



COMPASS
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
of Southwest Idaho

REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE JUNE 23, 2010 COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

- ATTENDEES:** Sabrina Anderson, Ada County Highway District
Mary Barker, Valley Regional Transit
Clair Bowman, City of Nampa
Jennifer Carson, Canyon County Development Services
Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
Ryan Head, Ada County Highway District
Caleb Hood, City of Meridian
Wendy Howell, City of Middleton, **Vice Chair**
Gary Inselman, Ada County Highway District
Megan Johnson, Ada County Development Services
Kathleen Lacey, City of Boise
Jeff Lowe, City of Eagle, **Chair**
David Luft, Department of Environmental Quality
Don Matson, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)
Tricia Nilsson, City of Boise
Jim Voorhees, Canyon Highway District #4
Mark Wasdahl, Idaho Transportation Department-D3
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chris Collins, Mayor, City of Notus
Jared Everett, Boise State University
Steve Hasson, City of Kuna
Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
Todd Milich, Nampa Highway District #1
Nathan Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star
Brent Orton, City of Caldwell
Deanna Smith, Public Participation Committee
Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
Craig Telford, Mayor, City of Parma
Jenah Thornborrow, City of Garden City
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Nathan Dale, COMPASS
Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit
Keith Holmes, COMPASS
Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS
Eric Lindstrom, Kittelson & Associates
Amy Luft, COMPASS
Jason Norman, City of Meridian
Sai Kumar Sarepalli, Holladay Engineering Company
Matt Stoll, COMPASS
Toni Tisdale, COMPASS
Charles Trainor, COMPASS
Jeanne Urlezaga, COMPASS
MaryAnn Waldinger, COMPASS
Cheyne Weston, City of Boise - Parks & Recreation
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lowe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tricia Nilsson encouraged members to plan on attending, at The Flicks in Boise on June 28, 2010, a screening of BEYOND THE MOTOR CITY – a community screening initiative to raise questions and seek answers about the future of transportation in America. Representatives from the City of Boise, local transportation planners, transportation providers, and BSU will be present to answer questions about the future of transportation in Boise and Ada and Canyon Counties. There will be a \$5 admission, 6:00 p.m. no-host social, and 7:00 p.m. movie screening with a panel discussion to follow.

Caleb Hood said Matt Ellsworth has accepted a position with the Department of Health and Welfare and his last day with the City of Meridian will be July 26, 2010. Caleb also introduced Jason Norman who will intern with the City of Meridian.

Jon Cecil acknowledged COMPASS and BSU for their efforts in hosting the 2nd Annual Planning in the West Conference, held June 3 and 4, 2010.

Matt Stoll said that at the COMPASS Board's June meeting, Elaine Clegg requested that RTAC be made aware of a letter from Congressman Minnick, asking for her recommendation on the cost of expanding the long-range transportation plan for corridor preservation. Staff will draft a letter to Congressman Minnick and present it to the COMPASS Executive Committee at their July meeting. Matt said he will forward the draft letter to RTAC, as well as Congressman Minnick's letter, and requests RTAC's input.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve May 26, 2010 Meeting Minutes**
- B. Recommend Approval of the FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget**

Kathleen Lacey moved and Ryan Head seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Recommend Approval to Release Draft FY2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Public Involvement**

Toni Tisdale presented the Draft FY2011-2015 TIP.

Matt Stoll said at the June 2010 Board meeting, the Board of Directors directed him to write a letter to the Idaho Transportation Departments' Director Ness requesting the right-of-way (ROW) preservation funding for Idaho 44 and US 20/26 be returned to the draft STIP. Board members felt since the state has expended sufficient time, effort, and

money on the two corridors in recent years, some amount of funding should be dedicated to preservation through ROW purchases.

After discussion, **Tricia Nilsson moved and Jon Cecil seconded to recommend approval to release the Draft FY2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for Public Involvement. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. Recommend Approval of the Update to the Project Prioritization Process

Toni Tisdale presented for recommendation, the update to the Project Prioritization Process.

Ryan Head explained the Safety Scoring System.

Discussion:

- Change "Average Annual Accident Rate" to "Average Annual *Crash Number*"
- A white paper is needed regarding funded and unfunded projects in the regional long-range transportation plan.
- Survey information is needed regarding the freight study.

After further discussion, **Kathleen Lacey moved and Caleb Hood seconded to recommend approval of the Update to the Project Prioritization Process. Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Draw Names of Prize Winners from the *Communities in Motion 2035* Update Meeting in a Bag

RTAC members drew names to pick winners of host and participant prizes from the Meeting in a Bag process.

B. Consider Public Comments Regarding *Communities in Motion (CIM)* Update

Charles Trainor reviewed agency comments received during the comment period for the Draft CIM Update.

Amy Luft reviewed public comments. Amy said the comments will be posted on the COMPASS website.

Discussion:

- Description is needed regarding availability of county-wide corridor funding.
- Need a better description of what's different regarding the approach to this plan: corridor descriptions and when they were updated; change in condition of the corridors; why we arrived at the funded/unfunded strategy. There is confusion on how the document is structured and how we will respond to missing policy statements.

- If the plan is not adopted by August 2010, what does that mean? We need a document that has all the policy pieces.

Charles replied that staff is working on an amendment with a red-lined version, which should be complete by July 2, 2010 and posted to the COMPASS website.

Matt Stoll said later approval of the long-range plan is possible because the COMPASS Board is the only group approving the plan. Approval of the plan is then transmitted to FHWA, FTA, and ITD. FHWA could then approve a new TIP and STIP since the plan has been updated.

- The importance of the state system, from a regional perspective: it incurs a substantial delay for the daily commutes to the regional job center in downtown Boise. The importance of the regional corridors and a part of *Blueprint for Good Growth* is to recognize the importance of keeping downtown Boise a vital job center for the region. This needs to be articulated better in the plan.
- Because of the level of red-lines, an additional month is needed for discussions with staff and among member agencies.

After further discussion, **there was consensus among members present recommending that as an information and discussion item, the Board consider the Draft CIM Update in August 2010, and request action in September 2010.**

Matt said he would present RTAC's recommendation to the COMPASS Executive Committee at their meeting in July 2010.

Chair Lowe summarized the Committee's recommendation: the red-line version will be available for RTAC's review on July 2; a recommendation from RTAC will be requested at RTAC's July 28 meeting; on July 19 staff will present to the Board for information and discussion, comments received; and, staff will request the Board's adoption of the plan in September 2010.

C. Discussion on Alternative/System Analysis

Toni Tisdale reviewed grant opportunities for Alternative Analysis Studies in the Treasure Valley.

Kelli Fairless gave a brief background on what has driven discussions on Alternative Analysis project selection. Kelli said FTA staff encourages initial system planning to determine the best corridor to begin the alternative analysis studies.

OTHER

A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 2010, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

ADJOURNMENT

Caleb Hood moved and Sabrina Anderson seconded adjournment at 11:00 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.