

## Working together to plan for the future

# COMPASS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2019 - 1:30 P.M. COMPASS, 2nd FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM 700 NE 2nd STREET, SUITE 200 MERIDIAN, IDAHO

\*\*AGENDA\*\*

- I. CALL TO ORDER (1:30)
- II. OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS
- III. CONSENT AGENDA
- Page 3 \* A. Approve October 8, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- IV. ACTION ITEMS
- 1:35 \*A. Establish December 16, 2019, COMPASS Board Annual Meeting Agenda

COMPASS staff proposed agenda items for the annual meeting of the COMPASS Board scheduled December 16, 2019, are attached.

- 1:55 B. Recommend COMPASS Board Officer Slate for Annual Meeting
  Matt Stoll will review nominations for the COMPASS Secretary/Treasurer
  position. COMPASS staff will seek Executive Committee recommendation of
  Board officers' slate for presentation at the December 16, 2019, COMPASS
  Board annual meeting.
- 2:05 \*C. Recommend 2020 Federal Transportation Policy Positions for COMPASS Board Approval
  Ken Burgess will review 2020 federal transportation policy positions.
- 2:20 \*D. Recommend Position Statements for 2020 Idaho Legislative Session for COMPASS Board Approval

  Ken Burgess will review legislative position statements for the 2020 Idaho legislative session.
- 2:35 E. Approve Board Member Travel

  Matt Stoll will present a travel request for COMPASS Board member to attend the National Association of Regional Councils' 2020 National
- V. <u>INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM</u>
- Page 19 \*A. Status Report Regional Transportation Advisory (Memo Only)
  Committee

Conference of Regions February 9-13, 2020, in Washington, D.C.

#### VI. OTHER

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT (2:40)

\*Enclosures Agenda is subject to change.

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Item III-A

## October 8, 2019 COMPASS, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM MERIDIAN, IDAHO

#### \*\*MINUTES\*\*

ATTENDEES: Sara Baker, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District

Elaine Clegg, Councilmember, City of Boise, Chair Elect

Debbie Kling, Mayor, City of Nampa

Kendra Kenyon, Commissioner, Ada County

Nathan Leigh, Mayor, City of Parma

Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, Vice Chair

Stan Ridgeway, Mayor, City of Eagle, Secretary-Treasurer

Joe Stear, Mayor, City of Kuna

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Dale, Commissioner, Canyon County, Chair

Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian

Jay Gibbons, Commissioner, Canyon Highway District #4

OTHERS PRESENT: Morgan Andrus, Community Planning Association

Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors

Megan Larsen, Community Planning Association

Megan Leatherman, Ada County

Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning Association

Toni Tisdale, Community Planning Association

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Acting Chair Elaine Clegg called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

General announcements were made.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approve September 10, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

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

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

## A. Discuss and Provide Input on Priorities for 2020 State and Federal Legislative Sessions

Ken Burgess reviewed draft 2020 state and federal positions which will be brought back to the Executive Committee at its November meeting for a recommendation for COMPASS Board approval at the December Board meeting.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to go forward with the draft position statements as presented with clarification on language as discussed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Garret Nancolas moved and Charlie Rountree seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of November 2019.

| By:   |                                |
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| Tom I | Dale, Chair                    |
| Comn  | nunity Planning Association of |
| South | nwest Idaho                    |
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Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho

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#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKSHEET FOR COMPASS BOARD AGENDA**

