



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

October 20, 2008

Caldwell Police Department

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## **\*\*AGENDA\*\***

### **I. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES (1:30)**

### **II. OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS (1:35)**

### **III. CONSENT AGENDA (1:40)**

- Page 3 \* A. Approve September 15, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes  
 Page 7 \* B. Receive Approved August 19, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

- Page 11 1:45 \* A. Adopt Resolution 01-2009 Endorsing *Senator Hal Bunderson*  
 ACHD's Local Option Registration Fee Renewal  
*Senator Hal Bunderson (retired), as Chairman of the*  
*Ada County Citizens for Better Transportation, will*  
*seek the Board's endorsement for renewal of ACHD's*  
*registration fee renewal as presented on this year's*  
*general election ballot.*
- Page 13 2:00 \* B. Approve Mirroring Changes to the FY2009-2013 *Toni Tisdale*  
 Transportation Improvement Program  
*Staff will present the final changes to the Transportation*  
*Improvement Program necessary to mirror the statewide*  
*program.*
- Page 20 2:15 \* C. Approve Transportation Impact Study *Charles Trainor*  
 Recommended Practices  
*Staff will seek approval regarding recommended*  
*practices for Transportation Impact Studies.*
- 2:35 D. Executive Session – Personnel Matter *Chairman Franden*  
 [Idaho Code 67-2345(b)]  
*Any action taken on the personnel matter will be*  
*taken in open session following the Executive Session.*

### **V. INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Page 26 2:50 \* A. Review Transportation Financial Data Report *Charles Trainor*  
 Staff will present the revenue and expenditure trend  
 report, which is required under Communities in Motion.

- 3:10 B. *Status Report - Chinden/Linder Intersection*  
*Staff will present a status report on the Chinden/Linder Intersection.*

*Don Matson*

VI. *EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT (3:25)*

- A. *Staff Activity Report*  
*The monthly staff activity report can be accessed on the COMPASS website at the address referenced above.*
- B. *Status Report – Corridor Studies*  
*The monthly status report on the corridor studies can be accessed on the COMPASS website at the address referenced above.*
- C. *Status Report – Current Air Quality Efforts*  
*The monthly status reports for August and September 2008 can be accessed on the COMPASS website at the address referenced above.*
- D. *Status Report – Current Transportation Project Information*  
*The monthly status report on current transportation projects and issues can be accessed on the COMPASS website at the address referenced above.*
- E. *Status Report – Standing Committees’ Attendance*  
*The monthly status report on standing committees’ attendance can be accessed on the COMPASS website at the address referenced above.*
- F. *Status Report – Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study*  
*The monthly status report on the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study can be accessed on the COMPASS website at the address referenced above.*
- G. *Status Report – Legislative Activities*  
*The monthly status report on the Legislative Activities can be accessed on the COMPASS website at the address referenced above.*

VII. *ADJOURNMENT (3:30)*

*\*Enclosures*

*Times are approximate. Agenda is subject to change.*

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**  
**ADA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**200 W. FRONT STREET, BOISE, IDAHO**



**\*\*MINUTES\*\***

- ATTENDEES:**
- Rebecca Arnold, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,  
 Ex officio  
 A.J. Balukoff, Trustee, Independent School District of Boise City  
 Phil Bandy, Mayor, City of Eagle  
 Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise  
 Keith Bird, Councilman, City of Meridian  
 Vernon Bisterfeldt, City of Boise  
 Dave Bivens, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District  
 Elaine Clegg, Councilwoman, City of Boise  
 Maggie Colwell for Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell,  
*Chair-Elect*  
 Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa  
 Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian  
 John Evans, Mayor, City of Garden City  
 Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit  
 John Franden, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,  
*Chair*  
 Dave Jones, Idaho Transportation Department  
 Carol McKee, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District  
 Bryce Millar, Commissioner, Nampa Highway District #1  
 Brent Orton for Jim Blacker, Councilman, City of Caldwell  
 Jerome Scroggins, Commissioner, Canyon Highway District #4  
 Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning  
 Association, Ex officio  
 Martin Thorne, Councilman, City of Nampa  
 Cindy Trail for Russell Duke, Central District Health, Ex officio  
 Pete Wagner, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
 Paul Woods, Commissioner, Ada County
- MEMBERS ABSENT:**
- Matt Beebe, Commissioner, Canyon County  
 Scott Dowdy, Mayor, City of Kuna  
 Clete Edmunson, Governor's Office, Ex officio  
 David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,  
*Secretary/Treasurer*  
 Anne Horn, Mayor, City of Notus  
 Phil Kushlan, Capital City Development Corporation  
 James Maguire, Boise State University  
 Nathan Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star  
 Patrick Rice, Greater Boise Auditorium District, Ex officio  
 Steven Rule, Commissioner, Canyon County  
 Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton  
 Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County  
 Mike Vuittonet, Trustee, Joint School District #2  
 Margaret Watson, Mayor, City of Parma  
 Rick Yzaguirre, Commissioner, Ada County

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***OTHERS:***

Ross Borden, City of Boise  
Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association  
Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors  
Ross Dodge, Community Planning Association  
Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian  
Sally Goodell, Ada County Highway District  
Leonard Herr, Department of Environmental Quality  
Keith Holmes, Community Planning Association  
Todd Johnson, Parametrix  
Kathleen Lacey, City of Boise  
Terry Little, Ada County Highway District  
Don Matson, Community Planning Association  
Carl Miller, Community Planning Association  
Terri Schorzman, Community Planning Association  
Eric Schreffler, ESTC  
Gene Shaffer, CSHQA  
Ray Stark, Boise Metro Chamber  
Toni Tisdale, Community Planning Association  
Charles Trainor, Community Planning Association  
Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association  
Grant Zammit, Federal Highway Administration

***SPECIAL ITEM: COMPASS BOARD WORKSHOP/LUNCHEON (12:00 PM)***

Matt Stoll and Ken Burgess led a general discussion regarding the draft 2009 COMPASS legislative positions and sideboards to be used by Matt, Ken and the Executive Committee when negotiating with the legislature. These are not in priority order:

- Transportation Access Management Plan Legislation
- State Tax Anticipated Revenue (STAR) Financing
- Air Quality Improvement
- Fourth Year Funding Approval of GARVEE Bonding Program
- Transportation Revenue Increase
- Local Option Tax Authority Legislation

After discussion, Matt Stoll said that he and Ken Burgess will draft recommended policy statements and sideboards for review by the Executive Committee at its October 21, 2008, meeting and will bring them to the full Board at its November 17, 2008, meeting for adoption.

