

Keeping Up With COMPASS

April 2026

A newsletter for COMPASS members to keep abreast of COMPASS Board, committee, and workgroup actions

Executive Committee – March 17, 2026

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Next meeting date: April 14, 2026; COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

March Action Items:

- April Board Meeting Agenda. Established the agenda for the April 27, 2026, COMPASS Board of Directors meeting.
- Board Member Travel. Approved travel requests for Mayor Trevor Chadwick and Councilmember Mary May to attend the National Association of Regional Councils' 2026 annual conference in Tulsa, OK.
- STBG Funding Policy. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval to change the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding policy to incorporate a one-time increase in "off-the-top" funding for COMPASS and Ada County Highway District (ACHD) Commuteride starting with the FY2027 work year by 45% and 50%, respectively, and to increase "off-the-top" funding for COMPASS, ACHD Commuteride, and Safe Routes to School (through Valley Regional Transit) by the construction inflation amount (currently 2%) annually thereafter to adjust for inflation. This item will be brought to the Board for action in April as part of the full draft federal-aid funding program.
- Funding Request for COMPASS Planning Activities. Authorized Executive Director Raborn to submit a letter requesting funding available through the Transportation Management Area balancing process to fund three COMPASS planning projects in FY2026, totaling \$1 million: conduct a statistically valid public opinion poll, develop a new fiscal impact tool, and develop a new performance measure framework tool. This request was brought to the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee in March (below) for consideration along with other funding requests as part of an action to balance programs in the Transportation Management Area.
- Elmore County. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of Elmore County's request for COMPASS membership. This item will be brought to the full Board of Directors for Action in its April meeting.
- Idaho Legislative Session. Received a status report on the 2026 Idaho state legislative session. No action was taken.

March Information/Discussion Item:

- Director's Report. Executive Director Raborn reminded the Executive Committee that COMPASS' federal certification review on-site meeting will occur on May 6, 2026. He also notified the committee that they will begin his annual review this spring, culminating in review by the full Board of Directors in their June meeting.

Finance Committee – March 26, 2026

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Next meeting date: June 18, 2026; COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

March Action Items:

- Vice Chair. Tabled the election of a 2026 Finance Committee Vice Chair until the June 18, 2026, Finance Committee meeting.
- Variance Report. Approved the October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025, variance report.
- Membership Dues. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of FY2027 membership dues. This item will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in its April 27, 2026, Board meeting.

March Information/Discussion Items:

- Disbursement Report. Reviewed disbursements made in the reporting period (November 21, 2025 – March 3, 2026).
- Revenue and Expense Projections. Reviewed COMPASS' five-year revenue and expense projections, in preparation for development of the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program and budget.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee – March 25, 2026

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Next meeting date: April 22, 2026; COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

March Special Item:

- South Ada and Canyon Connectivity Study. Received an overview of the South Ada and Canyon Connectivity Study.

March Action Items:

- Delivery Deadlines. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval to extend the March 1 obligation deadline for 19 projects. The deadline extension requests will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action via consent agenda in its April 27, 2026, meeting.

- Balancing. Recommended actions to balance funds in the Transportation Management Area (Boise Urban Area) using funding released from Ada County Highway District projects due to low bids.
- Federal-Aid Programs. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' acceptance of draft local federal-aid programs for the FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) based on project rankings approved by RTAC on February 25, 2026. This item will be brought to the COMPASS Board for acceptance at its April 27, 2026, meeting.
- UPWP. Recommended a member agency request from the West Ada School District for inclusion in COMPASS' FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program and budget (UPWP). The COMPASS Finance Committee will consider the request in light of available resources and recommend a final UPWP for COMPASS Board of Directors' approval in August.

March Information/Discussion Item:

- Population Estimates. Received an overview of COMPASS' methodology for developing annual population estimates for member jurisdictions.

Workgroups

Demographic Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: March 13, 2026

Highlights:

- Reviewed the 2026 population estimates and methodology.

Next meeting: April 2026

Environmental Review Workgroup

Meeting date: March 25, 2026

Highlights:

- Reviewed the environmental index methodology and outputs used for *Communities in Motion 2050*.
- Discussed new data integration processes for *Communities in Motion 2055*.

Next meeting: April or May 2026

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