| Item | Title/Description  | Mandatory | Additional Information  | Agenda Type <sup>1</sup> | Time | Presenter | Proposed<br>Agenda     | RTAC<br>Agenda | Program<br>No. |
|------|--|-----------|---|--------------------------|------|-----------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.   | Approve Minutes<br>from most<br>recent Board<br>Meeting                  | Yes       | Meets Idaho Code and various grant requirements.                                | Consent<br>Agenda        | N/A  | N/A       | Bimonthly              | N/A            | 820            |
| 2.   | Receive Minutes<br>from most recent<br>Executive<br>Committee<br>Meeting | Yes       | Meets Idaho Code and various grant requirements.                                | Consent<br>Agenda        | N/A  | N/A       | Bimonthly              | N/A            | 820            |
| 3.   | Receive Minutes<br>from most recent<br>Finance<br>Committee<br>Meeting   | Yes       | Meets Idaho Code and various grant requirements.                                | Consent<br>Agenda        | N/A  | N/A       | As<br>Appropriate      | N/A            | 820            |
| 4.   | Status Report –<br>Current Air<br>Quality Issues                         | No        | Mary Ann Waldinger will provide a monthly report on current air quality issues. | Ex. Dir.<br>Report       | N/A  | N/A       | Bimonthly              | N/A            | 801            |
| 5.   | Receive Project<br>Milestone Report                                      | No        | Toni Tisdale will provide a Project Milestone Report.                           | Ex. Dir.<br>Report       | N/A  | N/A       | Every Other<br>Meeting | N/A            | 685            |
| 6.   | Status Report –<br>Standing<br>Committee<br>Attendance                   | No        | Per Board request of May 17, 2004.  | Ex. Dir.<br>Report       | N/A  | N/A       | Bimonthly              | N/A            | 820            |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Action; Consent Agenda; Executive Director's Report; Information; Special Item; Committee Reports; Open Discussion/Announcements

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| 7.   | Receive<br>Administrative<br>Modifications to<br>the Regional<br>Transportation<br>Improvement<br>Program | Yes       | Toni Tisdale will provide memorandums of approval for Administrative Modifications.  | Ex. Dir.<br>Report                | N/A  | N/A                  | As<br>Appropriate    | N/A            | 685            |  |
| 8.   | Approve List of<br>Records for<br>Destruction   | No        | Megan Larsen will seek<br>COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' approval of the<br>list of records to destroy per<br>the guidance in the Records<br>Retention Policy. | Consent<br>Agenda                 | N/A  | N/A                  | As<br>Appropriate    | N/A            | 991            |  |
|      | CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS  |           |  |                                   |      |                      |                      |                |                |  |
| 9.   | Leadership in<br>Motion Awards<br>Presentation  | No        | Board Chair and Executive<br>Director will present the<br>2019 COMPASS Leadership<br>in Motion awards.   | At luncheon;<br>before<br>meeting | 20   | Chair/<br>Matt Stoll | December<br>Luncheon | N/A            | 653            |  |
| 10.  | Confirm Regional<br>Transportation<br>Advisory<br>Committee<br>Membership                                 | Yes       | COMPASS Bylaws require<br>the COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' confirmation of<br>RTAC membership.   | Consent<br>Agenda                 | N/A  | N/A                  | December             | N/A            | N/A            |  |
| 11.  | Receive Safety<br>Targets   | Yes       | Carl Miller will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' acceptance of the updated safety targets as required by the FAST Act performance management program.         | Consent<br>Agenda                 | N/A  | N/A                  | December             | November       | 661            |  |

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| 12   | Adopt Resolution Approving Revision 1 of the FY2020 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP) | No        | Megan Larsen will seek<br>COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' approval of<br>Revision 1 of the FY2020<br>UPWP.  | Action       | 15   | Megan<br>Larsen       | December           | N/A                               | 601            |
| 13   | Approve 2020 Idaho Legislative Session Position Statements  | Yes       | Ken Burgess will seek<br>COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' approval of 2020<br>Idaho legislative session<br>position statements.                                  | Action       | 15   | Ken<br>Burgess        | December           | N/A                               | 701            |
| 14   | Approve 2020 Federal Transportation Policy Positions  | Yes       | Ken Burgess will seek<br>COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' approval of<br>federal transportation policy<br>positions.   | Action       | 15   | Ken<br>Burgess        | December           | N/A                               | N/A            |
| 15   | Approve Communities in Motion 2050 Demographic Forecast   | Yes       | Carl Miller will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of the Communities Motion 2050 Demographic (population, household, and jobs) control total forecast | Action       | 20   | Carl Miller           | December           | N/A<br>(Nov/<br>DAWG)             | 620            |
| 16   | Accept the<br>changes to the<br>National Highway<br>System  | Yes       | Mary Ann Waldinger will<br>seek COMPASS Board of<br>Director's acceptance of the<br>changes to the National<br>Highway System.                                 | Action       | 15   | Mary Ann<br>Waldinger | December           | August<br>(info), Oct<br>(action) | 836            |

