

# Keeping Up With COMPASS

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

## Key December Board/Committee Actions

- > **Board:** Changed the official COMPASS planning area to include all of Ada and Canyon Counties; approved 2012 state legislative position statements
- > **Executive Committee:** Recommended 2012 COMPASS Board officers.
- > **RTAC:** Recommended changing the official COMPASS planning area to include all of Ada and Canyon Counties.

## COMPASS Board of Directors

The COMPASS Board held its annual holiday luncheon and presentation of Leadership in Motion awards on December 19, immediately prior to the Board meeting. Visit [www.compassidaho.org/comm/awards.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/comm/awards.htm) to learn about award winners.

The Board meeting began with a series of special items. Dr. Brian Wampler from Boise State University presented results of a public participation research project that involved people who had participated in COMPASS activities.

Middleton Mayor Vickie Thurber and Kuna City Councilwoman Lisa Bachman were recognized as

out-going Board members and received plaques of thanks from Executive Director Matt Stoll.

Councilwoman Bachman then shared information on challenges and successes experienced in the City of Kuna. This was the fourth in a series of presentations by Board members discussing their jurisdictions.

Mr. Ken Burgess of Veritas Advisors provided an update on federal legislative issues.

In action items, the Board approved expanding the official COMPASS planning area to include all of Ada and Canyon Counties. This issue had been continued from the

November Board meeting.

The Board also approved 2012 state legislative position statements. The statements are very similar to those approved for 2011. In addition, the Board approved priorities for FY2012 federal highway discretionary grant programs. These priorities will be forwarded to the Idaho Transportation Department.

Finally, the Board received status reports on the December 15 Finance Committee meeting (see article, page 2), *Communities in Motion 2040*, and the new COMPASS building. COMPASS has now moved; note the new address in the masthead of this newsletter.

## January Meeting Dates

TMA Balancing Committee	January 5
CIM 2040 Planning Team	January 11
Regional Technical Advisory Committee	January 25
Executive Committee	January 17
Joint CIM 2040 Leadership Team and Planning Team Special Meeting	January 20
Board of Directors	January 23

## Executive Committee

The *Communities in Motion 2040* Leadership Team and the Executive Committee met back-to-back on December 20.

### Leadership Team

The Leadership Team received a status report from Planning Team Co-Chair Nichoel Baird Spencer on Planning Team activities. They also received status reports on the scenario workshop invitees and RSVPs, alternative scenarios to be used at the scenario

planning workshops, and the CIM 2040 art contest.

Carl Miller discussed the process for reviewing a guidebook for the scenario workshops. Planning Team Co-Chair Spencer suggested the Planning and Leadership Teams jointly review the guidebook in January. The team agreed; a meeting has been scheduled for January 20.

### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee

recommended a slate of Board officers to be presented to the full Board in January. Nampa Mayor Tom Dale was nominated as Secretary/Treasurer.

The committee made suggested changes to a proposed new COMPASS conflict of interest policy. An earlier draft had been taken to the Board in November and the Board requested that the Executive Committee make revisions and bring it back to the Board in January.



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

The CIM 2040 Planning Team is made of members of RTAC and others. It advises COMPASS staff, the Leadership Team, and the Board on developing Communities in Motion 2040.

## Regional Technical Advisory Committee

The CIM 2040 Planning Team and RTAC both met on December 14.

### Planning Team

The Planning Team approved additional team members representing the Native American Coalition of Boise and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing, and receiving updates on, the upcoming scenario planning workshops. Carl Miller reviewed indicators and the alternative scenario chosen by the team for use in the workshops. He also provided information on the draft workshop guidebook and the process for reviewing it.

Liisa Itkonen requested volunteers to assist in developing content for the guidebook on health, infrastructure, housing, and agriculture.

### RTAC

RTAC recommended changing the official COMPASS planning area to include all of both Ada and Canyon Counties. This issue had been continued from previous meetings.

The committee recommended that the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) work with the Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI), Idaho's Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and others to develop a process to incorporate local plans/priorities in the state proc-

ess for transit. The committee also requested an overview of the statewide transit prioritization process be provided in January and that Randy Kyrias (ITD) and CTAI staff attend the January meeting.

The committee recommended priorities for Federal Highway Administration discretionary programs. The list includes 10 projects in four programs.

Toni Tisdale presented draft guidelines for the Transportation Management Area Balancing Committee and priorities for new projects in the Surface Transportation Programs. Both of these topics will be brought back to RTAC for action in January.

## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, December 15 at the new COMPASS office.

The committee received, and approved, the independent auditor's report for fiscal year 2011 (October 2010 - September 2011). The audit was conducted by the firm of Crandall Swenson Gleason & Wadsworth, Certified Public Accountants.

The auditor's report discussed findings concerning COMPASS' internal control over financial reports and COMPASS' compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other financial matters.

The auditors issued an "unqualified" audit report with no findings, deficiencies, or weaknesses. COMPASS qualified as a low-risk auditee.

In other business, the committee established its 2012 meeting dates:

- February 16, 2012
- May 10, 2012
- August 9, 2012
- November 15, 2012
- December 13, 2012



All meeting packets and minutes are available online.

## Where Can I Find More Information?

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

### Board:

[www.compassidaho.org/people/board.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/board.htm)

### Committees:

[www.compassidaho.org/people/committees.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/committees.htm)

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