds, and the process to approve new projects for the funds. COMPASS staff will work with member agencies to submit project applications to meet tight application deadlines.

Workgroups

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: October 5, 2016

Highlights:

- Reviewed an evaluation matrix for different high capacity corridor scenarios.
- Discussed scoring criteria, including the forecasted land use, modeled ridership, and other underlying assumptions.
- Requested a revision of the scoring criteria, emphasizing the ease of project implementation as well as how each option provides connections to downtown activity centers throughout the region.

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Next meeting date: TBD

Rails with Trails Workgroup

Meeting date: October 11, 2016

Highlights:

- Reviewed the workgroup charter, membership list, and priorities.
- Identified the extent of a potential rail with trail route along the Boise spur line from downtown Nampa to southeast Boise.
- Reviewed a draft *Rails with Trails Best Practices and Implementation Strategies* guide, being developed by COMPASS, and assigned tasks to further expand upon it.

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Next meeting date: January 19, 2017

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