

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2011
MERIDIAN CITY HALL
33 EAST BROADWAY AVENUE
MERIDIAN, IDAHO**



****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES: Kathy Alder, Commissioner, Canyon County
Rebecca Arnold, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District
Lisa Bachman, Councilwoman, for Scott Dowdy, Mayor, City of Kuna
Todd Bunderson, Capital City Development Corporation
Dave Case, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District
Elaine Clegg, Councilwoman, City of Boise
Elizabeth Conner for John Evans, Mayor, City of Garden City
Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa
Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian
Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit
David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County, **Chair**
Bruce Krosch, Southwest District Health, Ex officio
Carol McKee, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District, **Chair Elect**
Bryce Millar, Commissioner, Nampa Highway District #1, **Vice Chair**
Garret Nancolas, City of Caldwell
Charlie Rountree, Councilman, City of Meridian, **Secretary/Treasurer**
Steven Rule, Commissioner, Canyon County
Jerome Scroggins, Commissioner, Canyon Highway District #4
Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning Association, Ex officio
TJ Thomson, Councilman, City of Boise
Martin Thorne, Councilman, City of Nampa
Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton
Sharon Ullman, Commissioner, Ada County
Bill Vaughan for James Reynolds, Mayor, City of Eagle
Pete Wagner, Department of Environmental Quality
Rick Yzaguirre, Commissioner, Ada County

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, **Immediate Past Chair**
Vern Bisterfeldt, Commissioner, Ada County
Chris Collins, Mayor, City of Notus
Dave Jones, Idaho Transportation Department
Jason Kreizenbeck, Governor's Office, Ex officio
James Maguire, Boise State University
Nathan Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star
Brent Orton, City of Caldwell
Patrick Rice, Greater Boise Auditorium District, Ex officio
Craig Telford, Mayor, City of Parma

OTHERS: Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association
Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors
Sally Goodell, Ada County Highway District
Keith Holmes, Community Planning Association
Caleb Hood, City of Meridian
Liisa Itkonen, Community Planning Association
Kathleen Lacey, City of Boise
Amy Luft, Community Planning Association
Don Matson, Community Planning Association
Carl Miller, Community Planning Association
Toni Tisdale, Community Planning Association
Charles Trainor, Community Planning Association
Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Ferdinand called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Ferdinand welcomed Boise City Councilman TJ Thomson to his first COMPASS Board meeting.

Pete Wagner announced that Dave Luft is replacing Stephen Coe as the DEQ Airshed Manager. Matt Stoll noted for the record that Dave Luft is married to Amy Luft, COMPASS' Communication Coordinator

Matt Stoll announced that the nomination period for the annual Leadership in Motion Awards is now open and will close on Friday, September 16, 2011.

Matt provided an update on the following COMPASS RFQs:

- Economic Benefits Analysis Tool RFQ was released on August 5, 2011 and closes on September 9, 2011, with consultant selection on or before October 6, 2011.
- Human Resources and Employee Benefits RFQ was released on July 29, 2011 and closed on August 12, 2011, with a decision to be made by August 31, 2011.
- Scenario Planning Process RFQ was released on July 11, 2011 and closed on July 29, 2011. A consultant was selected on August 5, 2011.

Chair Ferdinand announced that Jerome Scroggins' term is up in October 2011 and thanked him for his service on the COMPASS Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve July 18, 2011, COMPASS Board Meeting Minutes

Carol McKee moved and Charlie Rountree seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Member Agency Presentation: City of Nampa's Goals, Successes, Issues, Challenges

Mayor Tom Dale reviewed the City of Nampa's goals, successes, issues and challenges.

B. Workshop – How COMPASS Programs Fit Together

Matt Stoll reviewed the COMPASS programs and how they fit together.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Federal Legislative Positions

Ken Burgess presented the following federal legislative positions for Board approval:

LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION PROPOSAL NECESSARY

COMPASS supports the traditional six-year reauthorization of the Transportation Authorization Act.

After discussion, Tom Dale moved and Sharon Ullman seconded that COMPASS supports the traditional six-year reauthorization of the Transportation Authorization Act as presented. Motion passed.

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Federal Fuel Tax

COMPASS supports an increase in the federal fuel tax and supports indexing the fuel tax rate to inflation.

After discussion, Elaine Clegg moved and Garret Nancolas seconded that the COMPASS Board supports an increase in the federal fuel tax and supports indexing the fuel tax rate to inflation as presented. Motion passed.

Funding Diversification

COMPASS supports implementation of diversified transportation user fee concepts to reduce the sole reliance on fuel tax to fund the Highway Trust Fund. COMPASS supports implementation of a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) user fee system, and implementation of Alternative Fuel Vehicle fee system.

After discussion, Tom Dale moved and Dave Case seconded that COMPASS supports implementation of diversified transportation user fee concepts to reduce the sole reliance on fuel tax to fund the Highway Trust Fund including implementation of Alternative Fuel Vehicle fee system. Motion passed unanimously.

