

Keeping Up With COMPASS

March 2024

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

Board of Directors – February 26, 2024

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

Next meeting date: April 15, 2024; COMPASS, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

February Special Items:

- Regional Safety Action Plan. Received an update on the status of developing a regional safety action plan for Ada and Canyon Counties.
- Member Agency Presentation. Received an overview of the Meridian Road Extension Corridor Study from City of Kuna staff.
- COMPASS. Received an overview of COMPASS, its work products, and the role of the Board of Directors.

February Action Items:

- Employment Policies and Procedures. Approved amendments to COMPASS' employment policies and procedures manual to add parental leave, increase vacation leave, and clarify what transportation benefits are offered to employees.
- CIM 2055. Approved *Communities in Motion 2055* (CIM 2055) goals and objectives and directed staff to draft additional objectives regarding multi-modal access to housing and jobs and minimizing the environmental impact of transportation and bring them back to the Board for consideration at a later date.
- Safety Targets. Adopted the Idaho Transportation Department's 2024 statewide safety performance targets.

February Information/Discussion Items:

- Idaho Legislative Session. Received a status report on the 2024 Idaho Legislative Session and federal legislative issues.
- Congestion Management Report. Reviewed the 2022 Congestion Management System report and implementation of congestion management strategies.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee – February 28, 2024

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Next meeting date: March 27, 2024; COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

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 FY2025-2031 Regional Transportation Improvement Program, in its March 27, 2024, meeting. A workshop to discuss the funding program recommendations in detail will be held on March 13, 2024.
- Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries. Recommended COMPASS Board of Directors' adoption of a technical correction to the City of Nampa's previously approved adjusted urban area boundary. The Board of Directors will receive this item for action in its April 15, 2024, meeting.
- Funding Balancing. Approved an action to balance the Surface Transportation Block Grant, Transportation Alternatives Program, and Carbon Reduction Program in the Transportation Management Area and the Carbon Reduction Program in the Large Urban Area.
- Funding Application Guide. Formed a subcommittee to assist COMPASS staff in updating the COMPASS Funding Application Guide for FY2026-2032.

February Information/Discussion Items:

- COMPASS Data Bike. Reviewed the 2023 COMPASS Data Bike annual report.
- Alternative Fuels Study. Reviewed and provided input into a scope of work for a proposed alternative fuels/electric vehicles infrastructure study.

Workgroups

Public Participation Workgroup

Meeting date: February 13, 2024

Highlights:

- Reviewed public comments received on a proposed amendment to COMPASS' Participation Plan and supported COMPASS Board of Directors' adoption of the amendment.
- Received an overview of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) and discussed interest in potential IAP2 training.
- Continued discussions regarding a regional safety education campaign.

Next meeting date: TBD

Active Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: February 27, 2024

Highlights:

- Reviewed federal planning factors and guidance, *Communities in Motion 2055* (CIM 2055) goals and objectives, the role of workgroups in developing CIM 2055, and how CIM guides project funding.
- Discussed the CIM 2050 pathway prioritization methodology in preparation for developing a list of prioritized pathways for CIM 2055.

Next meeting date: Mid-April

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