Paul Woods suggested developing positions based on:

1. Those COMPASS would actively support
2. Those COMPASS would be neutral on
3. Those COMPASS would actively oppose

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Franden called the regular meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**

***Tammy de Weerd moved and Carol McKee seconded approval of the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.***

**OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENT**

Matt Stoll announced that Terri Schorzman, Communication Coordinator, has resigned her position at COMPASS to join the City of Boise as the Executive Director of the Department of Arts and History.

Dave Jones stated Governor Otter will be in Homedale for "Capital for a Day" on September 29, 2008.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve August 18, 2008, Board Meeting Minutes***
- B. Receive Approved July 15, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes***
- C. Receive Approved May 15, 2008, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes***
- D. Approve Maggie Colwell as a Non-Elected COMPASS Board Alternate for the City of Caldwell***

***Carol McKee moved and Elaine Clegg seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.***

**SPECIAL ITEM**

- A. Status Report – Treasure Valley Air Quality***

Leonard Herr, DEQ, presented an overview on the status of Treasure Valley air quality and the associated implications.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Adopt Resolution 13-2008 Amending the FY2008-2012 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs***

Toni Tisdale presented an Idaho Transportation Department request to add a new project, Phase 1 Vapor Recovery System for reducing ozone-creating pollutants to the FY2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Programs.

After discussion, ***Tom Dale moved and A.J. Balukoff seconded adoption of Resolution 13-2008 amending the FY2008-2012 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs. Motion passed unanimously.***

**INFORMATION DISCUSSION ITEM**

**A. Overview- Managing Travel Demand Workshop**

Grant Zammit, FHWA, reviewed high level travel demand management concepts as an overview in preparation for his September 16, 2008, workshop.

**B. Discuss U.S. 20/26 (Chinden/Linder Intersection)**

Don Matson and Terry Little presented a request from the ACHD Commission that COMPASS consider the impact of pending development upon the US 20/26 Corridor and specifically the Chinden/Linder intersection.

After discussion, Matt Stoll stated he would schedule a meeting with Don Matson, Terry Little and Dave Jones to develop, on a temporary basis in lieu of legislation, a recommended course of action regarding access management on U.S. 20/26 (Chinden/Linder intersection). Chair Franden requested staff bring the recommendation back for discussion at the October 20, 2008, Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Carol McKee moved and Dave Bivens seconded adjournment at 3:35 p.m.

***Dated this 20th day of October 2008.***

**APPROVED:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
***John Franden, Chair***  
***Community Planning Association***

**ATTEST:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
***Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director***  
***Community Planning Association***



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2008  
COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM**

**\*\*MINUTES\*\***

**ATTENDEES:** Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, *Vice Chair*  
Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa  
Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian  
John Franden, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,  
*Chair*  
Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, *Chair Elect*  
Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning  
Association, Ex officio

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,  
*Secretary/Treasurer*  
Nate Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star  
Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton  
Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association  
Terri Schorzman, Community Planning Association  
Charles Trainor, Community Planning Association  
Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association  
Pete Wagner, Department of Environmental Quality

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair John Franden called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**

Tammy de Weerd requested that an Information/Discussion Item be added to the agenda for a policy discussion regarding the timely submittal of information that is to be considered for approval by the Board.

*Hearing no objections, Chair Franden so ordered.*

**OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tom Dale announced that the 11<sup>th</sup> Street crosswalk ribbon cutting ceremony is Wednesday, August 20, 2008.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approve July 15, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

*Tom Dale moved and Tammy de Weerd seconded approval of the July 15, 2008, Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Establish September 15, 2008, COMPASS Board Agenda**

Matt Stoll presented staff proposed Agenda Items 1 – 16 for the September 15, 2008, COMPASS Board meeting.

After discussion, **Garret Nancolas moved and Dave Bieter seconded approval of September 15, 2008, Board meeting Agenda Items 1-15 as described by staff beginning at 12:00 p.m. with a Board Workshop to discuss 2009 legislative positions; and move Agenda Item 16, Discuss Possible COMPASS/VRT Merger to a future COMPASS Board meeting agenda. Motion passed with Tammy de Weerd voting nay.**

**B. Approve Letter Requesting Time on Idaho Transportation Board**

Matt Stoll presented a draft letter requesting the opportunity to engage the Idaho Transportation Board on the topic of demand management and project planning. Matt suggested that he, Charles Trainor and COMPASS Board officers attend the meeting.

Tammy de Weerd noted that Idaho Transportation Board member Monte McClure would be retiring in January 2009.

After discussion, **it was agreed that at the September 16, 2008, Executive Committee meeting, Matt Stoll will outline the criteria for sitting on the Idaho Transportation Board to assist the Executive Committee in developing a short list of recommended replacements for Monte McClure's seat. Matt will work with Ken Burgess to schedule an audience with Governor Otter to submit the list.**

After discussion, **Tom Dale moved and Garret Nancolas seconded approval of sending a letter to the Idaho Transportation Board requesting time on their agenda to discuss demand management and project planning, and to arrange annual or semi-annual meetings. Motion passed unanimously.**

**C. Policy Regarding Timeliness of Information Submitted to the COMPASS Board for Action**

After discussion, **Chair Franden directed that at the September 16, 2008, Executive Committee meeting, Matt Stoll be prepared to discuss implementing a policy, if need be, on the timing for submitting items for Board approval and to note on a future Board agenda that the Executive Committee is reviewing the issue as requested at the August 18, 2008, Board meeting.**

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Update on Treasure Valley Air Quality**

Pete Wagner, Department of Environmental Quality Regional Administrator, provided an update and answered questions regarding air quality in the Treasure Valley and the Department of Environmental Quality's funding request to the Idaho Transportation Board to facilitate implementation of Phase I Vapor Recovery Systems in the region.

**B. Update on Peckham Road Study in Canyon County**

Charles Trainor briefed the Committee members on a joint study with Sage Community Resources of a Peckham Road Study in Canyon County. It is anticipated that consultant selection will start soon. A public kickoff is planned for September 16, 2008. COMPASS staff time and direct dollars are budgeted in the approved FY2009 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget. It was noted that the Canyon County Commissioners support the study, which they view as a critical piece to their comp plan amendment, and it does fall in line with what a metropolitan planning organizations does.

