

Keeping Up With COMPASS

March 2020

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

Board of Directors – February 24, 2020

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: April 20, 2020, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

February Action Items:

- Legislative Position. Established a [legislative position](#) opposing any state tax policy that limits local governments' ability to establish and maintain infrastructure improvements necessary to serve growth and promote economic development.
- Delivery Deadlines. Approved the extension of the March 1 obligation deadline for four projects: a City of Eagle project to construct a pedestrian bridge over the north channel of the Boise River (extended until June 1) and three Ada County Highway District maintenance projects (extended until May 1).

February Information/Discussion Items:

- Communities in Motion 2040 2.0 Updates. Received 2019 factual updates on changes to costs and descriptions of funded projects and unfunded priorities in *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*. This information has been updated in the [online plan](#).
- Communities in Motion 2050. Received an overview of the process for developing *Communities in Motion 2050*, the next regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties, and reviewed progress to date.
- Exploratory Planning. Reviewed detailed [findings](#) of a fall 2019 "exploratory planning" public survey for *Communities in Motion 2050* and how those findings will feed into a survey on potential growth scenarios in early summer 2020.
- Rails-with-Trails. Reviewed the results of the 2019 [Rails with Trails Feasibility and Probable Cost Study](#) for conceptual design and planning level cost estimates along the Boise Cutoff rail line from the City of Nampa to southeast Boise.

February Special Items:

- FACTS. Received a presentation from the Foundation for Ada/Canyon Trails (FACTS) regarding its work on the Boise River Greenbelt and other trails in the two-county region.
- State and Federal Legislative Issues. Received a status report on state and federal legislative issues.

Executive Committee – February 4, 2020

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Next meeting date: March 10, 2020, COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

February Action Items:

- Senate Bill 1250. Voted to support Senate Bill 1250 that would "...prohibit the use of certain electronic devices while driving a motor vehicle..." and preempt similar local ordinances.

February Information/Discussion Items:

- 2020 Legislative Session. Received a status report on the Idaho legislative session.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) – February 26, 2020

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Next meeting date: March 18, 2020, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

February Action Items:

- Federal Aid Project Ranking. Recommended ranking of federal-aid-eligible applications for consideration of funding in the FY2021-2027 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The rankings will guide COMPASS staff in developing a draft funding plan for federal-aid programs.

February Information/Discussion Items:

- Growth Scenarios. Reviewed draft conceptual scenarios and implementation policies to be included in a public involvement survey for *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050) in late spring/early summer 2020. Survey results will be used to help shape a preferred growth scenario for CIM 2050.

Workgroups

Freight Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: February 6, 2020

Highlights:

- Reconciled changes to the future freight network for the complete network policy.

Next meeting date: March 2020

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: February 11, 2020

Highlights:

- Continued a discussion of the classification of public transportation routes for the complete network policy.
- Received updates on fixed guideway and park and ride studies.

Next meeting date: March/April 2020

Active Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: February 10, 2020

Highlights:

- Continued to reconcile changes in the bicycle network within Ada County for the complete network policy.

Next meeting date: March 2, 2020

Census Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: February 19, 2020

Highlights:

- Reviewed resources and templates developed by COMPASS since the last workgroup meeting.
- Discussed the potential for a friendly competition among jurisdictions regarding census participation rates.
- Received an update from each agency present on its census outreach efforts and plans.
- Received an update on Census 2020 from the US Census Bureau.

Next meeting date: March 18, 2020

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