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# Keeping Up With COMPASS

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

### Key June Board/Committee Actions

- > **Board:** Approved scope of work, budget, and schedule for the 2014 update to *Communities in Motion*.
- > **RTAC:** Recommended approval of end-of-year funding requests to Board.
- > **ICC:** Approved regional emissions analysis modeling assumptions and project list for the draft Transportation Improvement Program.

## COMPASS Board of Directors

The COMPASS Board unanimously approved a scope of work, schedule, and budget for the 2014 update to *Communities in Motion*, the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties.

year 2040 for consideration by the COMPASS Board. The scope of work also includes development of a grant program to assist communities in implementing the goals of *Communities in Motion*.

an amendment to the FY2011—2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and approved release of the draft FY2012—2016 TIP for public comment. The public comment period will run June 24—July 25.



The update will expand beyond transportation to include community infrastructure, housing, and public health to begin to develop the plan into a broader plan for sustainable development.

Other business included a workshop to discuss reauthorization of the federal transportation bill. The workshop focused on significant changes that are being considered for inclusion in the reauthorization.

The update will include a scenario planning process to engage the public and key stakeholders in developing potential growth scenarios for the

The budget for the update is \$957,000 over four years, plus staff time. This includes “seed money” of \$101,000 to begin funding the grant program. The Board also approved

In addition, Michael Garz of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) presented ITD’s project selection process and upcoming ITD projects in southwest Idaho.

## Executive Committee

The COMPASS Executive Committee is a sub-committee of the COMPASS Board that meets the third Tuesday of every month at the COMPASS office.

At its June 2011 meeting, the committee discussed the May 2011 Board retreat and reviewed next steps from the retreat.

Next steps include:

1. Providing workshops on COMPASS functions and products at Board meetings
2. Inviting Board members to present on their jurisdiction’s successes/challenges at Board meetings
3. Scheduling education series events to coincide with Board meetings

4. Surveying Board members to determine if a different time/location would increase attendance at the annual Board retreat.

The committee was also updated on construction of the COMPASS administrative building. The building is projected to be completed in December 2011.

July Meeting Dates	
TMA Balancing Committee	July 7
Board of Directors	July 18
Executive Committee	July 19
Regional Technical Advisory Committee	July 27



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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) is comprised of staff of COMPASS member agencies and advises the Board on technical issues.

At its June 2011 meeting, RTAC recommended approval of end-of-year funding requests to the COMPASS Board.

An end-of-year plan is developed each year by the Idaho Transportation Department to ensure obligation of all available transportation funds.

Funds in the end-of-year plan are taken from projects that will not be able to obligate the funds and are used to fund other projects that are ready, to avoid having to return funds to the Federal Highway Administration.

In addition, RTAC recommended approval of the implementation plan for the State Street Transit and Traffic Operational Plan to the COMPASS Board. The draft implementation plan includes projects and financing

strategies through 2035.

Staff discussed the 2011 *Communities in Motion Performance Monitoring Report*. The report is the sixth in a series of reports that evaluates factors that demonstrate achieving goals of *Communities in Motion*.

RTAC members will receive the draft report via email prior to the July RTAC meeting; staff will request RTAC recommendation to the Board to approve the report at that meeting.

## Interagency Consultation Committee

The Interagency Consultation Committee (ICC) meets quarterly or as needed. It met in June for the second time in 2011.

The committee approved the regional emissions analysis modeling assumptions and the project list for the FY2012-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

An air quality conformity demonstration is required for TIP approval by the federal government. The approved assumptions and projects feed into the air quality conformity model for the required conformity demonstration.

In addition to the two action items, the Department of Environmental

Quality provided an update on the State Implementation Plan for PM<sub>10</sub> (fine particulates) and a presentation on the "MOVES" model that DEQ uses to estimate emissions from cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

The "Northern Ada County Interagency Consultation Committee on Air Quality" develops and reviews the modeling assumptions used to perform regional and project level emissions analyses. Emissions analyses are used to demonstrate that federally funded and/or regionally significant transportation plans and projects will not cause or contribute to violations of federal air quality standards.



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.

**Board:**

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

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