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ITEM IV-A

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MAY 25, 2016  
COMPASS, 1ST FLOOR BOARD ROOM  
MERIDIAN, IDAHO**

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

**ATTENDEES:** Drew Alexander for Nicole Nimmons, Boise State University  
Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle  
Jeff Barnes, City of Nampa  
Megan Basham, Ada County Development Services  
Troy Behunin for Wendy Howell, City of Kuna  
Tom Ferch, Ada County Highway District, **Chair**  
Daren Fluke, City of Boise  
Karen Gallagher, City of Boise  
Caleb Hood, City of Meridian  
Rhonda Jalbert, Valley Regional Transit, **Vice Chair**  
Nathan Leigh, Mayor, City of Parma  
Jeff Lowe for Jenah Thornborrow, City of Garden City  
Justin Lucas, Ada County Highway District  
Robb MacDonald, City of Caldwell  
Brian McClure, City of Meridian  
Kyle McCormick, Canyon County Development Services  
Patricia Nilsson, Canyon County Development Services  
Zach Piepmeyer, City of Boise  
Tom Pointes for Clair Bowman, City of Nampa  
Amy Schroeder, Idaho Transportation Department  
Deanna Smith, Public Participation Workgroup

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chad Bell, Mayor, City of Star  
Randall Falkner, City of Middleton  
Chris Hopper, Canyon Highway District No. 4  
Rob Howarth, Central District Health, Ex. officio  
Megan Leatherman, Ada County Development Services  
Deb Root, Canyon County Development Services  
Michael Toole, Department of Environmental Quality

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Brecks, COMPASS  
Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS  
Megan Larsen, COMPASS  
Tom Laws, COMPASS  
Amy Luft, COMPASS  
Sabrina Minshall, COMPASS  
Kathy Parker, COMPASS  
Toni Tisdale, COMPASS  
Jessica Wilson, COMPASS

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Tom Ferch called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**

None.

**OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

General announcements were made by committee members and COMPASS staff.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approve April 27, 2016, RTAC Meeting Minutes**

Nichoel Baird Spencer moved and Rhonda Jalbert seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Recommend the Surface Transportation Program (STP and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Balancing Policy for COMPASS Board Approval**

Toni Tisdale presented the draft STP-TAP Balancing Policy, which provides direction to prioritize funds available through cost savings, the End-of-Year Program, and redistribution for current year projects, based on input from the April 2016 RTAC meeting for COMPASS Board approval.

After discussion, **committee members requested clarifying language:**

- **Change "cost overrun" to "cost overrun/project need" throughout the document.**

After discussion, **Rhonda Jalbert moved and Nathan Leigh seconded to recommend the STP-TAP Balancing Policy for COMPASS Board approval, including the clarifying language as discussed. Motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Recommend End-of-Year Program Priorities for COMPASS Board Approval**

Toni Tisdale presented End-of-Year Program priorities for COMPASS Board approval. Projects receiving funding through the End-of-Year Program and redistribution must be in the TIP and be ready to immediately obligate funding.

Sabrina Minshall noted TMA currently has 93.5% of programmed funds available. Until 100% obligation authority is reached, projects submitted for obligation last will not receive full federal funding, and will have to be covered with local funds unless 100% obligation authority is covered through the End-of-Year Program.

After discussion, **Justin Lucas moved and Rhonda Jalbert seconded to recommend End-of-Year Program priorities for COMPASS Board approval as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Recommend Amendment to *Communities in Motion 2040* (CIM 2040) for COMPASS Board Approval**

Liisa Itkonen presented Resolution 10-2016 amending CIM 2040, as requested by City of Nampa and the Idaho Transportation Department to modify the I-84 and Karcher Road interchange and provide a second southbound through land on Midland Blvd. for construction in FY2017, for COMPASS Board approval.

After discussion, **Justin Lucas moved and Patricia Nilsson seconded recommending COMPASS Board adoption of Resolution 10-2016 amending CIM 2040 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**D. Recommend Amendment to the FY2016-2020 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for COMPASS Board Approval**

Toni Tisdale presented amendments to the FY2016-2020 TIP for COMPASS Board approval as requested by VRT, City of Kuna, and the City of Nampa and Idaho Transportation Department. These amendments will allow projects to proceed for obligation of funding, as well as utilize all funding available to the region.

After discussion, **Amy Schroeder requested to remove State Highway 72, seal coat, from Key Number 19254 - US95, US30, US20, Seal Coats.**

After discussion, **several committee members requested a review of the City of Kuna's downtown project's performance results at a future meeting.**

After discussion, **Patricia Nilsson moved and Jeff Barnes seconded to recommend the amendments to the FY2016-2020 TIP and remove the ITD project, State Highway 72 - seal coat, for COMPASS Board approval. Motion passed unanimously.**

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Review Transportation Management Areas (TMA) Programming for Draft FY2017-2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Toni Tisdale reviewed TMA programming for the draft FY2017-2021 TIP. The draft program is based on programming all years to 100% of the estimated allocations under the new transportation bill, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

## **B. Discuss STP Funding Policy for *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* (CIM 2040 2.0)**

Liisa Itkonen and Toni Tisdale lead discussion on the funding policy for CIM 2040 2.0. Liisa presented highlights of the financial forecast update and committee members were asked to provide general direction for drafting a funding policy for the allocation of federal funds in CIM 2040 2.0, using the Audience Response System. A revised draft funding policy will be brought to RTAC in June 2016 for further discussion.

Discussion items on STP funding policy included:

- When referring to "mode" change "roadway" to "car." A roadway is not a mode.
- Why isn't maintenance covered by local/state funding. Federal dollars should be used to get additional benefits, not for maintenance. Need to define what should be covered by local/state funding. Should wean off of federal dollars.
- ACHD leverages federal dollars and puts them towards maintenance, so local dollars are used for what local agencies want. There is more flexibility using local dollars.
- Expand/designate maintenance dollars.
- There is a lack of funding for public transportation (transit), which is what federal dollars should be concentrated on as there isn't a state funding source.
- Land use applications do not have maintenance and operation costs analyzed.
- TAP funding used for larger projects is a smaller bucket, so the needs to expand the system are much larger. Some larger projects would take the funding for 1 or 2 years and there isn't another funding source to expand the pedestrian/bike facilities that are outside of ACHD.
- Investments in transit and pedestrian/bike have that similar efficiency by not having NEPA requirements. Local economic value of those projects versus other types of projects, efficiency in that they are smaller and shorter project span.
- The ITS plan is in place, should fund it.
- Use each dollar to get the most benefits across multiple modes.
- Since 2009, ACHD has built 50-60 small pedestrian or bike specific projects in Ada County. They almost always require right-of-way and almost always there is a drainage issue. If have to use federal funds for projects like those, the cost will go up even more.

**Next Meeting: June 22, 2016**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Ferch adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.**