

Keeping Up With COMPASS

September 2016

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

Board of Directors – August 15, 2016

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Next meeting date: October 17, 2016, COMPASS First Floor Board Room

August Action Items:

- UPWP. Adopted COMPASS' [FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget](#) (UPWP) as recommended by the Finance Committee on July 14, 2016.
- TIP Amendment. Adopted an [amendment](#) to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to change the scope of a project in Nampa from upgrading traffic signals at three intersections to two intersections and to add a freight project at the Boise Port of Entry to allow faster truck flow for commercial vehicles that cannot use weigh-in-motion equipment. Public comment was solicited on the amendment; no comments were received. The amendment was recommended by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee on July 27, 2016.
- Workgroup Charters. Approved [FY2017 COMPASS workgroup charters](#) as recommended by the Executive Committee on July 12, 2016.
- Change in Motion. Accepted the [2016 Change in Motion Report](#). The report highlights progress toward meeting the goals and targets established in [Communities in Motion 2040](#).

August Information/Discussion Items:

- Finance Committee. Received a status report on action taken at the July 14, 2016, Finance Committee meeting.
- US 20/26. Received a status report on the US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard) Environmental Assessment, including a proposed phasing plan. Widening of a section of US 20/26 from Eagle Road (State Highway 55) to Locust Grove Road is included in the draft FY2017 – 2021 [Regional Transportation Improvement Program](#), which is open for public comment through September 19, 2016.
- Strategic Initiatives Program. Received an update on projects in southwest Idaho funded through the Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD's) Strategic Initiatives Program. Widening of US 20/26 from Eagle Road to Locust Grove Road (above), signalization of the intersections of State Highway 69 with Lake Hazel Road and Hubbard Road, and intersection improvements at State Highway 55 (Karcher Road) and Florida Avenue are the projects in the COMPASS planning area funded through this program. Construction on all three is scheduled for FY2021.
- End-of-Year Obligations. Received a status report on projects that had not obligated funds as of the June 2016 Board meeting. Projects not obligated by ITD deadlines are in danger of losing funding. It was reported that obligation is complete or underway for all projects except one; that project was switched with a FY2017 project that was ready, to avoid loss of funds.
- Union Pacific Railroad. Received a status report on progress toward improving working relationships with the Union Pacific Railroad.

Finance Committee – August 18, 2016

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Next meeting date: November 17, 2016, COMPASS Large Conference Room

August Action Items:

- Audit. Approved the FY2016 audit process. The completed audit will be presented to the Finance Committee in December.
- Variance Report. Approved the October 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016, variance report.

August Information/Discussion Item:

- Disbursement Report. Reviewed disbursements made in the reporting period (June 16 – August 5, 2016).

Workgroups

Freight Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: August 30, 2016

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Highlights:

- Discussed ITD's draft Statewide Freight Strategic Plan, including reviewing the list of projects in Ada and Canyon Counties included in the plan and reviewing and revising recommended critical urban freight corridors in Ada and Canyon Counties.
- Reviewed a freight needs analysis and evaluation approach proposed by COMPASS for developing freight needs for *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*.
- Reviewed proposed freight performance measures.
- Reviewed the freight work plan for FY2017 and FY2018.

Next meeting date: TBD

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