



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2009  
COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM**

**\*\*MINUTES\*\***

**ATTENDEES:** Elaine Clegg, Councilmember, City of Boise, for Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, **Vice Chair**  
Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa (via phone)  
Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian  
David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County, **Secretary/Treasurer**  
John Franden, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District, **Chair**  
Phil Bandy, Mayor, City of Eagle, for Nate Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star  
Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Chair Elect**  
Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning Association, Ex officio  
Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton  
Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association  
Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit  
Amy Luft, Community Planning Association  
Charles Trainor, Community Planning Association  
Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Franden called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approve December 16, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Garret Nancolas moved and Phil Bandy seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Establish February 23, 2009, COMPASS Board Agenda**

Matt Stoll presented staff proposed Agenda Items 1-17 for the February 23, 2009, COMPASS Board meeting. Matt requested to add an additional Item under Action Items, 17 B – Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Project, projects that could be funded through the Stimulus Package.

After discussion, **Fred Tilman moved and David Ferdinand seconded approval of the February 23, 2009, Agenda Items 1-17b., as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

***B. Confirm COMPASS Board Representative on the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study Downtown Policy Advisory Committee***

Matt Stoll reviewed the status of the membership on the Downtown Policy Advisory Committee and recommended that Dave Bieter replace A.J. Balukoff as the COMPASS representative on the Committee.

***David Ferdinand moved and Garret Nancolas seconded approval of Dave Bieter replacing A.J. Balukoff as the COMPASS representative on the Downtown Policy Advisory Committee. Motion passed unanimously.***

***INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS***

***A. Review Bridging the Gap Workshop***

Elaine Clegg provided information regarding a proposed workshop conducted by the Center for Neighborhood Technology entitled ***Bridging the Gap***, which will focus on a transportation project in this region to demonstrate the importance of establishing a clear connection between transportation agencies and the communities they serve. The workshop will be scheduled in April or May 2009. Elaine requested approval for COMPASS staff time to assist in the workshop.

Kelli noted that this workshop would fit with the mobility management project that COMPASS and VRT staff is collaborating on.

Matt stated his recommendation is to support the workshop as it fits into the COMPASS educational outreach effort and the CIM update.

After discussion, ***Garret Nancolas moved and David Ferdinand seconded to authorize COMPASS staff time to participate in the Bridging the Gap Workshop. Motion passed unanimously.***

***B. Review Leadership in Motion Awards***

Amy Luft, COMPASS Communication Coordinator presented the 2009 COMPASS Leadership in Motion Awards Program. Nominations open this summer for six awards to be presented at the annual COMPASS Transportation Conference:

- One to an elected official who has taken actions that support Communities in Motion.
- One to a member agency staff person who serves on COMPASS committees or who is otherwise working to further the goals of Communities in Motion.
- One to a public entity in Ada County and one to a public entity in Canyon County for specific projects that further the goals of ***Communities in Motion***.
- One to a private entity in Ada County and one to a private entity in Canyon County for specific projects that further the goals of ***Communities in Motion***.

The judges will be the COMPASS Board Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, COMPASS Executive Director, and the Vice Chair of the Regional Technical Advisory Committee, and the Vice Chair of the Public Participation Committee.

Phil Bandy suggested that as part of this there be an opportunity for a transfer of technology or information to others who may want to adopt similar sorts of activities that the nominees have accomplished.

### ***C. Status Report – Priority Corridor Pre-Alternatives Analysis***

Charles Trainor provided a status report on the priority corridor pre-alternatives analysis, which is the third element of the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study. The alternative analysis will be about a \$2 million effort looking at alignment and modal options along the rail corridor. The Federal Transit Administration recently interviewed COMPASS staff regarding a potential offer of technical assistance through a program that helps smaller areas in meeting the rigorous alternatives analysis standards. Funding will be sought through earmarks.

### ***D. Status Report – COMPASS Office Space Plan***

Matt Stoll reviewed current partnership opportunities, finances, market conditions, and options for procuring office space for the organization.

After discussion, ***Matt was directed to research the available property in downtown Meridian or close to the rail line in a relatively central location for review by the Executive Committee and to check with ACHD regarding any surplus property along the proposed split corridor.***

### ***E. Review GIS Partnership Opportunity***

Matt Stoll reviewed a GIS partnership opportunity with Sage Community Resources. Sage has received grants for the Southwest Idaho Joint Regional Land Use and Economic Development Strategy, and the Rural Uses Mapping Network. Sage wants to contract the work out to COMPASS, which would eliminate duplication of services.

### ***F. Status Report – FY2009 Membership Dues***

Jeanne Urlezaga provided an update of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter membership dues.

Matt said because of the economic situation, membership dues for FY2010 will be brought to the Finance committee in March 2009 with a recommendation to not increase staff salaries or health insurance increases.

After discussion of the proposed merger of COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit, ***Matt Stoll was directed to move forward with the fiscal analysis of the pro and cons of merging the two agencies.***

### ***G. Status Report – Legislative Services***

Matt Stoll reviewed draft transportation funding talking points for distribution to the full Board.

After discussion regarding the value to COMPASS of having a lobbyist under contract, ***Matt Stoll was directed to schedule a meeting with Garret Nancolas, Ken Burgess and himself to review the contract and evaluate the benefits to COMPASS.***

### ***OTHER***

Matt Stoll stated that Boise State University will not be moving forward with its Masters in Community and Regional Planning, which COMPASS contributed to.

After discussion, ***Matt was directed to apply for a refund.***

*ADJOURNMENT*

*Fred Tilman moved and David Ferdinand seconded to adjourn at 3:35 pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Dated this 17th day of February 2009.*

*APPROVED:*

*BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Garret Nancolas, Chair  
Community Planning Association*

*ATTEST:*

*BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director  
Community Planning Association*

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