



SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2014 **2:30 PM**
COMPASS 2ND FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
700 NE 2ND STREET, SUITE 200
MERIDIAN, IDAHO

**** AGENDA ****

- I. **CALL TO ORDER (2:30)**
- II. **ACTION ITEM**
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- III. **OTHER**
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Enclosures

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Shortage of Federal Transportation Funding

The following is information about recent developments in a shortage of federal funding, and how it affects projects in the Boise and Nampa Urbanized Areas.

- Erika Bowen (ITD staff) contacted Toni Tisdale (COMPASS staff) at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2014 to report ITD has determined a shortfall in federal funding.
- Erika reported that available federal funding was recently adjusted based on limitations of obligation authority (the amount of funding that can actually be used from the federal apportionment).
 - The overall programs were originally balanced to 100% of federal apportionment; however, only 94.68% is actually available.
- Erika presented information that two projects in the Boise Urbanized Area and one project in the Nampa Urbanized Area will not be funded in FY2014. All of these projects were in line for funding obligations with full obligation expected.
 - **KN 12050, ACHD Overlays, Arterials and Collectors – FY2014** for \$3,520,000 (STP-TMA)
 - All documentation provided and approved as of July 31, 2014
 - ITD initiated obligation on August 6, 2014
 - **KN 13820, Natures Wood Duck Island Trail Restoration, Ada County** for \$157,000 (TAP-TMA)
 - Plans finalized and approved on August 13, 2014
 - State/Local agreement is in process
 - **KN 12046, SH-55 Intersection Karcher Road and Middleton Avenue, Nampa** for \$4,875,000 (STP-U and HSIP)
 - Joint safety project between ITD and City of Nampa
 - Approval of plans is in process
 - State/Local agreement approved as of August 26, 2014
 - The check for local match was delivered on August 25, 2014
- ITD also converted their electronic project tracking system in July 2014. Reporting systems in the new software are not providing the information staff needs to determine the exact cause of the situation, as the funding shortage is much more than the amount created from the decrease in obligation authority.
- When ITD staff adjusted the amounts for the reduction in obligation authority, they learned only \$800,000 in obligation authority was remaining for the entire state. ITD management directed to their staff to maintain percentages of the state, urban, and rural programs as much as possible, and determined the entire amount should go towards the STP-Urban programs (split as \$200,000 to TMA and \$600,000 to small urban).
- Erika requested a recommendation for priorities to obligate the \$800,000 and to possibly reconsider the priority list for the End-of-Year program via redistribution of funds (additional obligation authority from other states).
- The COMPASS Board approved the following needs for the End-of-Year program on June 16, 2014:
 - **KN 11582, Five Mile Road, Franklin Road to Fairview Avenue** for \$190,000 in construction for cost overruns.
 - **KN 11392, Transit – Facility Construction – FY2006** (Multi-Modal Center, Boise) for \$842,000 in construction for cost overruns.
 - This project would transfer to FTA, and the deadline for a transfer is past.

Recommendations:

- Staff proposes the following actions for STP-TMA funds:
 - Provide \$200,000 to **KN 11582, Five Mile Road, Franklin Road to Fairview Avenue** in construction for change orders.
 - This need was originally on the Redistribution priority as \$190,000, but was increased to \$230,000 on the August 14, 2014 TMA Needs List.
- In order to make the programs whole, COMPASS staff recommends the following projects as priorities for funding as soon as possible:
 - **KN 12050, ACHD Overlays, Arterials and Collectors – FY2014** for \$3,700,000 (STP-TMA). The increased amount reflects the final engineer's estimate for construction, including non-bid items (such as smoothness bonuses).
 - **KN 13820, Natures Wood Duck Island Trail Restoration, Ada County** for \$105,000 (TAP-TMA). The reduced amount reflects the final engineer's estimate for construction.
 - **KN 12046, SH-55 Intersection Karcher Road and Middleton Avenue, Nampa** for \$4,875,000 (STP-U and HSIP)
- The Urban Balancing Committee met via teleconference on August 25, 2014 to recommend action for the \$600,000 available to the small urban program
 - No actions affect projects in the Nampa Urbanized Area.
- COMPASS staff learned actions taken to re-program remaining funds in the STP-Urban program in the Nampa Urbanized Area in August 2014 were not processed, and funds are no longer available.
 - **KN 13494, Old Highway 30, Plymouth Street Bridge, Caldwell**
 - Project funded with Bridge funds and STP-Urban
 - An Amendment at the August 18, 2014 COMPASS Board meeting advanced design funds to FY2014.
 - This action can no longer occur.
 - On August 25, 2014, the Urban Balancing Committee added the advancement of design funds (\$440,000) to the End-of-Year list (number 4 for small urban areas) for consideration of Redistribution funds.

COMPASS staff is extremely concerned about the integrity of the TMA programs and funding in the Nampa Urbanized Area. It is currently unclear how obligation authority is not available for these programs. Staff will continue to research the cause of the shortage of funding for these programs, and will make corrections in the future, as more information is unveiled.