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| 17.  | Approve Request<br>for<br>Transportation<br>Alternatives<br>Program (TAP) –<br>Statewide<br>Changes                                | No        | Toni Tisdale will seek Board of Directors' approval to request ITD to add more flexibility in the TAP-Statewide programs.  | Action       | 10   | Toni<br>Tisdale | December           | November       | 685            |
| 18.  | Adopt Resolution<br>Amending the<br>TIP  | Yes       | Toni Tisdale will seek RTAC recommendation for Board approval of a resolution amending the FY2019-2023 and FY2020-2026 TIPs for an increase to a Valley Regional Transit project and to add funds for construction on a project on US 20/26. | Action       | 10   | Toni<br>Tisdale | December           | November       | 685            |
| 19.  | Confirm 2020<br>Board Officers:<br>Chair, Chair<br>Elect, Vice Chair,<br>Immediate Past<br>Chair. Elect<br>Secretary-<br>Treasurer | Yes       | COMPASS Bylaws require<br>the Board confirm<br>ascension of Board officers<br>and election of Secretary-<br>Treasurer.   | Action       |      | Matt Stoll      | December           | N/A            | N/A            |
| 20.  | Confirm 2020 Executive Committee Representatives for Cities under 25,000 in Population   | Yes       | COMPASS Bylaws require<br>COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' confirm Executive<br>Committee representatives<br>for cities under 25,000 in<br>population.   | Action       |      | Matt Stoll      | December           | N/A            | N/A            |

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| 21.  | Confirm 2020 Executive Committee Representative from Highway Districts in Canyon County     | Yes       | COMPASS Bylaws require<br>the COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' confirm the Chair<br>of one of the highway<br>districts located in Canyon<br>County as an Executive<br>Committee representative.                             | Action                     | 10   | Matt Stoll                       | December           | N/A            | N/A            |  |
| 22.  | Review regional<br>outreach efforts<br>for the 2020<br>Census                               | No        | Hailey Townsend will review COMPASS' planned regional outreach efforts and work in support of local outreach for the upcoming 2020 Census.  | Information/<br>Discussion | 15   | Hailey<br>Townsend               | December           | November       | 620            |  |
|      | UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS   |           |   |                            |      |                                  |                    |                |                |  |
| 23.  | Adopt Resolution<br>Amending the<br>TIP   | Yes       | Toni Tisdale will seek RTAC recommendation for Board approval of a resolution amending the FY2020-2026 TIP to add two bridge projects, two federal lands access projects, and additional regionally significant projects. | Action                     | 15   | Toni<br>Tisdale                  | February<br>2020   | January        | 685            |  |
| 24.  | Overview of<br>Communities<br>Motion 2050 and<br>Review Results<br>Public<br>Involvement #1 | No        | Liisa Itkonen will provide overview of <i>Communities Motion 2050</i> and Carl Miller will review the results of the first public survey for.   | Information/<br>Discussion | 20   | Liisa<br>Itkonen/<br>Carl Miller | February           | November       | 661            |  |
| 25.  | Review Results of<br>Rails-with-Trails<br>Study   | No        | Rachel Haukkala will review the results of the Rails-with-Trails study for conceptual design and planning level cost estimates.   | Information/<br>Discussion | 20   | Rachel<br>Haukkala               | February           | October        | 661            |  |