After discussion, Chair Franden stated if Executive Committee members have additional questions regarding the study to contact the Canyon County Commissioners.

**C. State Report – Membership**

Matt Stoll noted that Notus Parma Highway District and Golden Gate Highway District have officially submitted letters resigning their memberships in COMPASS effective as of 2008 for Notus Parma and 2009 for Golden Gate.

**D. Reminder – Upcoming Meetings**

The following upcoming meetings were noted in the packet:

- Idaho's Transportation Funding Conference  
Boise Centre on the Grove  
850 W. Front Street, Boise  
August 26, 2008 9 AM to Noon and 4 PM to 7 PM
- Forum on Transportation Funding Needs with Congressmen Simpson and Blumenauer  
Location TBD  
September 4, 2008 10 AM to Noon
- Managing Travel Demand Workshop  
ITD – District 3 Office  
September 16, 2008 8 AM to 4 PM

**E. Executive Session – Personnel Matter [Idaho Code 67-2345 (b)]**

*Tammy de Weerd moved and Garret Nancolas seconded to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-22345 (b) at 3:35 p.m.*

*Matt Stoll called role. The following Executive Committee members were present and voted in the affirmative to move into Executive Session: Tom Dale, Tammy de Weerd, John Franden, and Garret Nancolas. There were no nay votes.*

*Off record at 3:36 p.m.*

*Tammy de Weerd moved Tom Dale seconded to move back into regular session at 3:47 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session. Committee members discussed the Executive Director's annual review process. Motion passed unanimously.*

*ADJOURNMENT*

*Tammy de Weerd moved and Tom Dale seconded adjournment at 3:48 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Dated this 16th day of September 2008.*

*APPROVED:*

*BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Franden, Chair  
Community Planning Association*

*ATTEST:*

*BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director  
Community Planning Association*

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## RESOLUTION 01-2009

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPASS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ENDORSEMENT OF  
ADA COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT'S LOCAL OPTION REGISTRATION FEE  
RENEWAL**



**WHEREAS**, the Community Planning Association (COMPASS) has been designated by the Governor of Idaho as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for transportation planning in Northern Ada County and the Nampa Urbanized Area;

**WHEREAS**, the population of Ada and Canyon counties is projected to be over one million by the year 2030;

**WHEREAS**, community leaders in the region know that a sustainable transportation system is critical to sustain and enhance economic development opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, rapid growth in the region will continue to increase the number of vehicles on our roads, resulting in increased traffic congestion and negative impacts to air quality;

**WHEREAS, Communities in Motion**, the regional long range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon counties, projects an annual funding shortfall of at least \$127 million for the construction, operation, and maintenance of critical transportation systems, inclusive of roadways and transit, by 2030;

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that existing local, state, and federal revenue is maintained and enhanced to address the region's transportation funding needs;

**WHEREAS**, the Ada County Highway District is seeking voter approval to reauthorize the county's local option registration fee program on November 4, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting \$8 million in revenue will be used to fight congestion through enhanced signal timing, new signals at stop-controlled intersections and widened intersections and increase safe routes to schools by adding sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian crosswalks on key routes in Ada County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the COMPASS Board of Directors endorses and recommends voter approval for renewal of the Ada County Highway District's local option registration fee program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption by the COMPASS Board of Directors.

*Dated this 20th day of October 2008.*

**APPROVED:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*John Franden, Chair*  
*Community Planning Association Board*

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director*  
*Community Planning Association*

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# COMPASS BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM IV-B

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2008



**COMPASS**  
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION  
of Southwest Idaho

## **Topic:** *FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (Mirroring)*

### **Summary:**

The COMPASS Board approved the FY2009-2013 Regional Transportation Improvement Program on August 18, 2008. Since then, COMPASS and Idaho Transportation Department staff compared the regional and state programs for consistency, as federal regulation states the two programs must match, a process called mirroring. Many changes were made to the local and state programs, most of which were very minor, such as breaking amounts into different categories without changing the total funding amount, changing the local match rate, or clarifying language. However, there were also numerous projects with more substantial changes, and some projects were not included in the draft document. Details of the proposed changes can be viewed on Attachment 1.

### **Staff Recommendation/Request:**

COMPASS staff recommends approval of the mirroring changes to the FY2009-2013 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. The Regional Technical Advisory Committee recommended Board approval on September 24, 2008.

### **Implication (policy and/or financial):**

Without approval of the proposed minor changes, federal agencies will not approve the FY2009-2013 Statewide or Regional Transportation Improvement Programs. The FY2008-2012 program will remain in place until the state and regional programs mirror.

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### **Highlights:**

Details of the proposed changes are listed on Attachment 1, with more substantial changes highlighted in gray. No further public involvement is needed on these projects, even if the project was not included in the draft, because the projects fall into the following categories:

- Congestion mitigation project added with public involvement through an amendment to the FY2008-2012 program
- Delay from FY2008
- GARVEE
- Safety
- Transit

In most cases, these projects are considered "group" projects and do not need to go through additional public involvement. In other cases, such as GARVEE and congestion mitigation, the projects were already included through other means.

### **More Information:**

- 1) Attachment – Mirroring Changes
- 2) For detailed information contact: Toni Tisdale, Principal Planner, 855-2558, extension 228, or email [ttisdale@compassidaho.org](mailto:ttisdale@compassidaho.org).

