



COMPASS
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
of Southwest Idaho

**SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2009
COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM**

****AMENDED MINUTES****

- ATTENDEES:** Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, *Chair Elect*
Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa (via telephone)
Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian
David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,
Vice Chair
Carol McKee, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,
Secretary/Treasurer
Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of
Caldwell, *Chair*
Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning
Association, Ex officio
Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Phil Bandy, Mayor City of Eagle
Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Sabrina, Anderson, Ada County Highway District
Mary Barker, Valley Regional Transit
Ross Borden, City of Boise
Clair Bowman, City of Nampa
Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association
Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors (via telephone)
Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit
Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
Ryan Head, Community Planning Association
Patricia Nilsson, City of Boise
Toni Tisdale, Community Planning Association

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Nancolas called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve February 20, 2009, Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Carol McKee moved and David Ferdinand seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review Current and Upcoming Legislative Activity

Ken Burgess provided an update on the following legislative activity:

- STAR Legislation

The STAR Legislation passed the full House by a vote of 67-02. It has gone to the Senate, but not to the Senate Transportation Committee. It was assigned to the Local Government and Taxation Committee. COMPASS will need to work closely with Senator Brent Hill, Chair of the Local Government and Taxation Committee, to make sure the bill gets signed this session.

- Enhanced Transportation Funding Legislation

Ken recapped two Local Option Vehicle Registration Fees bills. Representative Labrador's passed unanimously out of the House Transportation Committee and is on the third reading calendar in the House.

The House Transportation Committee removed the ethanol exemption, which was one of the elements of the Governor's Plan. It passed unanimously out of committee and is in the third reading calendar in the House.

The Governor's bill to add \$20 to specialty license plates died in committee.

The House Transportation Committee heard all three potential fuel tax increase bills at one time. They took testimony but did not vote on any of them. Thirty people testified in favor of the Governor's Plan, which would increase the gas tax two cents per year over the next five years. Ken testified in favor of the bill on COMPASS' behalf.

Ken said the House Transportation Committee and the Governor understand something has to be worked out. Some type of fuel tax increase will be compromised on. The House Transportation Committee is not keen on the multi-year scenario of the Governor's bill.

Ken noted that a deal has been worked out that allows the House Transportation Committee to work out the solution and will not have to go through the Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Ken suggested COMPASS members contact House Transportation Committee members Representatives Marv Hagedorn and Rich Jarvis. Mayor Dale and Commissioner Ferdinand will contact Representatives Brent Crane and Steve Kren. The message to the legislators is that COMPASS is in support of the Governor's Plan and that they should not worry about the about the multi-year aspect of the plan.

- GARVEE

There is still no word on GARVEE.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Prioritize Transportation Projects in the Boise TMA and Nampa Urbanized area for Federal Stimulus Funding.

Toni Tisdale recapped the federal stimulus Transportation Management Area (TMA) set aside funding of \$11.5 million. There will be another \$11.5 million to be shared by the rest of the state, which would be split equally between urban and rural programs.

Matt stated there is a special Idaho Transportation Board meeting on March 3, 2009 to discuss stimulus funds. Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) staff has inquired about using the TMA stimulus allotment of \$11.5 million, or a portion of it, for the Vista Interchange. ITD's reasoning is if that is allowed and if we get GARVEE during this legislative session, those funds could be targeted towards SH16 or other projects.

After discussion, *Carol McKee moved and Fred Tilman seconded that the COMPASS Board's position is it does not want to use TMA dollars to fund the Vista Interchange. The COMPASS Board encourages the Idaho Transportation Department to use the state discretionary stimulus allotment to complete the Vista Interchange.*

Discussion

Tammy de Weerd requested a friendly amendment to the motion to include Eagle Road Phase I and the center median to the list of "shovel ready" projects. Priority order is Vista Interchange as the first priority and Eagle Road as second priority. The maker of the motion and second agreed to the amendment to the original motion.

The motion as amended passed with nay votes from Fred Tilman and Tom Dale.

Toni presented proposed TMA and Urban projects that COMPASS staff has put in rank order for stimulus funds.

After discussion, *Dave Bieter moved and Carol McKee seconded to submit the following TMA projects in priority order:*

- 1. \$4 million - ACHD Thin Lift Overlays*
- 2. \$3.5 million - Federal Aid Overlay Arterials and Collectors*
- 3. \$2.6 million - Transit – ADA Bus Stop Improvement*
- 4. \$500,000 - Hazardous Sidewalk Repair and ADA Accessibility*
- 5. \$550,000 - 36th Street Bike/Pedestrian Bridge*
- 6. \$212,000 - 8th Street, Cherry Lane to Camelia Lane*
- 7. \$519,000 - Northeast Downtown Sidewalk, Boise*

Motion passed unanimously by Ada County members.

After discussion, *David Ferdinand moved and Tom Dale seconded to submit the following urban projects in priority order:*

- 1. \$ 875,000 - Transit – ADA Bus Stop Improvement*
- 2. \$ 2,420,000 - 21st Avenue and Franklin Road Intersection, Phase IV, Caldwell*
- 3. \$ 1,174,000 - Replace, Retrofit and Interconnect Downtown Traffic Signal, Nampa*
- 4. \$ 766,000 - North Middleton Road, SH 44 (Main Street) North across Mill Street*

Refer to the list for any other projects that qualify for available funding in the order that they are ranked on the list.

Motion passed unanimously by Canyon County members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Carol McKee moved and David Ferdinand seconded adjournment at 12:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated this 6th day of March 2009.

APPROVED:

**BY: _____
*Garret Nancolas, Chair
Community Planning Association***

ATTEST:

**BY: _____
*Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director
Community Planning Association***