

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MARCH 17, 2008
ADA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
200 WEST FRONT STREET, BOISE, IDAHO



****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES:

Rebecca Arnold, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,
 Ex officio

A.J. Balukoff, Trustee, Independent School District of Boise City

Phil Bandy, Mayor, City of Eagle

Matt Beebe, Commissioner, Canyon County

Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, **Vice Chair**

Keith Bird, Councilman, City of Meridian

Dave Bivens, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District

Jim Blacker, Councilman, City of Caldwell

Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa

Russell Duke, Central District Health, Ex officio

Matt Ellsworth for Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian

John Evans, Mayor, City of Garden City

Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit

David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,
Secretary/Treasurer

John Franden, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,
Chair

Leonard Herr for Pete Wagner, Idaho Department of
 Environmental Quality

Dave Jones, Idaho Transportation Department

Maryanne Jordan, Councilwoman for Elaine Clegg,
 Councilwoman, City of Boise

Phil Kushlan, Capital City Development Corporation

Kathleen Lacey for Vernon Bisterfeldt, Councilman, City of
 Boise

Carol McKee, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District

Bryce Millar, Commissioner, Nampa Highway District #1

Nathan Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star

Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Chair-Elect**

Steven Rule, Commissioner, Canyon County

Jerome Scroggins, Commissioner, Canyon Highway District #4

Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning
 Association, Ex officio

Martin Thorne, Councilman, City of Nampa

Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County

Mike Vuittonet, Trustee, Joint School District #2

Rick Yzaguirre, Commissioner, Ada County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Scott Dowdy, Mayor, City of Kuna

Clete Edmunson, Governor's Office, Ex officio

Anne Horn, Mayor, City of Notus

James Maguire, Boise State University

Patrick Rice, Greater Boise Auditorium District, Ex officio

Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton

Margaret Watson, Mayor, City of Parma

Paul Woods, Commissioner, Ada County

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OTHERS: Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association
Amanda Brown, City of Boise
Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors
Ryan Christenson, Wilber Smith Associates
Roy Eiguren, Eiguren Public Law and Policy
Dean Gunderson, Ada County
Liisa Itkonen, Community Planning Association
Kendall Kemmer, Ada County Highway District
Katey Levihn, Ada County Highway District
Don Matson, Community Planning Association
Carl Miller, Community Planning Association
Gloria Parkvold, Valley Regional Transit
Terri Schorzman, Community Planning Association
Ray Stark, Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce
David Thompson, Thompson Transportation
Steve Thorson, Citizen
Toni Tisdale, Community Planning Association
Charles Trainor, Community Planning Association
Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association
Michael Zuzel, City of Boise

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Franden called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Matt Stoll requested to move Information/Discussion Item B., Status Report – Legislative Issues to the front of the Action Items as Item A., and to move Information/Discussion Item A., Status Report – Fairview Avenue Concept Design under Action Items as Item E.

Chair Franden asked for approval of the requested changes to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Stoll announced that as part of the COMPASS 2008 Education Series, Todd Litman, founder and executive director of the Victoria Transport Policy Institute will be in Boise March 26 and 27, 2008. On March 26th, his presentation to the public is “Work Smarter, Not Harder to Improve Transportation” from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel. On March 27th, board members are invited to a breakfast meeting with Mr. Litman at the Doubletree Riverside from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Matt Stoll introduced Liisa Itkonen who has joined COMPASS as a principal planner for transportation.

David Ferdinand announced the April 29, 2008, State of the County address to be held at the College of Idaho at 5:30 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. *Approve February 25, 2008, Board Meeting Minutes***
- B. *Receive Approved January 25, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes***
- C. *Approve Combining the Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs***

David Ferdinand moved and Nathan Mitchell seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Status Report – Legislative Issues

Ken Burgess and Roy Eiguren, legislative consultants for COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit, provided updates on GARVEE legislation and the local option sales tax legislation.