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| 26.  | Accept the 2020<br>Population<br>Estimates  | Yes       | Carl Miller will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' acceptance of the 2020 population estimates  | Action                     | 20   | Carl Miller                    | April              | N/A<br>(March<br>2020/<br>DAWG) | 620            |
| 27.  | Review Fiscal<br>Impact Analysis<br>Tool/Results  | No        | Carl Miller and Carson Bise will review fiscal impact analysis process.  | Information/<br>Discussion | 20   | Carl Miller/<br>Carson<br>Bise | April              | March                           | 661            |
| 28.  | Review Draft "What If" Scenarios for Communities in Motion 2050 and preview public involvement 2 survey       | No        | Carl Miller will review draft "what if" scenarios for Communities in Motion 2050, and Amy Luft will preview the survey presenting them to the public for feedback. | Information/<br>Discussion | 25   | Carl<br>Miller/Amy<br>Luft     | April              | March                           | 661            |
| 29.  | Approve<br>Priorities for the<br>End-of-Year<br>Program and<br>Redistribution                                 | Yes       | Toni Tisdale will COMPASS<br>Board of Directors' approval<br>of the priorities for the End-<br>of-Year Program and<br>Redistribution.                              | Action                     | 10   | Toni<br>Tisdale                | June               | May                             | 685            |
| 30.  | Review the Draft<br>FY2021-2027<br>Regional<br>Transportation<br>Improvement<br>Program (TIP)<br>Project List | No        | Toni Tisdale provide a review of all projects included in the Draft FY2021-2027 TIP, prior to the public involvement period.                                       | Information/<br>Discussion | 20   | Toni<br>Tisdale                | June               | May                             | 685            |
| 31.  | Approve the<br>Draft COMPASS<br>FY2022-2028<br>COMPASS<br>Application Guide                                   | Yes       | Toni Tisdale will seek<br>COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' approval of the<br>Draft COMPASS FY2022-<br>2028 COMPASS Application<br>Guide.                            | Action                     | 20   | Toni<br>Tisdale                | August             | July                            | 685            |

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| 32.  | Approve FY2021 Communities in Motion Implementation Grants and Project Development Program projects   | Yes       | Kathy Parker will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of FY2021 CIM Implementation Grants and Project Development Program projects  | Action                     | 15   | Kathy<br>Parker                | August             | July           | 685            |
| 33.  | Adopt the<br>COMPASS<br>Complete<br>Networks Policy   | No        | Carl Miller will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' adoption of the COMPASS Complete Networks Policy  | Action                     | 20   | Carl Miller                    | August 17          | July           | 661            |
| 34.  | Review Results of<br>Communities<br>Motion 2050<br>Public<br>Involvement 2  | No        | Carl Miller and Amy Luft will review the results of the second public survey for Communities Motion 2050.   | Information/<br>Discussion | 20   | Carl Miller<br>and Amy<br>Luft | August             | July           | 661            |
| 35.  | Review the Communities in Motion 2050 Goals and Objectives  | No        | Liisa Itkonen will review the Communities in Motion 2050 goals and objectives.  | Information/<br>Discussion | 20   | Liisa<br>Itkonen               | August             | July           | 661            |
| 36.  | Adopt Resolution<br>X-2020,<br>Approving the<br>FY2021-2027<br>Regional<br>Transportation<br>Improvement<br>Program (TIP)<br>and Associated<br>Air Quality<br>Conformity<br>Demonstration | Yes       | Toni Tisdale will see<br>COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' adoption of a<br>resolution approving the<br>FY2021-2027 TIP and<br>associated air quality<br>conformity demonstration. | Action                     | 20   | Toni<br>Tisdale                | October            | September      | 685            |

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| 37.  | Recommend<br>Rural Application<br>Prioritization  | Yes       | Toni Tisdale will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' adoption of a Resolution approving priorities for rural applications. | Action or<br>Consent       | 10   | Toni<br>Tisdale  | October            | September      | 685            |
| 38.  | Approve the Communities in Motion 2050 Goals and Objectives   | No        | Liisa Itkonen will seek<br>COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' approval<br>Communities in Motion<br>2050 goals and objectives | Action                     | 20   | Liisa<br>Itkonen | October            | August         | 661            |
| 39.  | Adopt Communities in Motion 2050 Preferred Growth Scenario  | No        | Carl Miller will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval Communities in Motion 2050 preferred growth scenario          | Action                     | 20   | Carl Miller      | October            | September      | 661            |
| 40.  | Approve FY2020<br>Resource<br>Development<br>Plan   | Yes       | Kathy Parker will seek<br>COMPASS Board of<br>Directors' approval of<br>FY2020 Resource<br>Development Plan.             | Action                     | 15   | Kathy<br>Parker  | October            | August         | 685            |
| 41.  | Review Past<br>Communities in<br>Motion<br>Implementation<br>Grant and Project<br>Development<br>Program Projects | No        | Kathy Parker will review past Communities in Motion Implementation Grant and Project Development Program projects.       | Information/<br>Discussion | 15   | Kathy<br>Parker  | October            | August         | 685            |

