
Work Group: Regional Geographic Advisory Workgroup (RGAWG)
Staff Liaison: Eric Adolfson

Purpose:

The purpose of the Regional Geographic Advisory Workgroup is to provide input and guidance on regional Geographic Information System (GIS) issues and tasks, such as orthophotography and the Regional Data Center.

Tasks:

1. Provide a forum to continue to improve regional GIS cooperation, while forming GIS policy and technical solutions that facilitate building cooperatively maintained regional datasets.
2. Advise COMPASS staff, workgroups, and the COMPASS Board of Directors on GIS investments and policies.
3. Report to either the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee or Executive Committee on topics such as investments and policies related to improving GIS outputs as needed.
4. Provide feedback to COMPASS staff on regional GIS planning activities.

Deliverables, Schedule:

1. Review regional data inventory and status. (Fall 2026)
2. Provide guidance on future GIS data collection projects. (Winter 2026/27)
3. Provide quality control and review of 2027 orthophotography project preliminary data. (Summer 2027)
4. Participate in RFP development for FY2028 orthophotography contract. This could include orthophotography, Lidar, contours, and other derivatives dependent upon funding availability and member agency contributions. (Existing contract ends in December 2027) (Spring 2027)
5. Stormwater management technology and dataset sharing discussions on a regional basis, resulting in data guidance and best practices for using tools like ESRI's Stormwater Utility Network to record maintenance accomplished on facilities; and potential integration with other hydrography datasets. (Beginning January 2027)

Membership:

Membership in the RGAWG will be drawn from representatives from member agencies and those with an interest in regional geographic data. Members should have information system technical experience or knowledge and active contribution to the region's data ecosystem with agency administrative authority.

Charter recommended by Executive Committee: July 14, 2026

Charter approved by COMPASS Board: August 17, 2026

Next planned review of charter by Executive Committee: June 2027



All decisions and recommendations of COMPASS workgroups are reached through consensus and there are no quorum requirements for workgroups. All workgroup meetings are open to anyone interested in attending. Individuals interested in attending should contact the staff liaison to obtain the scheduled meeting dates and planned agendas.