

**COMPASS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 – 1:30 PM
COMPASS – 2ND FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
700 NE 2ND STREET
MERIDIAN, IDAHO**

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

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Committee members can participate in the meeting in-person or via Zoom conference call.

Please specify whether you plan to attend in-person or virtually when RSVPing to Teri Gregory at tgregory@compassidaho.org or 208-475-2225.

****AGENDA****

I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL (1:30 pm)

II. OPEN DISCUSSION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve July 14, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Page 3)

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Establish October 26, 2026, COMPASS Board Meeting Agenda

Craig Raborn, 1:35 pm, Page 6

Staff proposed agenda items for the regular meeting of the COMPASS Board scheduled for October 26, 2026, are attached.

**B. Authorize Call for 2027 COMPASS Board of Directors' Secretary/
Treasurer Nominations**

Craig Raborn, 1:55 pm

Staff will seek Executive Committee authorization to solicit nominations for the open 2027 Board officer position per COMPASS Bylaws.



C. Adopt Resolution 17-2026 Amending the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)

Toni Tisdale, 2:00 pm, Page 13

Toni Tisdale will seek COMPASS Executive Committee's adoption of Resolution 17-2026 amending the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 TIPs, at the request of the Idaho Transportation Department.

D. Discuss State Legislative and Federal Policy Positions for 2027

Craig Raborn, 2:05 pm, Page 19

Craig Raborn will discuss COMPASS' state legislative and federal policy position statements for 2027.

V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Director's Report (If Needed)

Craig Raborn, 2:20 pm

Craig Raborn may provide a status report on COMPASS activities for Executive Committee discussion.

B. Status Report – Regional Transportation Advisory Committee – May–August (Memos Only), Page 24

VI. OTHER

A. Next Meeting: October 13, 2026

VII. ADJOURNMENT (2:30 pm)

Agenda is subject to change.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 14, 2026
COMPASS
SECOND FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AND ZOOM
700 NE 2ND STREET
MERIDIAN, IDAHO**

****DRAFT MINUTES****

ATTENDEES:

Rod Beck, Commissioner, Ada County, **Chair**, in person
Trevor Chadwick, Mayor, City of Star, in person
Miranda Gold, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District, via
ZOOM
Jimmy Hallyburton, Councilmember, City of Boise, via ZOOM
Dan Hyer, Councilmember, City of Greenleaf, **Chair Elect**, in
person
Mary May, Councilmember, City of Eagle, **Vice Chair**, in person
Matt Newton, Commissioner, Highway District #4, in person
John Overton, Councilmember, City of Meridian, via ZOOM
Eric Phillips, Mayor, City of Caldwell, in person
Crystal Rodgers, Commissioner, Elmore County, in person
Joe Stear, Mayor, City of Kuna, in person

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Zach Brooks, Commissioner, Canyon County,
Secretary/Treasurer
Darl Bruner, Mayor, City of Nampa
Lindy Lindstrom, Commissioner, Boise County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Teri Gregory, COMPASS, in person
Amy Luft, COMPASS, in person
Craig Raborn, Executive Director, COMPASS, in person
Meg Sonnen, COMPASS, in person
Toni Tisdale, COMPASS, in person

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rod Beck called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No discussion/announcements.



CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve May 19, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Trevor Chadwick moved and Joe Stear seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Establish August 17, 2026, COMPASS Board Meeting Agenda

Craig Raborn presented agenda items 1-21 for the upcoming August 17, 2026, COMPASS Board of Directors' meeting, noting that item 12 will be an action item and item 16 will be a consent agenda item.

Joe Stear moved and Eric Phillips seconded approval of items 1 – 21 as corrected, for the August 17, 2026, COMPASS Board of Directors' meeting. Craig Raborn has the latitude to amend the agenda as necessary. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Recommend FY2027 COMPASS Workgroup Charters for COMPASS Board Approval

Meg Sonnen presented the FY2027 COMPASS workgroup charters.

Joe Stear moved and Trevor Chadwick seconded to recommend COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of the FY2027 COMPASS workgroup charters. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Adopt Resolution 09-2026 Amending the FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Toni Tisdale presented Resolution 09-2026 amending the FY2026-2032 TIP and requested Executive Committee approval.