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## Mirroring Changes

## FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

<b>Key Number</b>	<b>TIP Project Description</b>	<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>STIP</b>	<b>TIP</b>	<b>Comments</b>
09437	Historic Warm Springs Boulevard Landscape	STP-E	CN Year – 2010 ROW – 30 CE – 40 CN – 233	CN Year – 2009 CE – 40 CN – 233	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Project year moved from 2009 to 2010. ROW added. 2009 CE and CN funding moved to 2010 CE and CN, respectively. Total project funding increased from \$273,000 to \$303,000.
09438	Caldwell Biking – Walking Trail System	Enhancement	PD CE – 20 CN 137	Not included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Project was delayed in 2008. Project was added to preliminary development until Enhancement funds become available.
09480	US 20/26, Ridenbaugh Canal to Junction I-84	Restoration	CN Year – 2010 2011 CE – 150 CN – 940	CN Year – 2011 2010 CE – 150 CN – 940	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Project year moved from 2010 to 2011. 2010 CE and CN funding moved to 2011 CE and CN, respectively. No change in total funding amounts.
09500	I-84, FY2009 District Wide Pavement Striping	Safety – Statewide	Local % - 0.0%	Local % - 7.73%	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>
09507	Rideshare, ACHD's Rideshare Program, Ada County – FY2009	STP-TMA	Local % - 7.34%	Local % - 0.0%	<b>Change to match TIP.</b>
09513	Intersection of Cemetery Road and SH 44, Middleton	STP-U	2009 ROW - 200 CN – 720	2009 ROW – 200 CN – 700	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change CN amounts in TIP. Total project funding increased from \$920,000 to \$940,000. Change in project description, deleting "Advance construction beginning in 2008 with payback through 2009."
09516	Rideshare, ACHD's Rideshare Program, Canyon County – FY2009	STP-U	Local % - 7.34%	Local % - 0.0%	<b>Change to match TIP.</b>
09634	Stroebel Road Railroad Crossing near Kuna	Safety – SAFETEA-LU Rail	2009 CE – 0 CN – 350	2009 CE – 40 CN – 250	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change CE/CN amounts in TIP. Total project funding increased from \$290,000 to \$350,000.
09815	I-84, Ten Mile Interchange	FY2008 GARVEE	<del>Not included</del> 2009 ROW – 14,373 UT – 1,000	2009 ROW – 18,700	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change ROW/CN amounts in TIP. Total project funding decreased from \$18,700,000 to \$15,373,000. Change in project description, deleting "Advance construction beginning in 2008 with payback through 2009."
09817	I-84, Orchard Interchange	FY2009 GARVEE	2009 ROW – 2,639 UT – 20 CE – 5,991 CN – 33,282	2009 ROW – 2,659 UT – 0 CE – 5,991 CN – 33,282	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change ROW/UT amounts in TIP. No change in total funding amounts. Change in project description, deleting "Funding and projects shown beyond FY2008 are pending, subject to further review and annual approval from the Idaho Legislature."
09817	I-84, Orchard Interchange	FY2006/2007 GARVEE	2009 PEC – (245) UT – 40 CN – 205	Not Included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>

<b>Key Number</b>	<b>TIP Project Description</b>	<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>STIP</b>	<b>TIP</b>	<b>Comments</b>
09817	I-84, Orchard Interchange	FY2008 GARVEE	2009 ROW – 1,247 CE – 25	Not Included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>
09818	I-84, Vista Interchange	Future GARVEE			Change in project description; change "Funding and projects shown beyond <del>FY2008</del> FY2009..."
09818	I-84, Vista Interchange	FY2008 GARVEE	2009 PEC – (25) <del>ROW – 1,824</del> ROW – 2,002	Not Included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>
09819	I-84, Cole Road to Orchard Widening	Future GARVEE			Change in project description; change "Funding and projects shown beyond <del>FY2008</del> FY2009..."
09819	I-84, Cole Road to Orchard Widening	FY2008 GARVEE	2009 PEC – (40)	Not Included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>
09820	I-84, Orchard Street to Vista Avenue Widening	Future GARVEE			Change in project description; change "Funding and projects shown beyond <del>FY2008</del> FY2009..."
09820	I-84, Orchard Street to Vista Avenue Widening	FY2006/2007 GARVEE	Not Included	PEC – 500	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> (Remove project)
09823	I-84, Vista Avenue to Broadway Avenue Widening	Future GARVEE			Change in project description; change "Funding and projects shown beyond <del>FY2008</del> FY2009..."
09823	I-84, Vista Avenue to Broadway Avenue Widening	FY2008 GARVEE	2009 PEC – 40	Not Included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>
09998	Cloverdale Road Railroad Crossing, Near Kuna	Safety – SAFETEA-LU Rail	2009 CN – 300	Not included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Project was delayed from 2008 to 2009.
10459	I-84, Garrity Interchange to Meridian Interchange, Design Phase	FY2006/2007 GARVEE	2009 PEC – (686) ROW – 104	Not included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>
10459	I-84, Garrity Interchange to Meridian Interchange, Design Phase	FY2008 GARVEE	2009 PEC – 97 ROW – 612	Not included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>
10476	Replace Ten (10) Traffic Signal Controllers, Franklin Road	CMAQ	2009 CN – 205 Local % - 14.29%	2009 CN – 158 Local % - 13.90%	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change CN amounts in TIP. Change local percentage in STIP. Total project funding increased from \$158,000 to \$205,000.
10488	Pioneer Corridor Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements	STP-E	Local % - 0.00%	Local % - 9.91%	<b>Change to match TIP.</b>
10522	US 20/26 Intersection with Linder Road	Safety – Statewide	Not Included	CN – 336	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> (Remove project)
10538	Rideshare, ACHD's Rideshare Program, Canyon County, FY2011	STP-U	Local % - 7.34%	Local % - 0.0%	<b>Change to match TIP.</b>
10541	Amity Road, Chestnut Street to Kings Corner	High Priority – SAFETEA- LU	Local % -20% 2011 RO – 1,190 UT – 1,000 <del>CN – 8,200</del> CN – 6,731	Local % - 20.00% PD RW – 1,190 UT – 1,000 <del>CN – 8,200</del> CN – 6,731	<b>Change to STIP and TIP.</b> New match ruling in the SAFETEA-LU corrections bill – reduce from 20% match to 7.34% match. Change amounts in both TIP and STIP because of the reduction in required match rate. Move available funds in STIP to PD.