Public-Private Partnership Incentives

COMPASS supports providing greater incentives for private investment in roadway, bridge, and alternative transportation infrastructure.

After discussion, Elaine Clegg moved and Carol McKee seconded that COMPASS supports providing greater incentives for private investment in roadway, bridge, and alternative transportation infrastructure as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Environmental and Approval Process "Streamlining"

COMPASS supports requiring federal agency adherence to strict approval/decision timelines/deadlines.

COMPASS supports federal management agency "team" approach to environmental review. Multiple agency review would be conducted on a concurrent basis -- rather than time-consuming sequential manner -- to compress decision-making timelines.

COMPASS supports expedited environmental review process for projects that could move quickly or are funded with greater share of state/local/private matching funds.

After discussion, Rebecca Arnold moved and TJ Thomson seconded that COMPASS supports requiring federal agency adherence to strict approval/decision timelines/deadlines. COMPASS supports federal management agency "team" approach to environmental review. Multiple agency review would be conducted on a concurrent basis -- rather than time-consuming sequential manner -- to compress decision-making timelines. COMPASS supports expedited environmental review process for projects that could move quickly or are funded with greater share of state/local/private matching funds as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Program Consolidation

COMPASS supports the concept of program consolidation with increased flexibility for states and metropolitan planning organizations.

After discussion, Elaine Clegg moved and TJ Thomson seconded that COMPASS supports the concept of program consolidation with increased flexibility for states and metropolitan planning organizations and supports continued federal support for non-motorized transportation.

After discussion, **Rebecca Arnold** moved a substitute motion and **Tom Dale** seconded that **COMPASS** supports the concept of program consolidation with increased flexibility for states and metropolitan planning organizations as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, **Elaine Clegg** moved and **TJ Thomson** seconded that **COMPASS** supports continued federal support for non-motorized transportation. Motion passed.

Federal Highway Program (FHWA) State/Local Match Rate

COMPASS opposes increases in the state/local match requirement rate.

After discussion, **Garret Nancolas** moved and **Tom Dale** seconded that **COMPASS** opposes increases in the state/local match requirement rate as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Transportation Programs

COMPASS supports increase in federal funding for public transportation.

After discussion, **Tom Dale** moved and **Elaine Clegg** seconded that **COMPASS** supports increase in federal funding for public transportation as presented. Motion passed.

COMPASS supports allowing more flexibility in use of Sec. 5307 public transportation funds for use in operating assistance for large public transportation operations.

After discussion, **Tom Dale** moved and **Dave Case** seconded that **COMPASS** supports allowing more flexibility in use of Sec. 5307 public transportation funds for use in operating assistance for large public transportation operations as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)

COMPASS opposes changes to the current federal population trigger of 50,000 required to form a metropolitan planning organization.

After discussion, **Elaine Clegg** moved and **Carol McKee** seconded that **COMPASS** opposes changes to the current federal population trigger of 50,000 required to form a metropolitan planning organization as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, **Garret Nancolas** moved and **Sharon Ullman** seconded that **COMPASS** strongly encourages our federal representatives to recognize the extreme costs associated with rules and regulations as they currently exist and reduce them. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Adopt Resolution 07-2011 Approving FY2012-2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Demonstration; and Resolution 08-2011 Amending FY2011-2015 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

Toni Tisdale presented Resolution 07-2011 approving the FY2012-13 Regional Transportation Improvement Program including last minute changes and the associated air quality conformity demonstration, and Resolution 08-2011 amending the FY2011-2015 Regional Transportation Improvement Program to match with the update for 2012.

After discussion, **Rebecca Arnold moved and Dave Case seconded adoption of Resolution 07-2011 approving FY2012-2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program with the noted changes and Air Quality Conformity Demonstration with the deletion of the wording "... and the Nampa Urbanized Area..." in the eighth Whereas. Motion passed.**

After discussion, **Kelli Fairless moved and Carol McKee seconded approval of Resolution 8-2011 amending the FY2011-2015 Regional Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Motion passed.**

C. Adopt Resolution 09-2011 Approving FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Matt Stoll presented Resolution 09-2011 approving the FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program.

After discussion, **Rick Yzaguirre moved and Steve Rule seconded adoption of Resolution 09-2011 approving the FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program as presented. Motion passed.**

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Receive 2011 Performance Monitoring Report.

Carl Miller presented the 2011 Performance Monitoring Report.

B. Status Report – Finance Committee

Rebecca Arnold provided an update of the August 11, 2011, Finance Committee meeting.

C. Status Report – *Communities in Motion* Update

Liisa Itkonen provided a status report on the *Communities in Motion* update process.

D. Status Report – Administrative Building

Matt Stoll provided a status report on the COMPASS/VRT administration building construction schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Elaine Clegg moved and Carol McKee seconded adjournment at 4:02 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated this 17th day of October 2011.

Approved:

By: _____
David Ferdinand, Chair
Community Planning Association

Attest:

By: _____
Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director
Community Planning Association

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