Trevor Chadwick moved and Matt Newton seconded approval of Resolution 09-2026 amending the FY2026-2032 TIP. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Discuss 2027 State Legislative Positions

Craig Raborn reviewed the current (2026) state legislative position statements as a starting point for 2027 position statements.

E. Discuss Federal Transportation Positions

Craig Raborn reviewed the current (2026) federal transportation position statements as a starting point for 2027.

ADJOURNMENT

Dan Hyer moved and Eric Phillips seconded adjournment of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rod Beck adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Approved this 1st day of September 2026.

By: _____
Rod Beck, Chair
Community Planning Association of
Southwest Idaho

Attest:

By: _____
Craig Raborn, Executive Director
Community Planning Association of
Southwest Idaho

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM IV-A

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKSHEET FOR COMPASS BOARD AGENDA

Item	Title/Description	Mandatory	Additional Information	Agenda Type ¹	M or I ²	Time	Presenter	Proposed Agenda	RTAC Agenda	Prog No.
1.	Approve Minutes from Most Recent Board Meeting	Yes	Meets Idaho Code and various grant requirements.	Consent Agenda		N/A	N/A	Bimonthly	N/A	820
2.	Receive Minutes from Most Recent Executive Committee Meeting	Yes	Meets Idaho Code and various grant requirements.	Consent Agenda		N/A	N/A	Bimonthly	N/A	820
3.	Receive Minutes from Most Recent Finance Committee Meeting	Yes	Meets Idaho Code and various grant requirements.	Consent Agenda		N/A	N/A	As Appropriate	N/A	820
4.	Approve List of Records for Destruction	No	Meg Sonnen will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of the list of records to destroy per the guidance in the Records Retention Policy.	Consent Agenda		N/A	N/A	As Appropriate	N/A	991
5.	Status Report – Current Air Quality Issues	No	Mary Ann Waldinger will provide a monthly report on current air quality issues.	Ex. Dir. Report		N/A	N/A	Bimonthly	N/A	801
6.	Status Report – Standing Committee Attendance	No	Per Board request of May 17, 2004.	Ex. Dir. Report		N/A	N/A	Bimonthly	N/A	820

¹ Action; Consent Agenda; Executive Director's Report; Information; Special Item; Committee Reports; Open Discussion/Announcements

² MPO or Intracounty

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7.	Receive Administrative Modifications to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program	Yes	Toni Tisdale will provide memoranda of approval for Administrative Modifications.	Ex. Dir. Report		N/A	N/A	As Appropriate	N/A	685
8.	Status Report – Staff Activity Reports	No	COMPASS staff will provide an overview of monthly activities.	Information		N/A	N/A	Bimonthly	N/A	991
CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS										
9.	Establish 2027 COMPASS Board and Executive Committee Dates and Location. Provide 30 Day Notice of Annual Meeting	Yes	Confirm the 2027 COMPASS Board and Executive Committee dates and location.	Consent		NA	Craig Raborn	October	N/A	
10	Approve Priorities for Rural Projects	Yes	Toni Tisdale will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' adoption of a resolution approving priorities for applications in rural areas.	Consent		NA	Toni Tisdale	October	Sept	685
11	Confirm Resolution 17-2026 Amending the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)	Yes	Toni Tisdale will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' confirmation of the adoption of Resolution 17-2026 amending the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 TIPs, at the request of the Idaho Transportation Department.	Consent		NA	Toni Tisdale	October	N/A (Exec Sept)	685

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12	Receive 2026 COMPASS Federal Transportation Planning Certification Final Report	Yes	Federal Highway Administration staff will present the 2026 COMPASS Federal Transportation Planning Certification Final Report.	Special Item		15	Katie Potts	October	N/A	N/A
13	Adopt Resolution XX-2027 Amending the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)	Yes	Toni Tisdale will seek adoption of a resolution amending the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 TIPs, as requested by the Cities of Boise and Nampa.	Action		10	Toni Tisdale	October	Sept	685
14	Approve the FY2027 COMPASS Resource Development Plan	Yes	Matt Carlson will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of the FY2027 Resource Development Plan.	Action		15	Matt Carlson	October	Sept	685
15	Approve <i>Communities in Motion 2055</i> project prioritization process	Yes	Austin Miller will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of the <i>Communities in Motion 2055</i> project prioritization process.	Action		20	Austin Miller	October	July/Aug /Sept	661
16	Approve 2027 State and Federal Legislative Positions	No	Craig Raborn will seek COMPASS Board of Director's approval of legislative positions for the 2027 State and Federal Legislative sessions.	Action		20	Craig Raborn	October	NA	720

