

Keeping Up With COMPASS

December 2019

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

Executive Committee – November 12, 2019

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Next meeting date: December 10, 2019, COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

November Action Items:

- December Board Meeting Agenda. Established the agenda for the December 16, 2019, COMPASS Board of Directors meeting.
- 2020 COMPASS Board Officer Slate. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of the following slate of officers for 2020: Chair, Councilmember Elaine Clegg; Chair Elect, Mayor Garret Nancolas; Vice Chair, Mayor Joe Stear; Secretary/Treasurer, Mayor Debbie Kling; Immediate Past Chair, Commissioner Tom Dale. The Board of Directors will be asked to approve the recommended officer slate in its December 16, 2019, meeting.
- 2020 Federal Transportation Position Statements. Recommended 2020 federal positions statements for COMPASS Board of Directors' approval. Several specific positions address reauthorization of the FAST Act and long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund, in addition to a position on rail corridor use. The Board of Directors will be asked to approve the recommended statements in its December 16, 2019, meeting.
- 2020 Idaho Legislative Position Statements. Recommended 2020 Idaho legislative position statements for COMPASS Board of Directors' approval. Positions address transportation revenue, local option sales tax authority, funding for public transportation, high occupancy vehicle lanes, non-motorized transportation, the use of hands-free electronic devices while driving, and a weight/distance fee for heavy vehicles. The Board of Directors will be asked to approve the recommended statements in its December 16, 2019, meeting.
- Board Member Travel. Approved a travel request from Caldwell Mayor Garret Nancolas to attend the National Association of Regional Councils' 2020 National Conference of Regions, February 9 - 13, 2020, in Washington, DC.

Finance Committee – November 21, 2019

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Next meeting date: December 12, 2019, COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

November Action Items:

- Variance Report. Approved the October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019, variance report.
- FY2020 UPWP. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of Revision 1 of the FY2020 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP). This item will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in its December 16, 2019, meeting.

November Information/Discussion Items:

- Disbursement Report. Reviewed disbursements made in the reporting period (July 20 – November 5, 2019).
- Fund Balance. Reviewed an analysis of the COMPASS fund balance, including changes over the past five years and a comparison of actual and projected fund balances to the current reserve requirement of four months' expenses and an alternative reserve requirement of six months' expenses.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) – November 20, 2019

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Next meeting date: December 18, 2019, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

November Action Items:

- Safety Targets. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' acceptance of the Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD's) annual statewide safety targets and asked that COMPASS examine establishing its own regional targets as part of *Communities in Motion 2050*. Per federal law, metropolitan planning organizations, such as COMPASS, must establish annual safety targets, either by supporting statewide targets or setting regional targets. This item will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in its December 16, 2019, meeting.
- National Highway System. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of changes to the National Highway System. This item will be presented to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in its December 16, 2019, meeting.
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Formed a subcommittee to review ITD's TAP-Statewide program to recommend whether or not a formal COMPASS request for changes to the policy should be pursued.
- TIP amendment. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of a resolution amending the FY2019-2023 and FY2020-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) to add a railroad crossing project in the City of Nampa back into the program, increase two Valley Regional Transit projects, and add funds for a construction project on US 20/26.
- TMA Balancing. Approved actions to balance the Surface Transportation Program - Transportation Management Area (STP-TMA) to close one project and partially fulfill a request from Valley Regional Transit.

November Information/Discussion Items:

- Survey Results. Received initial results from the fall 2019 "A lot can change in 30 years" public survey to help develop assumptions for *Communities in Motion 2050* and discussed how those results will be used to develop a follow-up survey on potential growth scenarios.
- 2020 Census. Received an update on COMPASS' efforts in support of local and regional outreach for the 2020 Census.

Workgroups

Demographic Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: November 14, 2019

Highlights:

- Recommended a population forecast for *Communities in Motion 2050*. This item will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for approval in its December 16, 2019, meeting.
- Reviewed the results of the fall 2019 “A lot can change in 30 years” *Communities in Motion 2050* survey.
- Discussed how to accurately calculate land use allowances and types in agency comprehensive plans to develop a regional buildout calculation.
- Participated in two “debrief” exercises to provide feedback into COMPASS’ role in the 2020 Census, to use to inform COMPASS’ role in the 2030 Census.

Next meeting date: March 2020

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: November 25, 2019

Highlights:

- Discussed classification of public transportation routes for the COMPASS complete network policy.
- Reviewed the results of the [Ada County Master Facilities Plan Public Transportation Access](#) report.
- Received an update on COMPASS’ fixed guideway study.

Next meeting date: January/February 2020

Geographic Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: November 14, 2019

Highlights:

- Discussed the 2019 COMPASS orthophotography project and began planning for future orthophotography projects.
- Recommended future orthophotography flights be conducted every two years, with this rotation potentially beginning in 2021.
- Received information on the status of an orthophotography funding plan that includes an annualized budget option for member agencies.

Next meeting date: TBD

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