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| 42.  | Approve Communities in Motion 2050 Implementation Tasks | No        | Carl Miller or Liisa Itkonen will seek COMPASS Board of Directors' approval Communities in Motion 2050 implementation tasks. | Action       | 20   | Carl Miller<br>or Liisa<br>Itkonen | April<br>2021      | March 2021     | 661            |

#### 2020 COMPASS FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY POSITIONS

#### **COMPASS** encourages timely reauthorization of the FAST Act.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act expires September 30, 2020. Consistent federal investment through a new long-term surface transportation reauthorization, developed in consultation with federal, state, and local partners, would allow local governments to address much-needed infrastructure improvements. Any new package must adequately reflect the role local governments play in the national transportation network.

- Provide more direct funding to local governments and increase local decisionmaking authority: The FAST Act made some progress toward more direct funding to local governments, while placing greater responsibility on those entities to develop and meet system performance goals. COMPASS encourages more direct allocation and flexibility to regions, MPOs, cities, and counties with transportation infrastructure responsibilities.
- Maintain and increase set-aside for off-system bridges: Nearly eighty percent
  of the nations bridges are the responsibility of local entities (not on the
  federal-aid highway system). This funding is needed for local entities to safely
  operate and maintain these bridge structures.
- Streamline the federal permitting process (One Federal Decision): COMPASS supports the streamlining of the federal transportation project delivery process to facilitate timely construction of federally funded projects and reduce project delays and expense.
- 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 public transportation systems meet the needs of their communities.
- <u>Maintain federal support for non-motorized transportation options:</u>
  Encouragement to participate in, and incentives to provide safe bicycle and pedestrian mobility options should remain a priority for Congress. Federally

funded transportation projects should incorporate safe bicycle and pedestrian pathways.

Support maintaining fiscal constraint requirement on long-range plans: Long range transportation plans are currently required to be limited to projects that can be completed with the level of funding reasonably expected to be available. This is a responsible approach to transportation planning, and limits the creation of unreasonable expectations that projects could be completed when funding is inadequate. COMPASS opposes eliminating the fiscal restraint requirements for long-range plans.

#### Congress must provide long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

COMPASS recognizes the Highway Trust Fund will become insolvent in 2021. Congress must solve this funding issue in a permanent, meaningful way, eliminating the need for short-term infusion of general fund dollars. Reauthorization proposals must address HTF funding to meet national transportation demands.

- <u>Support federal fuel excise tax increase</u>: The federal fuel tax has not been increased since 1993 (26 years), and remains the most readily available "user-pay" solution to stabilizing the Highway Trust Fund.
- <u>Index federal fuel tax to rate of inflation:</u> Indexing the motor fuels tax to rate of inflation will mitigate many of the political challenges associated with funding the Highway Trust Fund into the future.
- Add additional Road User Charge concepts: Improvements in fuel efficiency and development of alternative fuel vehicles have a negative effect on the Highway Trust Fund. Additional user fee concepts such as a mileage-based user fees, are necessary to capture evolving trends and changes in relation to transportation infrastructure funding.

#### • Rail Corridor Use:

COMPASS urges Congress and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to ensure that the expectations set in the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 (RPSA) for reasonable cooperation between intercity passenger rail providers and railroad companies is upheld. Agreements for local use of rail owned by rail companies should not be subjected to unreasonable compensation requests and unjustifiable delay, and the FRA should utilize their authority to achieve the intent of law.



#### 2020 COMPASS STATE LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

COMPASS supports increasing state and local transportation revenue. Idaho's current transportation funding level remains inadequate to address the state's needs. State and local transportation entities still face critical funding

state's needs. State and local transportation entities still face of shortfalls for maintenance and expansion projects.

