

Keeping Up With COMPASS

March 2023

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

Board of Directors – February 27, 2023

More information: <https://www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm>

Next meeting date: April 17, 2023; COMPASS First Floor Board Room

February Special Item:

- State Highway 16. Received an update on the status of the State Highway 16 corridor.

February Action Items:

- Development Review Policy and Checklist. Adopted a new COMPASS [Development Review Policy](#) and revised Development Review Checklist template. The new policy will replace the previous Development Review Protocol and Fiscal Impact Policy.
- FY2023-2029 TIP. Adopted an [amendment](#) to the FY2023-2029 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two projects and change the scope of three projects.
- 2023 Idaho Legislative Activity. Received an overview of legislation introduced to date and directed COMPASS staff to oppose HB55 (Highway-User Revenues and Property taxes) and provide input on HB184 (Definition of Congestion Mitigation) to recommend that “data-driven mitigation strategies” be included in the definition of congestion mitigation.
- NARC Board of Directors. Approved the nomination of City of Star Mayor Trevor Chadwick as a candidate for the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Board of Directors for 2023-2025. The election will be held June 7, 2023, at the NARC annual meeting in Detroit, MI.

February Information/Discussion Items:

- Safe Streets and Roads for All. Received notice that COMPASS was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All planning grant and an overview of next steps to use the funding to develop a regional safety action plan.
- Urbanized Areas and IT Board Policy 4028. Received a status report on 2020 Census urbanized area results and implications to the COMPASS planning area and an update on implementation of Idaho Transportation (IT) Board Policy 4028.

Executive Committee – February 14, 2023

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

Next meeting date: March 14, 2023; COMPASS Second Floor Large Conference Room

February Action Items:

- 2023 Idaho Legislative Activity. Received an overview of legislation introduced to date and directed COMPASS staff to support House Bills HB132 (Strategic Initiatives Grant Program) and HB130 (Electric Vehicles: Electric Fuel Tax) and Senate Bill SB1065 (Electric Vehicle Road Usage Fees).
- NARC Board of Directors. Recommended the COMPASS Board of Directors nominate City of Star Mayor Trevor Chadwick to represent COMPASS on the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Board of Directors. This item will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in its February 27, 2023, meeting.

February Information/Discussion Item:

- Executive Director's Report. Received an update from Executive Director Matt Stoll on multiple topics affecting COMPASS and its members.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) – February 22, 2023

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

Next meeting date: March 15, 2023; COMPASS First Floor Board Room

February Special Items:

- State Highway 16. Received an update on the status of the State Highway 16 corridor.
- NEVI. Received a report on the status of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program.

February Action Items:

- Federal-Aid Rankings. Recommended project rankings for COMPASS federal-aid funding programs to guide COMPASS staff in developing a funding plan for those programs. RTAC will be asked to recommend the draft federal-aid programs, which will feed into the draft FY2024-2030 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, in its March 15, 2023, meeting. A workshop to discuss the funding program recommendations in detail will be held on March 8, 2023.

February Information/Discussion Items:

- Safe Streets and Roads for All. Received notice that COMPASS was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All planning grant and an overview of next steps to use the funding to develop a regional safety action plan.
- CIM 2055. Reviewed the draft *Communities in Motion 2055* (CIM 2055) workplan. A revised plan will be brought to RTAC for additional review in its March 15, 2023, meeting.

Workgroups

Planning and Environmental Linkages Workgroup

Meeting date: February 15, 2023

Highlights:

- Reviewed and discussed workgroup comments on the draft scope of work for a high-capacity Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study presented in the January 2023 workgroup meeting.
- Reviewed a revised draft scope of work for the PEL study.

Next meeting date: March 2, 2023

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: February 23, 2023

Highlights:

- Reviewed findings from COMPASS' [High-Occupancy Vehicle Analysis Report](#).
- Discussed public transportation tasks in *Communities in Motion 2055*.
- Reviewed the draft scope of work for the high-capacity transit Planning and Environmental Linkages study.

Next meeting date: TBD

Public Participation Workgroup

Meeting date: February 22, 2023

Highlights:

- Provided feedback on a potential training tool for
- Received an update on the new COMPASS website
- Discussed best practices for sharing open-ended

Next meeting date: TBD

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