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17	Discuss Revisions to the Development Review Policy	No	Austin Miller will discuss revisions to the Development Review Policy (Policy No. 2023-01).	Information		15	Austin Miller	October	September	620
18	Status Report - SPEARS: Safe Pedestrian Intersection Prioritization for Enhanced Safety Plan	No	Hunter Mulhall and Kittelson & Associates will review the priority intersections and projects identified in the SPEARS plan	Information		15	Hunter Mulhall/ Kittelson and Associates	October	September	661
19	Status Report - Change in Motion Dashboard	No	Hunter Mulhall will share the contents of the Change in Motion Dashboard	Information		10	Hunter Mulhall	October	September	661
UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS										
20	Leadership in Motion Awards Presentation	No	Board Chair and Executive Director will present the 2026 COMPASS Leadership in Motion awards.	Pre-meeting		N/A	Chair	December	N/A	653
21	Re-Appoint Meg Sonnen as BMHCT trustee	No	Appoint Meg Sonnen to a two-year term as Trustee representing COMPASS with the Boise Municipal Health Care Trust	Consent		N/A	N/A	December	N/A	991
22	Confirm Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Membership	Yes	COMPASS Bylaws require the COMPASS Board of Directors' confirmation of RTAC membership.	Consent		N/A	N/A	December	N/A	N/A

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23	Member Agency Presentation – Projects of Regional Importance	No	Staff from TBD will present on potential projects in their jurisdiction.	Special Item		20	TBD	December	N/A	N/A
24	Receive Status Report – Finance Committee	No	The Finance Committee Chair will provide a status report on the November 19, and December 10, 2026, Finance Committee meetings.	Special Item		5	Finance Committee Chair	December	N/A	
25	Adopt Resolution XX-2027 Approving Revision 1 of the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP)	Yes	Meg Sonnen will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of Revision 1 of the FY2027 UPWP.	Action		10	Meg Sonnen	December	N/A	601
26	Adopt Resolution XX-2027 Amending the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)	Yes	Toni Tisdale will seek adoption of a resolution amending the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 TIPs, if needed.	Action		10	Toni Tisdale	December (if needed)	Oct/ Nov	685
27	Approve <i>Communities in Motion 2055</i> priority lists.	Yes	Austin Miller will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of <i>Communities in Motion 2055</i> priority lists.	Action		20	Austin Miller	December	November	661

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28	Approve Revisions to Development Review Policy	No	Austin Miller will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of revision to the Development Review Policy (Policy No. 2023-01).	Action		15	Austin Miller	December	November	620
29	Confirm 2027 Board Officer Slate	Yes	COMPASS Bylaws require the Board of Directors confirm ascension of new Board officers and election of a new Secretary-Treasurer.	Action		10	Ex. Director	December	N/A	
30	Introduce eTIP	No	Toni Tisdale and Sherone Sader will introduce the new eTIP software.	Information		10	Toni Tisdale and Sherone Sader	December	October	685
31	Confirm Finance Committee Membership	Yes	Confirm 2027 Finance Committee Membership	Consent		N/A	N/A	February 2027	N/A	
32	Recognition of Outgoing COMPASS Board Members		Craig Raborn will acknowledge the outgoing COMPASS Board Members.	Special Item		10	Craig Raborn	February		
33	Member Agency Presentation – Projects of Regional Importance	No	Staff from TBD will present on transportation projects important to their jurisdiction.	Special Item		20	TBD	February	N/A	N/A

