



**SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**APRIL 3, 2009**  
**COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

**ATTENDEES:** Phil Bandy, Mayor City of Eagle (via phone)  
Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, **Chair Elect** (via phone)  
Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa  
Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian (via phone)  
David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,  
**Vice Chair** (via phone)  
Carol McKee, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning  
Association, Ex officio  
Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Chair**  
Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Brecks Community Planning Association  
Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors (via telephone)  
Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit  
Amy Luft, Community Planning Association

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Matt Stoll called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**

None.

**OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approve March 27, 2009, Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

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

## *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS*

### **A. Review Current and Upcoming Legislative Activity**

Ken Burgess provided an update on the following legislative activity:

- Enhanced Transportation Funding Legislation

Representative Woods' two cent, one time gas tax increase remained unchanged after discussion in the House Transportation Committee. A vote will be taken on Tuesday, but the feeling is that it may not pass in the House. Ken said the Governor's Office has said that just getting "something" in the way of a gas tax is not an acceptable option. There is a legitimate problem that needs to be addressed.

Ken noted that there are multiple reasons the House isn't supporting a gas tax increase, there are many elements and it is too hard to satisfy everyone.

The registration bill is on hold until after resolution of the gas tax increase.

- STAR Legislation

Governor Otter signed the STAR Legislation on Wednesday, April 1, 2009

- GARVEE

An \$87 million agreement was reached on the next phase of GARVEE. It is still sitting in JFAC and will be attached to the ITD budget request, which has not been submitted yet.

After discussion, Matt was asked to email the Executive Committee a GARVEE update.

- Transit Funding/Local Option Sales Tax Authority

Ken stated the Governor's Office believes that the Democratic caucus will accept nothing short of local option sales tax authority for transit funding.

Kelli Fairless said over the last eight years an evaluation has been done on every source of public funds for transit. There are only three for our region that make it worth pursuing because of the amount needed. It will cost \$19 million a year for just a basic system. We have to come at it from the viewpoint of what will actually accomplish our goals versus what can we get through legislation. If the legislature doesn't approve enough money, then we are stuck with something that isn't workable, and when we come back and say we don't have enough money, the response from the legislature is that they already took care of the problem based on what we said would work and we are stuck for another 10 years with something that doesn't work.

The three options are: a local option sales tax, a gas tax, or a vehicle registration fee, but the latter two options aren't constitutionally allowed. The local option sales tax was picked because the rest of the state doesn't want to fund the Treasure Valley's public transit system.

Matt said as Kelli noted a statewide funding source would not help out the Treasure Valley, but that is what areas like Pocatello, Idaho Falls, and the Sun Valley/Ketchum area are looking for, so that may pull in some of the Democratic caucus in those areas, but it will not help the Treasure Valley's needs.

The question is what revenue streams are you going to take from to meet the needs of the other areas in a time when general revenues are being cut, other than local option, which is a viable option but isn't going to be passed in the short term.

Ken said there is a misconception that there is money in the Stimulus bill. The problem is maintenance and operation, which are ongoing, not capital expenditures and the purchase of buses.

- Design/Build Legislation

The Design/Build legislation is in the amending order. Senator Winder is still optimistic the legislation will move from the House floor to the Senate.

*OTHER*

*ADJOURNMENT:*

The meeting was recessed at 10:35 a.m.

*Dated this 17th day of April 2009.*

*APPROVED:*

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

*ATTEST:*

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