

Keeping Up With COMPASS

March 2026

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

Board of Directors – February 23, 2026

More information: <https://compassidaho.org/board-meeting-schedules-packets-and-minutes/>
Next meeting date: April 27, 2026; COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

February Special Items:

- Board Members. Outgoing Board members were thanked for their service and incoming Board members were welcomed.
- Member Agency Presentation. Received an overview of the City of Middleton's high-priority transportation projects.

February Action Items:

- FY2026 - 2032 TIP. Approved an amendment to the FY2026-2032 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add two projects funded through competitive federal grants and change the scope of one project to correct an error.
- Let's Ride Treasure Valley. Approved the Let's Ride Treasure Valley high-capacity transit Planning and Environmental Linkages study.
- Safety Performance Targets. Adopted FY2026 regional safety performance targets.
- Secretary/Treasurer. Elected Nampa Mayor Rick Hogaboam as the 2026 COMPASS Board Secretary/Treasurer.
- Finance Committee Membership. Confirmed 2026 Finance Committee members.

February Information/Discussion Items:

- State Legislative Issues. Received a status report regarding the Idaho Transportation Department's budget and an overview of state legislative actions to date and COMPASS' corresponding legislative strategy and activities.

Executive Committee – February 10, 2026

More information: <https://compassidaho.org/executive-committee-meeting-schedules-packets-and-minutes/>

Next meeting date: March 17, 2026; COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

February Action Items:

- Title VI Plan. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' approval of an updated Title VI plan. The plan was then approved by the full Board in its February 23, 2026, meeting via consent agenda.
- Idaho Legislative Session. Received a status report on the 2026 Idaho state legislative session and directed COMPASS Executive Director Raborn to finalize a guest opinion on the need to study options for future transportation funding and distribute it on behalf of the Executive Committee.

February Information/Discussion Item:

- Director's Report. Received notice from Executive Director Raborn that COMPASS will be submitting a federal BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grant application for a "Treasure Valley Southern Connection" study.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee – February 25, 2026

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Next meeting date: March 25, 2026; COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

February Action Items:

- Federal-Aid Rankings. Approved 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 FY2027-2033 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, in its March 25, 2026, meeting. A workshop to discuss the funding program recommendations in detail will be held on March 4, 2026.
- Funding Application Guide. Formed a subcommittee to assist COMPASS staff in updating the COMPASS Funding Application Guide for FY2028-2034.
- Balancing. Recommended actions to balance funds in the Transportation Management Area (Boise Urban Area) using funding released from an Ada County Highway District project due to a low bid.

Workgroups

Public Participation Workgroup

Meeting date: February 9, 2026

Highlights:

- Received an overview of COMPASS and the role of the Public Participation Workgroup.
- Reviewed COMPASS' draft performance dashboard and provided feedback.
- Received an update on "Good Move" safety education campaign initiatives and discussed potential topics for collaboration.
- Continued a discussion on successes and challenges regarding meeting digital accessibility requirements.
- Discussed open positions on the workgroup and the process to fill them.

Next meeting: TBD

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