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34	Adopt Resolution XX-2027 Amending the FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Yes	Toni Tisdale will seek adoption of a resolution amending the FY2027-2033 TIP, if needed.	Action		10	Toni Tisdale	February (if needed)	Dec/Jan	685
35	Adopt FY2027 Safety Performance Targets	Yes	Hunter Mulhall will seek adoption of the FY2027 safety performance targets and provide a status update on performance measures from the Regional Safety Action Plan	Action		15	Hunter Mulhall	February	Jan	661
36	Approve an Amendment to the TIP Policies	No	Toni Tisdale will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval to amend the TIP policies to add a rural prioritization process in the non-MPO areas (Boise and Elmore Counties).	Action		10	Toni Tisdale	February	January	685
37	Receive a Status Report - State and Federal Legislative Issues	No	Craig Raborn will provide an update on the latest legislative developments at the state and federal levels.	Information		15	Craig Raborn	February	N/A	760
38	SPEARS: Safe Pedestrian Intersection Prioritization for Enhanced Safety Plan	No	Hunter Mulhall and Kittelson & Associates will review the contents of the final draft of the SPEARS plan.	Information		15	Hunter Mulhall/ Kittelson and Associates	February	December	661

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM IV-C

Date: September 1, 2026

Topic: Amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)

Request/Recommendation:

COMPASS staff requests COMPASS Executive Committee's adoption of Resolution 17-2026 (Attachment 1), amending the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 TIPs at the request of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). Due to the timing of this request, the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee did not review nor recommend this action.

Background/Summary:

Approval is needed from the COMPASS Board of Directors or Executive Committee to add new projects to the TIP. To that end, COMPASS staff request approval of one change to the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 TIPs. The full details of the proposed changes are attached to Resolution 17-2026.

ITD requests to add a project to replace the **US 20/26 overpass over Interstate 84** in the City of Caldwell at Exit 26. A truck with an improperly secured load struck the overpass on August 4, 2026. The overpass will remain closed until it can be repaired or replaced. As the overpass was constructed in 1964, ITD District 3 anticipates the recommended action will be replacement at a total cost of approximately \$14 million. ITD staff is working with the truck driver's insurance company to cover the repair-only cost estimate.

ITD held a public comment period from August 14 through August 21, 2026, to address the proposed amendment. COMPASS' TIP amendment policy allows COMPASS to use another agency's public comment period on the same project in lieu of holding a separate comment period when approved by the COMPASS Executive Director. This approval is documented in Attachment 2. No comments were received by ITD during its public comment period.

If approved, staff will request confirmation of the action by the COMPASS Board of Directors on October 26, 2026.

Implication (policy and/or financial):

The amendment to the TIPs ensures the documents continue to meet federal fiscal constraint requirements and enables work to replace this critical piece of infrastructure as quickly as possible.

More Information:

- 1) Attachment 1 – Resolution 17-2026
- 2) Attachment 2 – Approval to Use Member Agency Public Comment Process
- 3) For detailed information, contact: Toni Tisdale, Resource Development Team Lead, at 208/475-2238 or ttisdale@compassidaho.org

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RESOLUTION NO. 17-2026

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) was designated by the Governor of Idaho as the metropolitan planning organization responsible for transportation planning in Ada and Canyon Counties;

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Title 23 United States Code Section 134, and Title 49 United States Code Section 5303 require metropolitan planning organizations to develop and approve transportation improvement programs;

WHEREAS, the IIJA, Title 23 United States Code Section 134, and Title 49 United States Code Section 5303 require projects contained in the transportation improvement programs to be financially constrained;

WHEREAS, the IIJA, Title 23 United States Code Section 134, and Title 49 United States Code Section 5303 require transportation improvement programs be developed in consultation with all interested parties;

WHEREAS, a public comment period was held from August 14, 2026, through August 21, 2026, and comments were shared with the COMPASS Executive Committee for consideration;

WHEREAS, COMPASS desires to take timely action to ensure the availability of federal funds;

WHEREAS, COMPASS developed these amendments to the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the attached tables detail the amendments to the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the COMPASS Executive Committee approves these amendments to the FY2026-2032 and FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs.

ADOPTED this 1st day of September 2026.

