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**COMPASS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 – 1:30 P.M.
COMPASS – 2ND FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
700 NE 2ND STREET
MERIDIAN, IDAHO**

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

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****AGENDA****

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

II. OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Page 3 **A.* Approve August 12, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1:35
Page 5 **A.* Establish October 20, 2025, COMPASS Board Meeting Agenda** **Craig Raborn**
Staff proposed agenda items for the regular meeting of the COMPASS Board scheduled for October 20, 2025, are attached.

1:55 **B. Approve Board Member Travel Request** **Craig Raborn**
Craig Raborn will request Executive Committee authorization for Trevor Chadwick to attend the National Association of Regional Councils' (NARC's) 2025 Executive Director's Conference and Board Retreat October 5-8, 2025, in Portland, Maine.

- 2:05 **C. Authorize Call for 2026 COMPASS Board of Directors' Secretary/ Treasurer Nominations** **Craig Raborn**
Craig Raborn will seek Executive Committee authorization to solicit nominations for the open 2026 Board officer position per COMPASS Bylaws.

V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2:15 **A.* Discuss Draft 2026 State Legislative Positions and Strategy** **Craig Raborn**
Page 12 *Craig Raborn will review draft position statements and legislative strategy for the 2026 Idaho Legislative session.*

- 2:30 **B.* Discuss 2026 Federal Transportation Policies** **Craig Raborn**
Page 14 *Craig Raborn will review current federal transportation position statements.*

- Page 16 **C.* Status Report – Regional Transportation Advisory Committee – August (Memo Only)**

VI. OTHER

Next Meeting: October 14, 2025

VII. ADJOURNMENT (2:45)

***Enclosures Agenda is subject to change.**

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2025
COMPASS
SECOND FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AND ZOOM
700 NE 2ND STREET
MERIDIAN, IDAHO**

****DRAFT MINUTES****

ATTENDEES:

Rod Beck, Commissioner, Ada County, **Chair Elect**, in person
Trevor Chadwick, Mayor, City of Star, **Immediate Past Chair**, via ZOOM
Miranda Gold, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District, in person
Brad Holton, Commissioner, Canyon County, via ZOOM
Dan Hyer, Councilmember, City of Greenleaf, via ZOOM
Debbie Kling, Mayor, City of Nampa, **Chair**, in person
Mary May, Councilmember, City of Eagle, **Secretary/Treasurer**, in person
Bre Brush for Lauren McLean, Mayor, City of Boise, via ZOOM
John Overton, Councilman, City of Meridian, in person
Joe Stear, Mayor, City of Kuna, in person

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lindy Lindstrom, Commissioner, Boise County
Jarom Wagoner, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Vice Chair**

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Debbie Kling called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rod Beck announced the Western Idaho Fair will start Friday, August 15, 2025. Men's soccer will be starting in March 2026.

Debbie Kling announced the Nampa airport had hosted the final flight of a retiring A10 fighter jet. The jet is to be included as a display in the new wing of the Warhawk Museum.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve July 8, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Mary May moved and Miranda Gold seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Amend the End-of-Year and Redistribution Program Priorities

Toni Tisdale presented additional requests for federal funding through the End-of-Year and Redistribution Program.

After discussion, **Miranda Gold moved and Trevor Chadwick seconded to approve revised End-of-Year and Redistribution Program priorities, as recommended.** Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Continue Discuss Potential 2026 State Legislative Positions

Craig Raborn discussed potential regional positions and strategies for the 2026 Idaho Legislative session. Craig anticipates presenting 2026 state legislative positions for Executive Committee recommendation and Board approval at their October meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Debbie Kling adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of September 2025.

By: _____
Debbie Kling, Chair
Community Planning Association of
Southwest Idaho

Attest:

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

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 memorandums 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	
CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS										
9.	Establish 2026 COMPASS Board and Executive Committee Dates and Location. Provide 30 Day Notice of Annual Meeting	Yes	Confirm the 2026 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	Adopt Updated Social Media Policy	Yes	Amy Luft will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' adoption of an updated social media policy	Consent		NA	Amy Luft	October	NA	653

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12	Receive Member Agency Presentation – Projects of Regional Importance	No	Valley Regional Transit will present on their ValleyConnect 3.0 plan.	Special Item		20	TBD	October	N/A	N/A
13	Adopt Resolution XX-2026 Amending the FY2025-2031 and FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)	Yes	Toni Tisdale will seek adoption of a resolution amending the FY2025-2031 and FY2026-2032 TIPs, if needed.	Action		10	Toni Tisdale	October	Sept	685
14	Approve the FY2026 COMPASS Resource Development Plan	Yes	Matt Carlson will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of the FY2026 Resource Development Plan.	Action		15	Matt Carlson	October	Sept	685
15	Approve 2026 State Legislative Positions	No	Craig Raborn will seek COMPASS Board of Director's approval of legislative positions for the 2026 Idaho Legislative session.	Action		15	Craig Raborn	October	NA	720
16	Resilience Improvement Plan	No	Austin Miller will provide a status report on the Resilience Improvement Plan for information and discussion.	Information		15	Austin Miller	October	Sept	661
UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS										

