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Keeping Up With COMPASS

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

COMPASS Board of Directors

The COMPASS Board met on July 18, following a morning workshop by Fred Abousleman, Executive Director of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC).

At the workshop, Mr. Abousleman briefed the COMPASS Board and other local elected officials on federal issues as they relate to local governments. He also spoke briefly at the Board meeting regarding a proposed change to the tax code for private sector investment in regional infrastructure projects.

The Board addressed four action items at its July meeting. First, it approved regional end-of-year priorities to be forwarded to the Idaho Transportation Department

(ITD) for consideration as they allocate statewide end-of-year funding.

The Board also approved Revision 2 of the COMPASS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Finance Committee had recommended approval at its July 5 meeting (see page 2).

The Board approved the Implementation Plan for the State Street Transit and Traffic Operational Plan (TTOP). The TTOP Implementation Plan will help shape priorities within the State Street corridor and represents a cooperative effort among several local agencies.

Kelli Fairless, Executive Director of Valley Regional Transit, reported

that the Federal Transit Administration has announced that discretionary funding is available for bus and bus-related facilities. Kelli requested letters of support for grant application for two local projects — a bus barn at Boise State University and bicycle/pedestrian/transit facilities on Collister Street. The Board directed COMPASS to draft letters of support.

Ken Burgess of Veritas Advisors continued a discussion from the June Board meeting on proposed COMPASS position statements on federal issues. He will bring draft statements to the Board in August for approval.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, July 19.

The committee discussed a request by the Idaho Transportation Department for COMPASS to take the lead on a "TIGER III" grant application for the reconstruction of Meridian Interchange. COMPASS staff are seeking information on right-of-way and environmental work to ensure the application

would meet federal requirements. The committee directed staff to continue its work and to bring the issue back at the August Executive Committee meeting, once staff has obtained the needed information.

The committee approved two COMPASS policies regarding distribution of Board/committee meeting packets and collection and use of names of

private individuals when they participate in COMPASS activities or comment on COMPASS programs or products.

Matt Stoll provided an update on a request from the Ada County Air Quality Board and DEQ regarding COMPASS' lead on an air quality outreach survey. Once additional details are available, staff will bring a request to the Finance

Key July Board/Committee Actions

- > **Board:** Approved regional end-of-year priorities to forward to ITD.
- > **Executive Committee:** Approved two new COMPASS operational policies.
- > **RTAC:** Recommended approval of the draft FY2012-2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program .

August Meeting Dates	
Blueprint for Good Growth Steering	August 4
TMA Balancing Committee	August 4
Finance Committee	August 11
Board of Directors	August 15
Executive Committee	August 16
Public Participation Committee	August 18
Regional Technical Advisory Committee	August 24



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Regional Technical Advisory Committee

The Regional Technical Advisory Committee advises the COMPASS Board on regional transportation and related planning issues.

The Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) met on Wednesday, July 27.

At its July meeting, RTAC reviewed the 2011 *Communities in Motion Performance Monitoring Report* and recommended the COMPASS Board accept the report with minor changes.

RTAC members also discussed the FY2012-2016 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and recommended approval of the TIP to the

COMPASS Board. Changes made to the draft TIP were discussed and additional changes were noted that will be included in the final document as presented to the Board.

In a third action, RTAC recommended Board approval of the FY2012 COMPASS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

RTAC also received several updates from COMPASS staff, including

status reports on federal sustainability grants, the update of *Communities in Motion*, and the 2040 population forecast as recommended by the Demographic Advisory Committee.

In addition, the group discussed the COMPASS environmental review process and listened to a presentation on Valley Regional Transit's Regional Coordination Council and ValleyConnect plan.

COMPASS Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a standing committee of the COMPASS Board comprised of seven Board members: three from Ada County, three from Canyon County, and the COMPASS Board Secretary/Treasurer.

The committee held a special meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

The committee took action on two items: recommendation of approval to the

COMPASS Board of Revision 2 of the FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP; the COMPASS budget) and recommendation of approval of the draft FY2012 UPWP.

The FY2011 Revision 2 changes were made to begin a set-aside for a *Communities in Motion* grant implementation program and to increase work days and adjust direct costs for the *Communities in Motion* update, based upon the

scope of work approved by the Board in June.

COMPASS staff had reviewed an earlier draft FY2012 UPWP with the Finance Committee in May. At that time, it was noted that changes might occur based on COMPASS Board direction regarding the long-range transportation plan update. The July draft reflected those changes.

The Finance Committee is intended to provide guidance to management and to establish reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding internal policies, procedures and controls for the sound operation of COMPASS.

- Finance Committee Bylaws, Article I, Establishment and Purpose



All meeting packets and minutes are available online.

Where Can I Find More Information?

COMPASS Board and committee meeting schedules, packets, and minutes are available on the COMPASS website.

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www.compassidaho.org/people/board.htm

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