



REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 23, 2013
COMPASS, 1ST FLOOR BOARD ROOM
MERIDIAN IDAHO

****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES:

Sabrina Anderson, Ada County Highway District
Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle
Clair Bowman, City of Nampa, **Chair**
Richard Beck, Ada County Development
Services
Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit
Daren Fluke, City of Boise
Ryan Head, Ada County Highway District
Rob Howarth, Central District Health
Department (*Ex-officio*)
Justin Lucas, City of Meridian, **Vice Chair**
Robb MacDonald, City of Caldwell
Patricia Nilsson, Canyon County Development
Services
Nicole Nimmons, Boise State University
Eric Shannon, Nampa Highway District No. 1
Jordan Swain, Valley Regional Transit
Michael Toole, Department of Environmental
Quality

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jennifer Almeida, Canyon County Development
Services
Jeff Barnes, City of Nampa
Karen Gallaher, City of Boise
Michael Garz, Idaho Transportation Department,
District 3
Chris Hopper, Canyon Highway District No. 4
Wendy Howell, City of Kuna
Meg Leatherman, Ada County Development
Services
Nathan Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star
Deb Root, Canyon County Development
Services
Deanna Smith, Public Participation Committee
Darin Taylor, City of Middleton
Craig Telford, Mayor, City of Parma
Jenah Thornborrow, City of Garden City

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OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Brecks, COMPASS
Tom Ferch, Ada County Highway District
Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS
Tom Laws, COMPASS
Amy Luft, COMPASS
Don Matson, COMPASS
Walt Satterfield, COMPASS
Joe Swenson, Neighborhood Housing
Charles Trainor, COMPASS
John Van Dyke, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bowman called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Bowman welcomed Jordan Swain, VRT Planner to his first RTAC meeting. Sabrina Anderson introduced Tom Ferch, ACHD Transportation Funding Coordinator and Don Matson introduced Tom Laws, COMPASS Assistant Planner.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve August 28, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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

ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommend COMPASS Board Approval of *Transportation Service Coordination Plan*

Walt Satterfield reviewed the *Transportation Service Coordination Plan*, which focuses on maximizing existing public transportation services, increasing service efficiency, and securing additional funding for Ada and Canyon Counties.

Patricia Nilsson requested during the final editing of the plan, in Appendix C, add census tract boundaries or a summary table with the totals to help interpret the maps and correlate how the data was interpreted.

After discussion, **Kelli Fairless moved and Patricia Nilsson seconded to recommend COMPASS Board approval of the *Transportation Service Coordination Plan*. Motion passed unanimously.**

B. Recommend COMPASS Board Approval of Mirroring Changes to the FY2014-2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

John Van Dyke distributed a revised list of mirroring changes to the FY2014-2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

After discussion, **Ryan Head moved and Sabrina Anderson seconded to recommend COMPASS Board approval of the mirroring changes to the FY2014-2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Request for Volunteers for Scoring Subcommittee

John Van Dyke requested volunteers for a scoring subcommittee for the Transportation Alternatives Program - TMA project applications for the FY2015-2019 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The Surface Transportation Program does not require a scoring subcommittee for the review of applications, RTAC will vote on those using the paired comparison analysis.

The following RTAC members volunteered to sit on the scoring subcommittee:

Clair Bowman, City of Nampa
Tom Ferch, ACHD
Richard Beck, Ada County Development Services
Jordan Swain, Valley Regional Transit
Patricia Nilsson, Canyon County Development Services

Chair Bowman requested clarification by email as to when the TAP project applications are due for the Nampa Urbanized area.

B. Presentation on Regional Road Work Report

John Van Dyke presented the Regional Road Work Report. The report was established as a single source document of ongoing transportation projects in Ada and Canyon Counties resulting in lane closures or other travel restrictions, to avoid diverting traffic from one area under construction to another area under construction, and is distributed to 11 people.

After discussion, consensus was this report is a duplication of effort as the information can be accessed on ACHD's Road Work in the Area report (RITA), which is distributed by email daily; the Nampa's public information officer distributes similar information to a broad group; and the emergency responders get the information in their briefings. The RTAC members, who receive it, do not use it and do not think it is worth staff effort to assemble.

C. Options for Use of FY2015 Study Funding

Liisa Itkonen presented seven options for using \$1 million in FY2015 TMA study funds budgeted for a Treasure Valley High Capacity Corridor alternative analysis, which under MAP 21 is no longer required. These options are based on COMPASS Board approved priority corridors for CIM 2040 and the direction to focus federal funds on maintenance:

1. SH 44/State Street Transit and Traffic Operational Plan prerequisites:
 - A. Corridor-wide Land Use Master Plan – estimated cost: \$700,000
 - B. Access Management Plan – estimated cost: \$300,000 (would go with Option 1 - A.)
 - C. Transit Alternatives Study – medium term need; not funded yet.
2. US 20/26 (Chinden) Right-of-Way – estimated cost: \$8 million (3 miles)
3. Pre-NEPA Study for a Treasure Valley High Capacity Corridor - estimated cost: \$350,000
4. Overland Road Multimodal Study – estimated cost: \$450,000
5. Long-Range Transit Plan – estimated cost: \$500,000
6. Maintenance
7. Move to FY17 or beyond

Nichoel Baird Spencer recommended Option 2 - US 20/26 Right-of-Way, and recommended removal of Option 1 A. - Corridor-wide Land Use Master Plan.

Sabrina Anderson recommended a combination of Option 2 – US 20/26 Right-of-Way and Option 7 – Move to FY17 or beyond. Sabrina noted ACHD is not interested in Option 4 - Overland Road Multimodal Study.

Justin Lucas recommended Option 2 - US 20/26 Right-of-Way, mirroring what has been done on State Street.

Patricia Nilsson recommended Option 1 A. if it is more of an implementing plan, a footprint of a TOD site, than just a general land use plan.

Clair Bowman said the City of Nampa recommends a HOV lane analysis on 1-84 from Garrity Interchange to downtown Boise.

Liisa was directed, based on today's comments, to bring a recommendation with justification to RTAC in November 2013 for consideration.

D. Workshop: Grant-Seeking/Application Strategies

Don Matson facilitated a brief workshop on grant sources and application strategies.

OTHER

- A. Next RTAC Meeting:** November 20, 2013, start time still to be determined based on agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Daren Fluke moved and Patricia Nilsson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 am. Motion passed unanimously.