By: _____
Rod Beck, Chair
Community Planning Association
of Southwest Idaho Board of Directors

ATTEST:

By: _____
Craig Raborn, AICP, Executive Director
Community Planning Association
of Southwest Idaho

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Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS)

Amendment #7 for FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Program													
Key Number	Project	Sponsor	Scheduled Funding for Project Lifetime		Total Change	Percent Change	Program/ Funding Source	State Funding Year	Federal Funding Year	Funding Phase	Current Total	Total After Revision	Brief Explanation
			*Current Total	Revised Total									
NEW	I-84, Junction US 20/26 (Exit 26, Parma Exit) Bridge Replacement, Caldwell	ITD	\$0	\$15,500,000	\$15,500,000	100.00%	State Board Unallocated	2027	2026	Design	\$0	\$1,500,000	Add project. Description: Demolish and replace the bridge structure over Interstate 84 at US 20/26 (Exit 26) (City of Parma Exit) in the City of Caldwell. The bridge was recently damaged.
							Bridge Restoration	2027	2027	Construction	\$0	\$8,000,000	
							Bridge Restoration	2028	2028	Construction	\$0	\$6,000,000	
							Advanced Construction (State)	2027	2027	Construction	\$0	\$6,000,000	
							Advanced Construction (State)	2028	2028	Construction	\$0	(\$6,000,000)	

* Current Total is the total amount previously and currently programmed in the TIP, prior to this action.
 COMPASS TIP Amendment Policy: https://compassidaho.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-01_TIPAmendPolicy.pdf
 Only information proposed to change is included in this amendment detail.

Acronyms:
 I = Interstate
 ITD = Idaho Transportation Department
 US = United States

Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS)

Amendment #1 for FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Program													
Key Number	Project	Sponsor	Scheduled Funding for Project Lifetime		Total Change	Percent Change	Program/ Funding Source	State Funding Year	Federal Funding Year	Funding Phase	Current Total	Total After Revision	Brief Explanation
			*Current Total	Revised Total									
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							Advanced Construction (State)	2027	2027	Construction	\$0	\$6,000,000	
							Advanced Construction (State)	2028	2028	Construction	\$0	(\$6,000,000)	

* Current Total is the total amount previously and currently programmed in the TIP, prior to this action.

COMPASS TIP Amendment Policy: https://compassidaho.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-01_TIPAmendPolicy.pdf

Only information proposed to change is included in this amendment detail.

Acronyms:

I = Interstate

ITD = Idaho Transportation Department

US = United States



August 20, 2026

The Honorable Rod Beck, Chair
COMPASS Board of Directors
700 NE 2nd Street, Ste 200
Meridian, ID 83642

RE: Approval to Use Member Agency Comment Process for an Amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Chairman Beck:

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) requested to add a project to the FY2026 – 2032 and FY2027-2033 TIPs to replace the US 20/26 overpass over Interstate 84 at Exit 26 in the City of Caldwell. The overpass was struck by a truck with an improperly secured load on August 4, 2026, and is not safe to use. The structure is currently closed and will remain closed until it is repaired or replaced.

Due to the importance of this structure to the mobility of the residents of western Canyon County and critical timing of this project, I have determined that COMPASS can accept a seven-day public comment period hosted by ITD from August 14, 2026, through August 21, 2026, in lieu of a COMPASS-hosted public comment period. This action is allowed in [Board Policy No. 2026-02¹](#) (page 10).

Sincerely,

Craig Raborn, AICP
Executive Director

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¹ Board Policy No. 2026-02: https://compassidaho.org/wp-content/uploads/COMPASS_TIP_Policies_Approved_260817.pdf



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM IV-D

DATE: September 1, 2026

Topic: Discuss Potential 2027 State and Federal Legislative Positions

Request/Recommendation:

COMPASS staff will provide an update and lead a discussion about development of state legislative and federal policy positions for 2027. No action will be taken.

Background/Summary:

The COMPASS Board of Directors adopts state legislative and federal policy positions every year. COMPASS staff works with the COMPASS Executive Committee to develop these positions for Board approval at the regular October meeting. These positions provide direction and guidance to COMPASS staff and government relations consultants regarding the preferences and priorities of the COMPASS Board. This item is intended to provide an opportunity for the COMPASS Executive Committee to provide input into the positions.

