



**SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 17, 2009
COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM**

****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES: Phil Bandy, Mayor City of Eagle (via telephone)
Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, **Chair Elect**
Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa (via telephone)
Charlie Rountree, Councilman, for Tammy de Weerd, Mayor
City of Meridian,
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

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,
Vice Chair
Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton
Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Brecks Community Planning Association
Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors (via telephone)
Sally Goodell, Ada County Highway District
Caleb Hood, City of Meridian
Amy Luft, Community Planning Association

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Nancolas called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Matt Stoll requested that the meeting start with the Information/Discussion Items.

Charlie Rountree moved and Fred Tilman seconded amending the Agenda as requested by Matt Stoll. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve April 3, 2009, Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve April 10, 2009, Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Dave Bieter moved and Charlie Rountree 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:

- Enhanced Transportation Funding Legislation

Of the five major pieces of legislation in Governor Otter's transportation funding package, the only piece that passed the House was a bill to remove the ethanol exemption. The Senate sent the ethanol exemption bill and the bill from the Idaho Transportation Department to increase some service fees to amending order. It is believed that the Senate will attach an amendment to the ethanol bill that will include an increase to the gas tax of 3 cents per year for 2 years, which will then go back to the House.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Prioritization Process for High Priority Projects

Matt Stoll stated Congressman Oberstar and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee have called for high priority projects as part of the reauthorization of SAFETU-LU by May 8, 2009.

The Executive Committee is being asked to prioritize three roadway projects and three transit projects for reauthorization subject to full Board concurrence on Monday, April 20, 2009. After concurrence by the Board on Monday, COMPASS staff will work with member agencies staff to finalize the applications for submittal to Congressman Simpson's office on Friday, April 24, 2009.

The goal is to have a unified Treasure Valley voice on the priority projects. The Congressional delegation has a limited amount of money. If multiple Treasure Valley agencies were to submit individual projects, the pool of money would be decreased for projects on the COMPASS list.

After discussion, it was agreed that in lieu of a policy, any instances of member agencies submitting individual projects and whether those projects would be included in future amendments to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, will be addressed on an "as needed basis."

Ken noted the Congressional delegation understands the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO). If they see other projects from individual member agencies of COMPASS, they will consider the MPO list first before individual entities projects.

Matt will be meeting with the Idaho Transportation Department regarding its priority projects that are not on the COMPASS list and will come back to the COMPASS Board for concurrence with those projects.

Ken noted that Congressman Minnick has said he will not engage in earmarks for annual appropriations, but it is not known what he wants to do with reauthorization.

After discussion, ***Dave Bieter moved and Fred Tilman seconded endorsement of the following high priority highway and transit projects in priority order:***

Highway

- 1. Ada County ITS Corridor Improvements & State Street Corridor ITS and Intersection Improvements (Total \$11.05M)***
- 2. Broadway Avenue Bridge Replacement (Total \$13.1M)***
- 3. Meridian Road Interchange Rebuild (Total \$65M)***
- 4. Interchange 29 Stage III Phase V: Commercial Way Leg & 21st Avenue Widening, Indian Creek to I-84 Business (Total: \$3.1M)***
- 5. Linder Road Overpass (Total \$10M)***

Transit

- 1. High Capacity Transit Network Alternatives Analysis (Total \$5.5M)**
- 2. Western Ada and Canyon Public Transportation Facilities (\$5.5M)**
- 3. Park and Ride System (Canyon County)**

Discussion:

If the Idaho Transportation Department moves the Broadway Avenue Bridge Replacement and the Meridian Road Interchange Rebuild projects to their list, then the Interchange 29 Stage III Phase V and Linder Road Overpass projects will move into the 2nd and 3rd position on the COMPASS list.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Carol McKee moved and Fred Tilman seconded to adjourn at 11:05 am. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated this 19th day of May 2009.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Garret Nancolas, Chair
Community Planning Association

ATTEST:

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