



**SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**APRIL 10, 2009**  
**COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

- ATTENDEES:** Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, **Chair Elect** (via phone)  
 Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian (via phone)  
 Carol McKee, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
 Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Chair**  
 Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning  
 Association, Ex officio
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Phil Bandy, Mayor City of Eagle  
 Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa  
 David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,  
**Vice Chair**  
 Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton  
 Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Brecks Community Planning Association  
 Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors (via telephone)  
 Sally Goodell, Ada County Highway District  
 Caleb Hood, City of Meridian  
 Amy Luft, Community Planning Association

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Quorum was not reached. No action was taken.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Ken Burgess provided an update on the following legislative activity:

- Enhanced Transportation Funding Legislation

The House killed the 2 cent gas tax increase yesterday. Ken stated the Governor isn't going to give up on a gas tax increase, but the general attitude in the House is that nothing is going to be done this session on enhanced transportation funding because the House will not approve any kind of tax increase.

- GARVEE

The House passed the \$82 million GARVEE bill with a 39-29 vote, which also passed in the Senate. All the projects in this round of GARVEE are in the Treasure Valley.

- Discretionary Funding

The Governor is not happy about the way JFAC split the discretionary funding and there is ongoing discussion with the Governor and JFAC leadership. The House and Senate still need to approve what was adopted by JFAC. Ken said there is a good chance that either the House or the Senate will kill it.

Garret asked how COMPASS would go about getting some of the additional discretionary funding. Matt replied that we need to determine how JFAC's proposal allocates money to the local governments.

Ken will inquire about how to get some of the discretionary money for transportation.

***B. Discuss Prioritization Process for High Priority Projects***

Matt Stoll thanked Boise City staff for letting him know that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee notified Congress that they have between April 27 and May 8, 2009, to submit high priority projects to be included in the marked up version of the authorization bill. Matt noted that the schedule as laid out by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is subject to change based on several factors, but COMPASS needs to be prepared to meet the current deadlines.

COMPASS staff will be coordinating with Congressman Simpson's office on the process that will be used for submitting projects to them for submittal to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Staff will contact Congressman Minnick's office as well, but Congressman Minnick has taken the stance that he will not submit earmarks, which are the same as high priority projects.

Matt will work with ITD to coordinate any high priority projects on their system to ensure that there is buy in from ITD or there is no reason to submit them.

Matt noted that the match for high priority projects is now 20 percent, but there is a high probability that with the next authorization the match may be as high as 50 percent.

Matt reviewed the guidelines and timelines staff will move forward with for this submittal of high priority projects:

Projects should:

- Be regional in nature
- Be included in ***Communities in Motion***
- Have a guaranteed funding source for match (20% or more)
- Have agreement from governing jurisdiction (if outside the jurisdiction of recommending agency)
- Include up to three project priorities in highway and transit each

Timelines (based on preliminary information)

- April 17 – prioritize projects for high priority funding (Special Executive Committee)
- April 20 – Board concurrence on priorities
- April 24 – Final applications due (including letters of support)
- May 8 – Congressional delegation must submit priorities to House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Matt reviewed the projects submitted in 2003 for reauthorization under SAFETEA-LU:

- Three Cities River Crossing: Requested \$69 million. Received \$3 million.
- Amity Road Widening: Requested \$15 million. Received \$8.6 million.
- Rail Corridor Preservation Project: Requested \$40 million. No funding was received, but the project was made eligible for New Starts funding.
- Downtown Circulator: Requested \$38 million. No funding was received, but the project was made eligible for New Starts funding.
- Downtown Multi Modal Center: Requested \$8.8 million. Received \$9.6 million
- Multi Modal Center at Boise State University: Requested \$10 million. No funding was received. There is a question as to whether this application was submitted.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

The meeting ended at 10:45 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***