Item	Title/Description	Mandatory	Additional Information	Agenda Type ¹	M or I ²	Time	Presenter	Proposed Agenda	RTAC Agenda	Prog No.
17	Leadership in Motion Awards Presentation	No	Board Chair and Executive Director will present the 2025 COMPASS Leadership in Motion awards.	Pre-meeting		N/A	Chair	December	N/A	653
18	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
19	Member Agency Presentation – Projects of Regional Importance	No	Staff from TBD will present on potential projects in their community.	Special Item		20	TBD	December	N/A	N/A
20	Receive Status Report – Finance Committee	No	The Finance Committee Chair will provide a status report on the November 20, and December 11, 2025, Finance Committee meetings.	Special Item		5	Finance Committee Chair	December	N/A	
21	Adopt Resolution XX-2026 Approving Revision 1 of the FY2026 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP)	Yes	Meg Sonnen will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of Revision 1 of the FY2026 UPWP.	Action		10	Meg Sonnen	December	N/A	601
22	Approve the COMPASS Carbon Reduction Strategy		Hunter Mulhall will seek COMPASS Board of Director's adoption of a resolution approving the Carbon Reduction Strategy	Action		10	Hunter Mulhall/DKS	December	Oct	661

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23	Adopt Resolution XX-2026 Amending the FY2025-2031 and FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)	Yes	Toni Tisdale will seek adoption of a resolution amending the FY2025-2031 and FY2026-2032 TIPs, if needed.	Action		10	Toni Tisdale	December	Oct/ Nov	685
24	Confirm 2026 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	
25	Coordinated Regional Waterway-Pathway Plan	No	Alexa Roitman will provide a status report on the Coordinated Regional Waterway-Pathway Plan for information and discussion.	Information		15	Alexa Roitman	December	Nov	661
26	Confirm Finance Committee Membership	Yes	Confirm 2026 Finance Committee Membership.	Consent		N/A	N/A	February 2026	N/A	
27	Member Agency Presentation – Projects of Regional Importance	No	TBD will present on potential projects in their community.	Special Item		20	TBD	February	N/A	N/A
28	Receive an Introduction to COMPASS	No	COMPASS staff will provide a brief introduction to COMPASS' work products and Board calendar.	Special Item		15	Amy Luft	February	Jan	653

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29	Adopt Resolution XX-2026 Amending the FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Yes	Toni Tisdale will seek adoption of a resolution amending the FY2026-2032 TIP, if needed.	Action		10	Toni Tisdale	February	Dec/ Jan	685
30	Approve Updated Title VI, Limited English Proficiency and Environmental Justice pPans	Yes	Meg Sonnen will present the updated Title VI, Limited English Proficiency and Environmental Justice plans for approval	Action		10	Meg Sonnen	February	Exec Jan	990
31	Adopt Resolution XX-2026 Approving Let's Ride Treasure Valley	No	Austin Miller will seek adoption of a resolution accepting Let's Ride Treasure Valley, the high-capacity transit planning and environmental linkages study (PEL).	Action		15	Austin Miller	February	Jan	661
32	Receive a Status Report - State and Federal Legislative Issues	No	Amy Luft will provide an update on the latest legislative developments at the state and federal levels.	Information		15	TBD	February	N/A	760
33	Approve Extension Delivery Deadlines for Local Federal-Aid Projects	No	Toni Tisdale will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval to extend the deadlines on local federal-aid projects, if needed.	Consent Agenda		N/A	Toni Tisdale	April	March	685

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34	Member Agency Presentation – Projects of Regional Importance	No	TBD will present on potential projects in their community.	Special Item		20	TBD	April	N/A	N/A
35	Status Report – Finance Committee	No	The Finance Committee Chair will provide a status report on the March xx, 2026, Finance Committee meeting.	Special Item		5	COMPASS Secretary/Treasurer	April	N/A	N/A
36	Accept 2027 Population Estimates	Yes	Austin Miller will seek COMPASS Board of Directors’ acceptance of the 2027 Population Estimates.	Action		15	Austin Miller	April	N/A	620
37	Approve FY2027 General and Special Membership Dues	Yes	Meg Sonnen will seek COMPASS Board of Directors’ approval of the proposed general and special membership dues for FY2027.	Action		10	Meg Sonnen	April	N/A	601
38	Adopt Resolution XX-2026 Amending the FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Yes	Toni Tisdale will seek adoption of a resolution amending the FY2026-2032 TIP, if needed.	Action		10	Toni Tisdale	April	Feb/ March	685

DRAFT 2026 COMPASS State Legislative Positions

Approved **October 20, 2025** (*anticipated*)

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 ~~removing~~ 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 state 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—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.

2025 COMPASS Federal Transportation Positions

Approved October 21, 2024

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-C

Date September 9, 2025

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 6, 2025, meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve July 23, 2025, RTAC Meeting Minutes

RTAC approved the consent agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommend a Preliminary Locally Preferred Alternative for the High-Capacity Transit (Let's Ride Treasure Valley) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

RTAC recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of commuter rail along the Boise Cutoff corridor as the preliminary locally preferred alternative for high-capacity transit south of the Boise River.

Recommend End-of-Year and Redistribution Program Priorities

RTAC recommended COMPASS Executive Committee's approval of revised End-of-Year and Redistribution Program Priorities.

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

RTAC recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of an amendment to *Communities in Motion 2050* to add four newly funded projects and approval of the FY2026-2032 TIP project list.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Review COMPASS Development Products

RTAC received an overview of COMPASS growth/development related products.

MORE INFORMATION

- 1) Contact Amy Luft, Communication Team Lead, at aluft@compassidaho.org, or Crystal Craig, City of Nampa, at craigc@cityofnampa.us.

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