<i>Key Number</i>	<i>TIP Project Description</i>	<i>Fund Source</i>	<i>STIP</i>	<i>TIP</i>	<i>Comments</i>
10802	Transit – Capital Enhancement Fuel Island – FY2009	FTA 5307	2009 CN – 938	2009 CN – 740 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match. Change in project description, adding “in the Boise Urbanized Area.”
10803	Transit – Capital Vehicle – FY2009	FTA 5307	2009 CN – 145	2009 CN - 120 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match for transit projects.
10804	Transit – Planning – FY2009	FTA 5307	2009 CN – 397	2009 CN – 317 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match for transit projects.
10805	Transit – Demand Response Operations – FY2009	FTA 5317	2009 CN – 1,688	2009 CN – 1,334 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match for transit projects.
10806	Transit – Demand Response Operations – FY2009	FTA 5307	2009 CN – 352	2009 CN – 281 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match for transit projects.
10807	Transit – Facility Construction (176 and 652) – FY2007	FTA 5309	Not Included	CN – 2,284 (fed)	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> Change in project description, adding “in the Boise Urbanized Area.”
10808	Transit – Facility Construction (176 and 652) – FY2008	FTA 5309	Not Included	CN – 2,478 (fed)	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> Change in project description, adding “in the Boise Urbanized Area. Carryover funds from FY2008.”
10809	Transit – Facility Construction (176 and 652) – FY2009	FTA 5309			Change in project description, adding “in the Boise Urbanized Area.”
10813	Transit – Capital and Safety and Security – FY2009	FTA 5309	2009 CN – 57	2009 CN – 45 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match for transit projects. Change in project description, adding “in the Nampa Urbanized Area.”
10814	Transit – Capital Lease – FY2009	FTA 5307	2009 CN – 351	2009 CN – 291 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match for transit projects.
10815	Transit – Demand Response Operations FY2009	FTA 5307	2009 CN – 110	2009 CN – 88 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match for transit projects.
10816	Transit – Fixed Line Operations – FY2009	FTA 5307	2009 CN – 640	2009 CN – 320 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match for transit projects.
10817	Transit – Planning – FY2009	FTA 5307	2009 CN – 125	2009 CN – 100 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match for transit projects.
10818	Transit – Preventive Maintenance – FY2009	FTA 5307	2009 CN – 412	2009 CN – 329 fed	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> STIP should not show match for transit projects.
10915	I-84, Garrity Interchange	Future GARVEE			Change in project description; change “Funding and projects shown beyond <del>FY2008</del> FY2009...”
10915	I-84, Garrity Interchange	FY2006/2007 GARVEE	2009 <del>CN – 1,570</del> PEC – 1,570	2009 CN – 300	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change in funding source from FY2008 GARVEE to FY2006/2007 GARVEE. Change CN amount in TIP. Total project funding increased from \$300,000 to \$1,570,000.
10916	I-84, Garrity Interchange to Franklin Interchange	Future GARVEE			Change in project description; change “Funding and projects shown beyond <del>FY2008</del> FY2009...”
10916	I-84, Garrity Interchange to Franklin Interchange	FY2008 GARVEE	2009 PEC – 3,470 ROW – 2,500	2009 PEC – 5,000 ROW – 2,500	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change PEC amount in TIP. Total project funding decreased from \$7,500,000 to \$5,970,000.
10940	I-84, Franklin Boulevard Overpass Rebuild	FY2008 GARVEE	2009 CN – 3,608	2009 CE – 721 CN – 4,008	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change CE/CN amount in TIP. Total project funding decreased from \$4,729,000 to \$3,608,000.
11007	I-84, Robinson Road and Black Cat Road Bridge Reconstruction (10459)	FY2006/2007 GARVEE	2009 CE – 898 CN – 1,036	2009 CE – 1,774 CN – 270	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change CE/CN amounts in TIP. Total project funding decreased from \$2,044,000 to \$1,934,000.

<b>Key Number</b>	<b>TIP Project Description</b>	<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>STIP</b>	<b>TIP</b>	<b>Comments</b>
11007	I-84, Robinson Road and Black Cat Road Bridge Reconstruction (10459)	FY2008 GARVEE	2009 ROW – 118 UT – 160 CN – 8,929	2009 ROW – 0 UT – 0 CN – 9,274	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change ROW/UT/CN amounts in TIP. Total project funding decreased from \$9,274,000 to \$9,207,000.
11045	I-84, Regina to Cleft	Pavement Preservation	Local % - 0.0%	Local % - 7.73%	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change in local percentage in STIP.
11066	Rideshare, ACHD's Rideshare Program, Ada County, FY2011	STP-TMA	Local % - 7.34%	Local % - 0.0%	<b>Change to match TIP.</b>
11234	Rideshare, ACHD's Rideshare Program, Canyon County, FY2012	STP-U	Local % - 7.34%	Local % - 0.0%	<b>Change to match TIP.</b>
11235	Rideshare, ACHD's Rideshare Program, Canyon County, FY2013	STP-U	Local % - 7.34%	Local % - 0.0%	<b>Change to match TIP.</b>
11236	SH 16, SH 44 (State Street) to US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard) River Crossing	Future GARVEE	2010 PE – 50 PEC – 1,951 ROW – 17,352 2011 CE – 7,425 CN – 66,748	2010 PE – 50 PEC – 1,951 ROW – 17,352 2011 CE – 7,425 CN – 66,825	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change CN amount in TIP. Total project funding decreased from \$93,603,000 to \$93,526,000. Change in project description; change "Funding and projects shown beyond <del>FY2008</del> FY2009..."
11236	SH 16, SH 44 (State Street) to US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard) River Crossing	FY2008 GARVEE	2009 PEC – 1,590	Not Included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>
11349	Transit – Vans, Park and Ride, and Facility – FY2008	FTA 5309	Not Included	CN - 614	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> Change in project description, adding "in the Boise Urbanized Area."
11350	Transit – Boise State University Maintenance Facility – FY2008	FTA 5309	Not included	Not included	<b>Change to TIP and STIP.</b> Carryover project from FY2008. (Total = \$872,500, federal - \$698,000)
11351	Transit – Vehicles, Facility Upgrade, Equipment – FY2008	FTA 5309	Not included	Not included	<b>Change to TIP and STIP.</b> Carryover project from FY2008. (Total = \$746,379, federal - \$613,300)
11362	Transit – Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) – FY2007	FTA 5316	Not included	Not included 2009 CN – 92 (fed)	<b>Change to TIP and STIP.</b> Add project as shown in TIP column. These are carryover funds from FY2007.
11363	Transit – New Freedom Initiative – FY2007	FTA 5317	Not included	Not included 2009 CN – 58	<b>Change to TIP and STIP.</b> Add project as shown in TIP column. These are carryover funds from FY2007.
11364	Transit – Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) – FY2008 and FY2009	FTA 5316 Large Urban	CN – 118	<del>CN – 280</del> CN – 217 (fed)	<b>Change to TIP and STIP</b> Change project as shown in TIP column. Change in project description, adding "in the Boise Urbanized Area."
11365	Transit – New Freedoms Initiative – FY2008 and FY2009	FTA 5317 Large Urban	CN – 136	<del>CN – 167</del> CN – 115 (fed)	<b>Change to TIP and STIP</b> Change project as shown in TIP column. Change in project description, adding "in the Boise Urbanized Area."
11366	Transit – Capital, Safety and Security – FY2010	FTA 5307			Change in project description, adding "in the Nampa Urbanized Area."
11372	Transit – Capital, Safety and Security – FY2011	FTA 5307			Change in project description, adding "in the Nampa Urbanized Area."
11378	Transit – Enhancement, Safety and Security – FY2010	FTA 5307			Change in project description, adding, "in the Boise Urbanized Area."