The current 2026 position statements are attached. After preliminary discussions with the Executive Committee in July, at this point COMPASS staff still do not anticipate any major revisions or changes to these adopted policies. Based on recent actions taken by the Idaho Transportation Board as a result of funding cuts during the 2026 state legislative session, the annual gap in funding to address the region's transportation needs has grown. COMPASS staff will review available data and update the estimated gap - currently \$193 million each year - for final review and recommendation from the Executive Committee.

The COMPASS Executive Committee will review these positions at its October 13 meeting and make a recommendation to the COMPASS Board for adoption in October.

Implication (policy and/or financial):

The 2027 state legislative and federal positions will provide guidance and direction for COMPASS staff.

More Information:

- Attachment 1: Adopted 2026 State Legislative Positions
- Attachment 2: Adopted 2026 Federal Policy Positions
- For detailed information, contact: Craig Raborn, Executive Director, at (208) 475-2266 or craborn@compassidaho.org.

CR:tg



2026 COMPASS State Legislative Positions

Approved October 20, 2025

Transportation Revenue

COMPASS supports continued investment in Idaho's state and local transportation systems. Idaho's current transportation investment level remains inadequate to address the state's growing infrastructure needs. State and local transportation entities face critical funding shortfalls for safety, maintenance, and expansion projects. An additional \$193 million investment per year in the transportation system is needed in the Treasure Valley alone to expand and maintain it to meet the region's current and future safety and mobility needs.

Enhanced transportation revenues. COMPASS supports enhancing state and local transportation revenues in a stable and predictable fashion to address Idaho's long-term infrastructure funding needs, including, but not limited to, local roadways, highways, public transportation, active transportation, and child pedestrian safety projects, as well as planning, scoping, and studies to accelerate the early development of future projects.

Growth

COMPASS supports policies that encourage growth to pay for growth. Ada and Canyon Counties' combined population is forecast to grow to 1.3 million by 2055. An increase of over 400,000 people in 30 years will further strain a transportation system that is already congested and lacks mobility options for the region's residents. COMPASS supports policies that allow local jurisdictions to meet the increasing demands for infrastructure in Idaho.

- **Property tax cap.** COMPASS supports adjusting the property tax cap on local taxing districts to meet the increasing infrastructure needs and ongoing operations and maintenance costs associated with new development.
- **Transportation impact fee flexibility.** COMPASS supports expanding the statutorily allowable uses of transportation impact fees to include additional capital improvements such as sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and public transportation improvements.

Housing

COMPASS supports policies that enhance regional and local efforts to align housing availability with transportation investments and infrastructure planning. Policies that promote a range of housing options—particularly in areas with existing or planned transportation infrastructure and services—can help improve regional mobility, economic opportunity, infrastructure efficiency, and make addressing housing undersupply more feasible. COMPASS encourages legislation that supports local flexibility, market-driven solutions, and voluntary tools to improve housing outcomes that are coordinated with transportation systems.

State Transportation Policy

COMPASS supports policies to augment state and local transportation entities' abilities to meet the transportation needs of the state and region, including but not limited to:

- **High occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes.** COMPASS supports changing existing statutory authority to allow HOV lanes to be considered by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Director in any region in Idaho.
- **Speed limits on state highways.** COMPASS supports improved coordination and cooperation between ITD and local governments in establishing speed limits on state highways within local jurisdictional boundaries.
- **Interstate passenger rail service.** COMPASS supports the restoration of Amtrak passenger rail service in Idaho.
- **Safety and accessibility.** COMPASS supports policies that improve the safety and accessibility of the transportation system for its most vulnerable users through enhanced engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency response.

2026 COMPASS Federal Transportation Positions

Approved October 20, 2025

COMPASS encourages long-term reauthorization of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The IIJA expires on September 30, 2026. Consistent, predictable federal investments through a new long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill will allow state and local governments to address much-needed infrastructure improvements. Starting discussions on the reauthorization of IIJA early will allow for the identification of the nation's most pressing issues and the vetting of possible and appropriate solutions.

Congress must solve the perennial Highway Trust Fund funding shortfall in a permanent, meaningful way, eliminating the need for short-term infusions of general fund dollars.

