

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 17, 2008

## COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM

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

- ATTENDEES:** Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, *Vice Chair (via telephone)*  
 Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian  
 John Franden, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,  
*Chair*  
 Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, *Chair Elect*  
 Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning  
 Association, Ex officio  
 Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa  
 David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,  
*Secretary/Treasurer*  
 Nate Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star  
 Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association  
 Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors  
 Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit  
 Terri Schorzman, Community Planning Association  
 Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair John Franden called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**

None.

**OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Matt Stoll announced COMPASS received an Honorable Mention for *Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030* from the 2008 Planning Excellence Awards Program of the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration (co-sponsored by the American Planning Association) for outstanding planning achievement. COMPASS was one of several agencies acknowledged from over 80 nominations. The award is given every other year.

**CONSENT AGENDA****A. Approve May 20, 2008 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

After discussion, *Tammy de Weerd moved and Fred Tilman seconded approval of the May 20, 2008, meeting minutes with a notation that Garret Nancolas was not at the meeting because he was in Washington D.C. representing COMPASS at the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce Leadership Visit. Motion passed unanimously.*

## ***ACTION ITEMS***

### ***A. Establish July 21, 2008, COMPASS Board Agenda***

Matt Stoll presented staff proposed Agenda Items 1 – 16 for the July 21, 2008, COMPASS Board meeting. He requested delaying Agenda Item 12 until August 2008 to allow for review and comments by the Regional Technical Advisory Committee; and to change Agenda Item 5 to a special Item under Information/Discussion for a presentation from Ken Burgess on the 2009 legislative strategy and to invite Idaho Transportation Department Director Pam Lowe, Idaho Transportation Board Chairman Darrel Manning, and Idaho Transportation Department Deputy Director Scott Stokes, so that they can hear the COMPASS Board's view point. Also, adding an Agenda Item 16 B. as a place holder for a presentation from Clete Edmunson, Special Assistant to Governor Otter, if he is available, to discuss the Governor's Transportation Funding Conferences. If Mr. Edmunson is not available for the July Board meeting, Matt will look at either the July 2008 Executive Committee meeting or the August 2008 Board meeting for a presentation.

After discussion, ***Garret Nancolas moved and Tammy de Weerd seconded approval of the July 21, 2008, COMPASS Board meeting Agenda Items 1-16 as presented with changes to Agenda Items 5 and 12, and the addition of Item 16 B. Motion passed unanimously.***

## ***INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS***

### ***A. Status Report – 2008 Transportation Conference***

Matt Stoll discussed holding a 2008 Transportation Conference on November 13, 2008. This is part of the engagement agreement between COMPASS and Veritas Advisors to hold an annual transportation conference.

Terri Schorzman said the conference will be at the Jordan Ballroom, and Boise State, as a partner in the effort, will underwrite the cost of the room. She reviewed draft discussion topics:

- Financing/funding issues
- Public/private partnership
- Transportation/land use
- Emerging national political trends
- Local leaders' forum on "Where are we now, where do we want to go?"
- Review of local area plans
- Outside speaker presentations

The targeted audience will be elected officials, planners, developers, the real estate community and the public. The conference will be open to local elected officials and legislators across the state.

Ken Burgess stated this fits in with the overall COMPASS strategy and will demonstrate COMPASS is engaged in bringing people from all over the state together to talk about the issues.

### ***B. Status Report – BSU Graduate Assistantship Opportunity***

Matt Stoll stated in association with Boise State University's effort to launch a new Master of Community and Regional Planning program, COMPASS has a opportunity to fund a Graduate Assistant over a two year period to do research work. Through the research, programs will be devised that will be implemented by Valley Regional Transit and other COMPASS member agencies. COMPASS has funds set aside from a Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) New Freedom Funds grant that Valley Regional Transit received for one year. COMPASS has funds to cover the majority of the two years. Staff will continue to look at securing the remaining amount. This assistantship fits into the

grant in terms of capacity development both at the University, but also in the development of potential staff for COMPASS and member agencies. Boise State University will provide match at 100% of the grant over the two years at \$13,200 per year. With concurrence by the Executive Committee, staff will program this effort into the FY2009 Unified Work Program and Budget.

After discussion, ***Chair Franden asked for any objection to staff moving forward with the Graduate Research Assistantship. Hearing none, Chair Franden so ordered.***

***OTHER***

Ken Burgess recapped today's preview meeting for industry, community and business leaders of the Governor's Transportation Funding Conferences. Ken stated the governor's staff and the legislature have said that they want and need to partner with local governments to sell the message to the public that there is a transportation funding problem in Idaho and what can be done about it. Meetings with the governor's staff will take place soon to get the talking points/messages to locals elected officials so they can start relaying the message to the public. Public open houses have been scheduled around the state in July 2008.

Matt said the key for success in moving the legislature on local option or any other revenue enhancement in the 2009 legislative session is going to be getting the citizens engaged, and the local elected officials have an incredible ability to motivate citizens on particular projects.

After discussion, ***staff was directed to develop a recommended strategy for the 2009 legislative session for review by the Executive Committee at its July 15, 2008 meeting and present for discussion to the full Board at its July 21, 2008, and for consideration of approval at its August 18, 2008 meeting.***

***ADJOURNMENT***

***Tammy de Weerd moved and Fred Tilman seconded adjournment at 3:37 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.***

***Dated this 15th day of July 2008.***

***APPROVED:***

***BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Franden, Chair  
Community Planning Association***

***ATTEST:***

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