Ken asked Board members to contact their legislators and ask them to approve the current GARVEE legislation.

Roy provided an update on the local option sales tax legislation and the House version of the constitutional amendment. He stated the Senate Republican leadership intends to introduce a competing constitutional amendment that is identical to the House version with one significant difference; the voting threshold would be at 60% versus the House requirement of 66 2/3%. Roy said both the Democratic and Republican leadership in the Senate support the amendment and have asked if COMPASS would support it.

After discussion, Roy recapped his understanding of the consensus of the Board: COMPASS currently does not have a position. Roy and Ken are authorized to negotiate with the leadership of both bodies and the Governor a package that includes a constitutional amendment at 60%, done on a regional basis, and implementing legislation that reflects that. And unless and until we can negotiate that package, and bring it back, our position would remain as previously established at the joint COMPASS/VRT Board meeting on March 10, 2008.

Chair Franden asked for any objection to Ken Burgess and Roy Eiguren moving forward as Roy outlined. Hearing none, Chair Franden so ordered.

B. Approve Additional Priorities for the Surface Transportation Program (Enhancement, Transit, Bridge, Rural)

Toni Tisdale presented the recommended ranking order and priorities for enhancement projects to move forward in the FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program process.

After discussion, ***Garret Nancolas moved and Mike Vuittonet seconded approval of the additional priorities for the Surface Transportation Program (Enhancement, Transit, Bridge, Rural) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.***

C. Approve Population Estimates

Carl Miller presented the preliminary estimate of the 2008 population. These estimates will be the basis for the 2009 COMPASS Membership dues.

After discussion, ***Tom Dale moved and Carol McKee seconded approval of the population estimates as presented. Motion passed unanimously.***

D. Adopt Resolution 07-2008 Amending the Transportation Improvement Programs

Toni Tisdale presented an amendment to the FY2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Programs adding transit project, Treasure Valley, Idaho Transit Facilities FY2008.

After discussion, ***John Evans moved and Tom Dale seconded adoption of Resolution 07-2008 amending the FY2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Programs. Motion passed unanimously.***

E. Status Report – Fairview Avenue Concept Design Project

Kendall Kemmer, Ada County Highway District, requested COMPASS Board support of the project team's recommendation to not include light rail, bus rapid transit, or streetcars as part of the Fairview Avenue Concept Design. He said the Regional Technical Advisory Committee met in February 2008 and concurred with the recommendation, which is also in accordance with ***Communities in Motion***.

After discussion, ***Phil Kushlan moved and Tom Dale seconded to continue forward with the approved Communities in Motion plan as adopted. Motion passed unanimously.***

INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review Findings and Recommendations of High Volume Intersection Study

Don Matson introduced the High Volume Intersection Study consultant team: Ryan Christenson, Wilbur Smith Associates; and David Thompson, Thompson Transportation. Ryan and David reviewed findings and recommendations of the High Volume Intersection Study and presented intersection layouts that are currently being developed in the U.S.

B. Review Revised Project Prioritization Process

Chair Franden moved this item to the April 21, 2008 Board meeting agenda.

Status Report – Finance Committee

A.J. Balukoff, Chair of the Finance Committee, stated that at its February 21, 2008, meeting the Finance Committee reviewed the projected revenue needs from FY2009 through FY2013, and directed staff to increase the merit pool from a 3% increase to 5% in order to insure that COMPASS stays competitive and avoid staff turnover.

Other

After discussion, ***Garret Nancolas moved and Tom Dale seconded to direct Matt Stoll to draft a letter to the Idaho Congressional Delegation encouraging a study of federal rules and regulations and the impact on transportation dollars. Motion passed unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Bivens moved and Tom Dale seconded adjournment at 3:25 p.m.

Dated this 21st day of April 2008.

APPROVED:

*BY: _____
John Franden, Chair
Community Planning Association*

ATTEST:

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

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