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11383	Transit – Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) – FY2010	FTA 5316 Large Urban	2010 CN – 121 fed	2010 CN – 136 fed	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> STIP shows only federal portion. Total amount will be decreased also. Change in project description, adding “in the Boise Urbanized Area.”
11384	Transit – New Freedoms Initiative – FY2010	FTA 5317 Large Urban	2010 CN – 70 fed	2010 CN – 79 fed	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> STIP shows only federal portion. Total amount will be decreased also. Change in project description, adding “in the Boise Urbanized Area.”
11385	Transit – Enhancement, Safety and Security – FY2011	FTA 5307			Change in project description, adding “in the Boise Urbanized Area.”
11390	Transit – Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) – FY2011	FTA 5316 Large Urban	2011 CN – 125 fed	2011 CN – 141 fed	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change in project description, adding “in the Boise Urbanized Area.”
11391	Transit – New Freedoms Initiative – FY2011	FTA 5317 Large Urban	2011 CN – 72 fed	2011 CN – 81 fed	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Change in project description, adding “in the Boise Urbanized Area.”
11392	Transit – Facility Construction (176 and 652) – FY2006 (PT02)	FTA 5309	Not included	2009 CN – 1,794 (fed)	<b>Change to match TIP.</b> Change in project description, adding “in the Boise Urbanized Area.”
11489	I-84, Garrity Road Interchange to Ten Mile Road, Reconstruction	FY2008 GARVEE	2009 <del>CE – 2,134</del> <del>CN – 33,957</del> CE – 2,850 CN – 33,957	2009 CE – 4,680 CN – 12,611	<b>Change to match the STIP.</b> Change CE/CN amounts in TIP. Total project funding increased from \$17,291,000 to <del>\$36,088,000</del> \$36,807,000. Change in project description, deleting “Funding and projects beyond FY2008 are pending, subject to further review and annual approval from the Idaho Legislature.”
11500	Boise School District SR2S FY2008	Safety – Statewide	2009 CN - 25	Not included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>
11501	Nampa Regan Elementary SR2S, FY2008	Safety – Statewide	2009 CN – 5	Not included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>
<del>9902</del> 11543	Phase 1 Vapor Recovery System Program	CMAQ	Not included	Not included	<b>Change in TIP and STIP.</b> Project was added to the FY2008-2012 TIP through Amendment on September 15, 2008.
H3050	US95, Wilder to Parma	Pavement Preservation	CN Year - 2010 2010 CE – 0 CN – 0 2012 CE – 205 CN – 2,050	CN Year - 2010 2010 CE – 205 CN – 2,050 2012 CE – 0 CN – 0	<b>Change to match STIP.</b> Project year moved from 2010 to 2012. 2010 CE and CN funding moved to 2012 CE and CN, respectively. No change total funding amounts.
H3380	Rideshare, ACHD’s Rideshare Program, Ada County, FY2013	STP-TMA	Local % - 7.34%	Local % - 0.0%	<b>Change to match TIP.</b>
<del>H3390</del> 11581	Federal Aid Overlay Arterials and Collectors – FY2013	STP-TMA	Local % - 20%	Local % - 7.34%	<b>Change to match TIP.</b>
<del>H3520</del> 11590	Metropolitan Planning – FY2013	Other Federal	Local % - 20%	Local % - 7.34%	<b>Change to match TIP.</b>
H3530	Cherry Lane Railroad Crossing, Nampa	Safety – SAFETEA-LU Rail	2010 PE – 10 2011 CN – 380	Not included	<b>Change to match STIP.</b>

<i>Key Number</i>	<i>TIP Project Description</i>	<i>Fund Source</i>	<i>STIP</i>	<i>TIP</i>	<i>Comments</i>
NEW	Transit – Treasure Valley, Idaho Transit Facilities – FY2008	FTA 5309	Not included	2009 CN – 360	<b><i>Change to match TIP.</i></b> Project was awarded in 2008 with funds carried over to 2009.
TMA10	Federal Aid Overlay Arterials and Collectors – PD	STP-TMA			Add a zero to the end of the key number.
TMA30	Rideshare, ACHD's Rideshare Program, Ada County, PD	STP-TMA	Local % - 7.34%	Local % - 0.0%	<b><i>Change to match TIP.</i></b>
<del>XXX03</del> T3010	Transit – Vans – FY2009	FTA 5309	2009 CN – 1,314 (fed)	2009 CN – 985 (fed)	<b><i>Change to match STIP.</i></b>
<del>XXX02</del> T3020	Transit – Paratransit Buses – FY2009	FTA 5309	2009 CN – 466 (fed)	2009 CN – 370 (fed)	<b><i>Change to match STIP.</i></b>
T305- T331	Various	FTA 5307			<b><i>Duplicate projects DELETE from STIP.</i></b>

PE = Preliminary Engineering  
PEC = Preliminary Engineering Consultant  
ROW = Right-of-Way  
UT = Utilities

CE = Construction Engineering  
CN = Construction  
NAC = Northern Ada County  
NUA = Nampa Urbanized Area

SR2S = Safe Routes to Schools  
ACHD = Ada County Highway District

Gray shading = substantial change from the Draft TIP

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# COMPASS BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM IV-C

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2008



## **Topic: Approve Transportation Impact Study Recommended Practices**

### **Summary:**

Since 2006, there has been discussion about the need to improve the quality of transportation impact studies (TISs). The Board held a workshop in December 2006, concluding that the current practices were inadequate. In late 2007, the Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) authorized a work group to focus on this topic. That group met several times and provided guidance on the preparation of the report.

The report was reviewed and endorsed by RTAC in August 2008, with the specific recommendation that COMPASS provide staff time to disseminate the report and work toward adoption of the practices by local governments.

### **Staff Recommendation/Request:**

Approval of the attached recommended practices from the report "Transportation Impact Studies Recommended Practices (Report No. 17-2008)" for transmittal to local agencies. The full report can be viewed at:

[http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/specialprojects/TIS\\_%20SEPT2008.pdf](http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/specialprojects/TIS_%20SEPT2008.pdf)  
(2.44MB)

### **Implication (policy and/or financial):**

- Improvement in TISs will allow for better overall consideration of access management and corridor preservation needs.
- Traffic issues between communities and transportation agencies can be better addressed.
- Development impacts can be better tied to mitigation and funding.
- Staff time will be needed to follow up with local governments. The amount of time would depend on local agency needs and would come under our existing Task 701, budgeted at 233 workdays.