- **Support a federal fuel excise tax increase.** The federal fuel tax has not been increased since 1993 (32 years) and remains the most readily available user-pay solution to stabilizing the Highway Trust Fund.
- **Add additional road user charge concepts.** Improvements in fuel efficiency and the development of alternative fuel vehicles have negatively affected the Highway Trust Fund. Additional user fee concepts are necessary to capture evolving trends and changes in relation to transportation infrastructure funding.

Provide more direct funding to local governments and increase local decision-making authority. COMPASS encourages more flexibility in funding and direct allocation to regions, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), counties, cities, and public transportation authorities with transportation infrastructure responsibilities. The IIJA made some progress in this regard while placing greater responsibility on those entities to develop and meet system performance goals. MPOs should be direct recipients of federal transportation funding for all transportation planning and program efforts in metropolitan areas.

Provide local flexibility. COMPASS supports local flexibility in building, operating, and maintaining local and regional transportation projects. Federal policy should allow MPOs and local governments to plan projects that use alternative design standards while meeting environmental objectives when rigid federal design standards are inconsistent with local needs.

Simplify federal transportation grants. COMPASS supports simplifying the process for applying for, receiving, and managing discretionary federal transportation grants. Federal policy should reduce administrative burdens imposed on local governments by streamlining the federal grants process.

Increase federal funding for public transportation. Public transportation providers in both urban and rural areas of Idaho operate on very limited funding. Congress should provide more robust growth in federal public transportation programs to help these systems meet the needs of their communities. Local match requirements for Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration funding should be the same within each state.

Increase federal support for non-motorized transportation options. COMPASS supports increasing federal funding and incentives to provide safe bicycle and pedestrian mobility options designed to move toward zero deaths.

Increase set-aside for off-system bridges. Nearly 80% of the nation's bridges are the responsibility of local entities (not on the federal-aid highway system). Funding for off-system bridges is crucial for local entities to safely operate and maintain these bridge structures.

Oppose federal aid turnback proposals. COMPASS opposes any proposals to dismantle the federal transportation funding system by turning back all or a portion of the federal aid to the states.

Interstate Passenger Rail Service. COMPASS encourages the Federal Rail Administration and Amtrak to study the feasibility of resuming Amtrak's "Pioneer Route" passenger rail service through the Treasure Valley. The Pioneer Route provided service from Seattle to Denver through Portland, Boise, and Salt Lake City for 20 years until it was discontinued in 1997. Given the recent economic and population growth in these areas of the Northwest, it is reasonable to study the feasibility of resuming Pioneer Route passenger rail service.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM V-B

Date: September 1, 2026

Topic: Status Report - Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Request/Recommendation:

Information only.

Background/Summary:

RTAC Bylaws state that the RTAC Chair will submit a monthly status report on RTAC activities to the COMPASS Executive Committee. Below is an outline of agenda items and actions from the May 27, 2026, meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve March 25, 2026, RTAC Meeting Minutes

RTAC approved the consent agenda.

Recommend Priorities for the End-of-Year and Redistribution Program

RTAC recommended that the COMPASS Board of Directors approve the End-of-Year and Redistribution Program priorities.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommend Adoption of the Coordinated Regional Waterway Pathway Plan

RTAC recommended that the COMPASS Board of Directors adopt the Coordinated Regional Waterway Pathway Plan.

Recommend Balancing in the Transportation Management Area (TMA) and Large Urban (LU) Areas

RTAC recommended an action to balance the Surface Transportation Block Grant – TMA, and Carbon Reduction – LU programs using released and available funds.

Recommend Adoption of the COMPASS Resilience Improvement Plan

RTAC recommended that the COMPASS Board of Directors adopt the COMPASS Resilience Improvement Plan.

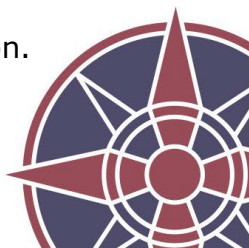
INFORMATION

Briefing on SPEARS: Safe Pedestrian Intersection Prioritization for Enhanced Safety Plan

RTAC received a briefing to review the scope of the SPEARS plan and share initial intersection prioritization results.