- Increase state motor fuels excise tax: The state fuel excise tax is currently
  the most effective "user-fee" mechanism available to secure additional
  adequate funding for state and local transportation needs. COMPASS
  supports increasing the state fuel excise tax to meet the infrastructure needs
  of Idahoans, reduce congestion, increase safety, and improve the flow of
  freight.
- Consider indexing state fuels excise tax to rate of inflation: Indexing the state fuels tax to rate of inflation would mitigate the challenges of increasing costs of construction over time, and the perceived political risk of active rate changes on the part of the legislature.
- Consider alternative user-charge concepts: New automotive technologies and increased fuel efficiency necessitate expanding transportation user-fee concepts beyond fuel excise tax and automobile registration. A mileagebased user fee is reasonable to ensure all users of Idaho's roads and bridges pay a share of those costs.
- Reinstitute Strategic Initiatives "surplus eliminator" provision for transportation: The Strategic Initiatives funding mechanism proved to be a useful mechanism for state and local maintenance projects. Those funds were used to successfully leverage additional federal grant funds for I-84. COMPASS supports reinstating this transportation funding mechanism and maintaining a 60-40 state/local share of those funds.
- Remove Idaho State Police from Highway Distribution Account funding:
   COMPASS supports redirecting the Idaho State Police 5% share of Highway
   Distribution Account to transportation maintenance and construction.

   COMPASS supports replacing equivalent ISP funds with General Fund dollars.

#### 2020 COMPASS STATE LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

#### **Support Local Option Sales Tax Authority.**

Local Option Sales Tax Authority legislation could provide local units of government a tool to request supplemental infrastructure revenue for specific projects as approved by voters. COMPASS recognizes the value of such a tool to enhance roadway and/or transit projects to the benefit of our region.

#### Support dedicated funding source for public transportation.

Idaho is one of few states in the country that does not provide a dedicated funding source for public transportation needs. As the population of the state and region continues to grow and diversify, both urban and rural public transportation entities struggle to meet the mobility needs of their communities.

**Support statutory authority to implement High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes**. Current statutory language restricts locations in which HOV lanes may be utilized.

**Support dedicated funding for safe, community-oriented bicycle and pedestrian options.** Safe community and neighborhood-oriented bicycle and pedestrian options should be a priority for the state.

**Support a state-wide hands-free <u>electronic device while</u> driving statute.** The use of electronic devices while driving has proven to be a major traffic safety issue in Idaho, responsible for a preventable number of injuries and deaths. COMPASS supports implementing a state-wide <u>hands-free</u> driving safety policy prohibiting the use of handheld devices while driving a motor vehicle on state and local roadways.

Support implementation of a weight/distance fee for heavy commercial and farm vehicles. COMPASS supports implementation of a mileage-based fee structure for heavy vehicles travelling on state and local roadways to include out-of-state vehicles travelling through the state. Heavier axle weights and additional axles exert proportionately more wear on Idaho roadways. and aAn updated fee structure for heavier vehicles should account for the maintenance costs of such wear.



## Working together to plan for the future

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM V-A

Date: November 12, 2019

**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 October 23, 2019, meeting.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### Transportation Management Area (TMA) Balancing

RTAC approved actions to balance the Surface Transportation Program - Transportation Management Area (STP-TMA) to partially fulfill requests from Valley Regional Transit and the Ada County Highway District.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **National Highway System**

COMPASS staff reviewed recommended changes to the National Highway System. This item will be brought back to RTAC in November for a recommendation to the COMPASS Board of Directors.

#### Rails-with-Trails Study

COMPASS staff provided an overview of a recently completed <u>Rails-with-Trails study</u> and discussed next steps.

#### More Information:

1) Contact Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS Principal Planner, at (208) 475-2241 or <a href="litkonen@compassidaho.org">litkonen@compassidaho.org</a> or Maureen Gresham, ACHD Commuteride Manager, at (208) 387-6163 or <a href="mailto:mgresham@achdidaho.org">mgresham@achdidaho.org</a>.

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