

Keeping Up With COMPASS

July 2017

A newsletter for COMPASS members to keep abreast of COMPASS Board, committee, and workgroup actions.

Board of Directors – June 19, 2017

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Next meeting date: **August 28, 2017**, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room (**Note: New meeting date**)

June Action Items:

- End-of-Year Program and Redistribution Priorities. Approved funding priorities for the End-of-Year Program and Redistribution, should funding become available, as recommended by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee in May.
- Communities in Motion 2040. Approved an [amendment](#) to *Communities in Motion 2040* (CIM 2040) to add a widening project on I-84 in the City of Nampa between the Karcher Road (Midland Boulevard) interchange and the Franklin Boulevard interchange to the list of projects funded in CIM 2040. This project encompasses the eastern portion of the #1 unfunded priority in CIM 2040. The remaining western portion of the project (Karcher Road to western Caldwell) will remain as COMPASS' #1 unfunded priority. CIM 2040 must be amended to show this project as funded to allow federal funds to be spent on the project. This item was recommended for Board approval by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee in May.
- FY2017-2021 TIP. Recommended COMPASS Board approval of an [amendment](#) to the FY2017-2021 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the same widening project on I-84 in the City of Nampa as described above, as well as to change funding sources for a project on the Walter's Ferry Bridge on State Highway 45 from state funding to federal and change the level of local match for a Treasure Valley Transit project from 20% to 50%, thus increasing the total cost of the project. Neither of these changes affect the scope of the projects. This item was recommended for Board approval by the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee in May.
- Organizational Roles and Policies. Approved [COMPASS Organizational Roles and Values](#) – a document to guide COMPASS' activities, staffing needs, budgeting, and more, as recommended by the Executive Committee in April.
- Personnel Matter. Approved a salary adjustment for the COMPASS Executive Director, following a discussion in Executive Session, as recommended by the Executive Committee in May.

June Information/Discussion Items:

- Finance Committee. Received a report on the May 18, 2017, [Finance Committee](#) meeting.
- FY2018-2022 TIP. Received the DRAFT FY2018-2022 TIP [project list](#) for review, then discussed the timeline and next steps for public comment and Board action. It is anticipated the FY2018-2022 TIP will be brought to the COMPASS Board for approval at its October 16, 2017, meeting.

June Special Item:

- Communities in Motion 2040 2.0. Participated in a workshop on [CIM 2040 2.0](#), focusing on how needs from the four transportation components (bicycle/pedestrian, freight, public transportation, and roadways) will be integrated into packages of projects to be assessed for their impact on regional goals, and how those results will be used to inform transportation investment decisions. Workshop participants also discussed how maintenance needs and the existing (focus on maintenance) funding policy fit into this process, then reviewed a schedule highlighting when these issues will be brought to the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee and COMPASS Board for in-depth discussion and action.

Finance Committee – June 29, 2017

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/financemeetings.htm

Next meeting date: August 17, 2017, COMPASS, Second Floor Large Conference Room

June Action Items:

- Financial Policy and Procedures. Recommended COMPASS Board approval of updated Financial Policies and Procedures. The COMPASS Board will receive this item for consideration at its August 28, 2017, meeting.
- UPWP. Recommended COMPASS Board approval of the draft FY2018 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP). The COMPASS Board will receive this item for consideration at its August 28, 2017, meeting.

June Information/Discussion Items:

- Disbursement Report. Reviewed disbursements made in the reporting period (May 6 – June 20, 2017).
- Salary Survey. Received a status report on a recent COMPASS salary survey, conducted to assess COMPASS' salary structure relative to the overall market.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) – June 28, 2017

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/rtacmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: July 26, 2017, COMPASS, First Floor Board Room

June Information/Discussion Items:

- Project Application Ranking Process. Reviewed the current project application ranking process, including the use of paired comparison and the Audience Response System (ARS) to rank projects, then discussed potential changes to this process, including removing the requirement that the ARS be used for the paired comparison process. COMPASS staff will bring a recommendation for changes to RTAC for consideration at its July 26, 2017, meeting.
- CIM 2040 2.0 Transportation Needs. Reviewed and discussed the process of combining transportation needs, including maintenance needs, into groups ("packages") of projects and discussed how this process relates to the existing "focus on maintenance" policy for federal transportation funds.

Workgroups

Active Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: June 14, 2017

Highlights:

- Provided feedback on performance measures related to bicycle and pedestrian issues, including appropriate reporting for different measures and appropriate walk/bike distances to use for accessibility measures. This feedback will be provided to the Performance Measure Workgroup in August.
- Participated in a branding exercise to rename the “COMPASS Communities in Motion 2040 2.0 Regional Bicycle Routes.”

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm#atwg

Next meeting date: TBD

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: June 21, 2017

Highlights:

- Received feedback on the proposed 2040 public transportation network.
- Discussed Ada and Canyon County’s per capita contributions to public transportation, as compared to similar sized regions throughout the west.
- Reviewed public transportation-related goals and performance measures, to be finalized at the next Public Transportation Workgroup meeting.

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Next meeting date: TBD

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