Briefing on *Communities in Motion 2055* Project Prioritization

RTAC received a briefing on the draft *Communities in Motion 2055* project prioritization.



Review the Draft FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

RTAC reviewed the draft FY2027-2033 TIP in preparation for public comment.

RTAC members were requested to provide correction, questions, or concerns no later than noon, Monday, June 22, 2026.

MORE INFORMATION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM V-B

Date: September 1, 2026

Topic: Status Report - Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Request/Recommendation:

Information only.

Background/Summary:

RTAC Bylaws state that the RTAC Chair will submit a monthly status report on RTAC activities to the COMPASS Executive Committee. Below is an outline of agenda items and actions from the June 24, 2026, meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve May 27, 2026, RTAC Meeting Minutes

RTAC approved the consent agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommend Amendments to *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050) and the FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

RTAC recommended adoption of amendments to *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050) and the FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a project to purchase right-of-way for a future project on 43rd Street in the City of Garden City, increase the cost of an existing project on I-84, and add a project to design a bridge over Indian Creek and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks in the City of Kuna. The first two projects require amendments to the TIP, but not CIM 2050; they will be brought to the Executive Committee for action in its July 14, 2026, meeting. The third project requires an amendment to CIM 2050 prior to amending the TIP. It will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in its August 17, 2026, meeting.

INFORMATION

Discuss Development Review Policy

RTAC received a briefing on the current Development Review Policy and discussed plans to update it to align with the next long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion 2055*.

Discuss Revisions to the Rural Prioritization Process

RTAC discussed potential revisions to the Rural Prioritization Process to incorporate new COMPASS members Boise and Elmore Counties. The prioritization process provides additional points for priority projects submitted for funding through the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council.

MORE INFORMATION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM V-B

Date: September 1, 2026

Topic: Status Report - Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Request/Recommendation:

Information only.

Background/Summary:

RTAC Bylaws state that the RTAC Chair will submit a monthly status report on RTAC activities to the COMPASS Executive Committee. Below is an outline of agenda items and actions from the July 22, 2026, meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve June 24, 2026, RTAC Meeting Minutes

RTAC approved the consent agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommend the FY2028-2034 COMPASS Application Guide

Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of the FY2028-2034 COMPASS Funding Application Guide. This item was brought to the Board of Directors for action via consent agenda in its August 17, 2026, meeting.

Recommend FY2027 *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grants and Project Development Program Projects

Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of FY2027 *Communities in Motion* (CIM) Implementation Grant and Project Development Program project rankings. This item was brought to the Board of Directors for action in its August 17, 2026, meeting.

Recommend Updates to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Policies and Procedures

Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of revisions to, and consolidation of, policies and procedures that guide the development and update of the regional transportation improvement program (TIP). This item was brought to the Board of Directors for action in its August 17, 2026, meeting.

Recommend *Communities in Motion* 2055 Project Prioritization Methodology

Tabled action on methodologies for prioritizing corridors for *Communities in Motion* 2055 (CIM 2055) until a later date.

MORE INFORMATION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM V-B

Date: September 1, 2026

Topic: Status Report - Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Request/Recommendation:

Information only.

Background/Summary:

RTAC Bylaws state that the RTAC Chair will submit a monthly status report on RTAC activities to the COMPASS Executive Committee. Below is an outline of agenda items and actions from the August 5, 2026, meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve July 22, 2026, RTAC Meeting Minutes

RTAC approved the consent agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommend an Amendment to the FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of an amendment to the FY2026-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), at the request of the City of Nampa. This item was brought to the Board of Directors for action via consent agenda in its August 17, 2026, meeting.

Recommend Adoption of Resolutions Amending *Communities in Motion 2050* and Approving the FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of an amendment to *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050) and of the FY2027-2033 TIP project list. These items were brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in its August 17, 2026, meeting.

INFORMATION

Status Report – Northern Canyon Ada Connectivity Study

Received a status update on the North Canyon Ada Connectivity Study, conducted by COMPASS per a member services request.

Status Report – *Communities in Motion 2055*

Discussed why corridors are prioritized for *Communities in Motion* and how roadway corridors are identified for prioritization.

MORE INFORMATION

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