### **Highlights:**

The report provides much useful information, but the essentials are the recommended practices shown on pages 2-4 extracted from the full report. There are three key needs to improve the quality of TISs:

- Better definition of the area of influence and the agencies that should be part of the TIS process from the beginning.
- Establishment of a scope of work as a "contract" with the consultant before any TIS commences.
- Implementation of a cumulative development that would better address the potential effects of growth on the transportation system.

There is also a strong recommendation that TISs be prepared and stamped by licensed professional engineers.

### **More Information:**

- 1) Attachment – Executive Summary
- 2) For detailed information contact: Charles Trainor, Director of Planning at 855-2558 ext. 232 or [ctrainor@compassidaho.org](mailto:ctrainor@compassidaho.org).

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# Transportation Impact Studies Recommended Practices

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Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho

Report Number 17-2008

## Foreword

Transportation impact studies (TISs) are evaluations of land use actions in terms of transportation issues and needs. How many trips would be generated and where would they go? How will traffic affect roads? What are the opportunities for alternative modes—walking, biking and transit? Will increased road capacity be needed? What about new or improved traffic signals, changes in access? Who should pay for improvements?

Land use actions can include development applications, comprehensive plan changes, rezones, or any other change that can alter travel demand and patterns. Based on well-prepared TISs, agencies can make informed decisions about needed improvements, service changes, and financing.

This report is based on discussions starting in late 2006 with the local and state agencies in Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho. Most of these agencies are members of Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS), the metropolitan planning organization for the two-county region. Staff and elected officials expressed concern that the TISs were sometimes deficient in evaluating the total scope of transportation demand or that agencies were often unaware of TISs for more regionally critical land use actions. Some agencies voiced concern that, when the TISs were put out for comment, key agencies failed to comment. As the region becomes more metropolitan, consideration of the transportation effects of larger, more complex land use changes is critical.

The Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) of COMPASS, and a subgroup of RTAC, titled the Work Group, discussed TIS issues. This report is based on these discussions. The intent of this document is to lay out strategies that could improve the way TISs are done. However, this report is not prescriptive: there is no implication that member agencies' TIS policies or ordinances must adhere to these strategies. Nor should it be inferred that this report constrains agencies from adopting additional changes to TIS policies. Agencies need to determine their own needs and resulting strategies based on local conditions and resources. So the recommendations contained in this report can be seen as basic measures, with each agency encouraged to provide other TIS specifications beyond these measures.

For those agencies interested in improving their TIS policies, there are many valuable resources available for further research. These are listed under the References section. Two of the more important resources that are quoted frequently in this report are:

- *Best Practices for Traffic Impact Studies: Final Report. SPR 614.* Prepared for the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. June 2006.
- *Transportation Impact Analyses for Site Development.* Institute of Transportation Engineers. Publication No. RP-020C. 2006.

Agencies looking to improve the process should not be intimidated by the seeming complexity of this report. Three key changes would serve to remedy many of the basic issues seen today:

1. Use an “area of influence” approach to establish the study area and the agencies to be involved.
2. Require a scoping session before any study commences.
3. Require the analysis be based on a “cumulative development” approach.

## Executive Summary

The following are extracts of the “recommended practices” from each section.

### Qualifications for TIS Preparer

- Specify a registered professional engineer (P.E.) in Idaho and a stamp of the final TIS.
- Encourage further qualifications such as Professional Traffic Operations Engineer.

### Ownership/Client Responsibility

- Require a professional engineer prepare the TIS to provide protection of the public interest within the prevalent practice of consultant engineers being retained by the developers.
- Ensure the issues identified in the scoping are thoroughly reviewed in the final document.

### Area of Influence

- There are several methods to establish the area of influence or study area. Agency policies should establish a variety of criteria, using simple measures such as the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) table for smaller projects. Larger, more complex projects should be subject to a negotiated area.
- The area of influence is more likely to be an “amoeba” rather than a circle. Desire lines for travel are not symmetrical around a development. Use of a travel demand model to establish an area of influence would be desirable.
- For smaller projects, the size of the area of influence could be indicated by average trip lengths generated by a travel demand model.
- The area of influence should provide the basis for involving transportation and land use agencies in subsequent negotiations regarding the final study area, scope of work, and review of the TIS.
- The final determination of the study area should incorporate any congested corridors or facilities and intersections in proximity to the area of influence. This would be established during the negotiation.

### Development of Thresholds

- Include conditions under which a TIS may be required for major future land use map changes in comprehensive/master plans, creation of special districts, access permits, conditional use permits and other types of actions which can affect transportation.
- Provide guidance in the policy or ordinance as to when a TIS requirement may be waived or enforced whether the defined thresholds have been met or not. Examples would include highly congested or constrained intersections, sensitive land uses, or safety issues.
- Incorporate an appeal process for the decision to waive or require a TIS.
- Adopt common thresholds for TIS based on rural, suburban and urban typologies.

### Establishing a Scoping and Review Process

- Include in the TIS ordinance/policy language to involve appropriate agencies as indicated by an Area of Influence evaluation or other mechanism to identify the affected agencies. Language should specify a time limit for agencies to respond with extensions for very large, complex projects.

- Specify that these agencies will be involved in scoping and reviewing the TIS under the lead of the land use or transportation agency having authority over development approval.
- In many cases, poor coordination can be improved by increased communication between agencies.
- Include provisions in the ordinance/policy to require a scoping prior to the conduct of the TIS.
- The scope can only be amended upon approval by the lead agency. An appeal process should be specified to allow modifications or waivers.
- Include multi-modal considerations as part of the scope.

### **Table of Contents**

- Include in the agency’s policy a requirement for an initial table of contents or outline and a list of figures. A suggested outline modeled after the ITE or ITD examples could be included in the policy.
- Include in the agency’s policy a requirement that the table of contents list specific figures and tables. A suggested list modeled after the ITE report could be included as an example or starting point.
- Incorporate the need to discuss additional needed evaluations or potentially superfluous evaluations as part of the initial scoping session.
- The resulting product should be part of the scoping agreement and constitute the order of the final TIS.

### **Cumulative Development**

- The need for a cumulative development analysis should be explicit in the policy or ordinance.
- The source for the cumulative development data may be COMPASS or another recognized source such as a local government agency with land use authority. The cumulative data source needs to be identified and approved during the scoping session.
- A cumulative development analysis would comprise an analysis of the future base growth (existing plus approved development) without the development proposal and an analysis with the development proposal.
- Any variations in the approach should be discussed and subject to written agreement.
- The policy should stipulate that a TIS should include “background” traffic from previously completed TISs in the vicinity of the project unless the proposed project(s) connected to the TIS(s) were denied.

### **Forecasting**

- The selection of the forecasting method should be determined during the scoping session.
- The growth trend method should be considered only on roads with minimal volume.

### **Other Issues**

- Incorporate specific evaluation of alternatives into the policy. The extent of the analyses should be determined as part of the scoping process.
- Include safety evaluations into the policy. The evaluations should address vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle issues, as appropriate.
- Specify that only projects and services programmed (budgeted) for construction or implementation can be assumed for purposes of the TIS capacity analysis. The period of time for programmed improvements may range up to five years. Planned projects included in the regional long-range transportation plan (e.g., Communities in *Motion*) or in local transportation plans may be included for informational purposes, but not for capacity analysis.

- Require truck traffic analyses. The extent of such analyses should be subject to the scoping process.

#### **Documentation of Assumptions and Data**

- Assumptions must be part of the scoping process. All assumptions must be detailed and specified as to source and date, specifically including programmed transportation improvements.
- Traffic counts, turning movements, and other evaluations should be provided as technical appendices to the main report.
- Failure to document assumptions and data should be noted as grounds for rejection of the TIS.

#### **Public Document**

- Identification of confidential or proprietary information must be disclosed during the scoping meeting and made part of the scope in advance of any study or finding. It should be explicitly stated in the policy that the burden of proof for withholding information for reasons of confidentiality is on the applicant.
- No information should be withheld that is related to the determination of the need for mitigation.

#### **Level of Service**

- Clearly specify the acceptable levels of service (LOS) for the transportation elements. If variable LOS, these need to be clearly tied to each roadway type and area.
- Specify that mitigation measures must bring LOS within acceptable standards using measures consistent with local and state plans.
- When multiple agencies have jurisdiction over the transportation facilities within the study area of a TIS, there needs to be some recognition in the policy and/or scoping as to what LOS shall be applied.
- Use of corridor planning LOS analyses should be considered in place of more detailed intersection LOS, particularly when evaluating long-term implications of the proposed development.

#### **Publication/Library**

- Include in policy or ordinance that draft and final copies of TISs be provided in accessible PDF to allow easier review and comment. Provision should be made that the original TIS document from the consultant remain with the lead agency as the “official” document and that no changes not authorized by the consultant be made to that document.
- Stipulate in policy or ordinance that TISs must include all technical materials such as documentation for assumptions, proposed development information, site maps, etc.
- Consider use of shape files to delineate the study boundaries of the TISs. The shape files should be produced by the consultant as one of the deliverables.

# COMPASS BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM V-A

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2008



**COMPASS**  
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION  
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## **Topic: Review Transportation Financial Data Report**

### **Summary:**

The Transportation Financial Report was compiled from information provided by regional transportation agencies. Some highlights are shown in the attachment, and a full copy of the report can be viewed at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/specialprojects.htm>.

This reporting is consistent with Objective 1.5 in *Communities in Motion* that calls for maximizing funding for transportation: Objective 1.2 calls for maintenance of the existing infrastructure and tracking maintenance and Objective 4.4 established the need to make annual reports on progress and activities.

Staff will continue to expand and refine the information as it becomes available. The information is intended to help citizens understand funding issues related to transportation and prioritization of projects. The information should also be useful in educating elected officials and citizens about the financial needs of transportation in the region.

### **Staff Recommendation/Request:**

No action is requested at this time.

### **Implication (policy and/or financial):**

Tying the financial resources to maintenance, operating and capital needs is a fundamental requirement in transportation planning. Both the long-range regional transportation plan and the annual transportation improvement program must be financially constrained. Volatility in transportation construction costs since 2003, the run-up in oil prices (even with the recent drop), and the instability in the national economy make financial evaluations even more critical.

The information will be put out as one of the first products in the update to *Communities in Motion*.

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### **Highlights:**

Highlights are shown on the attached page. The full draft document can be viewed at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/specialprojects.htm>.

### **More Information:**

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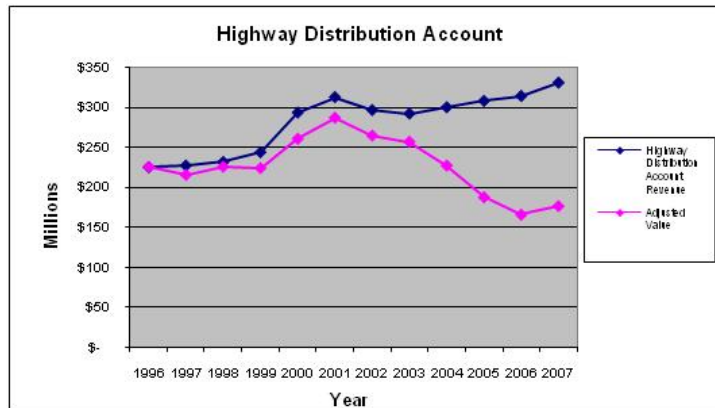
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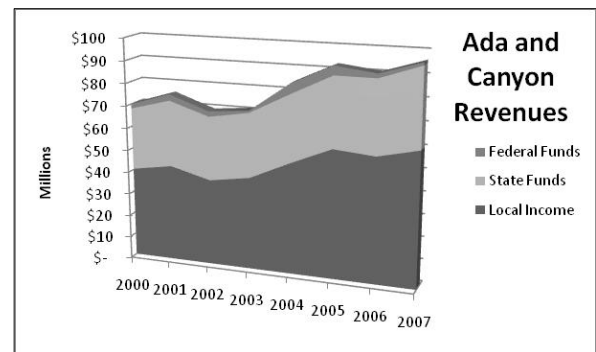
## Highlights from the Transportation Financial Report: September 2008

- The Highway Distribution Account (HDA) depends on a 25 cents per gallon fuel tax for most of its revenue, and the tax has not changed since 1996. Based on transportation cost inflation in six western states and nationally, the actual revenue has lost \$154 million in purchasing power compared to 1996. Some relief was seen in 2007.

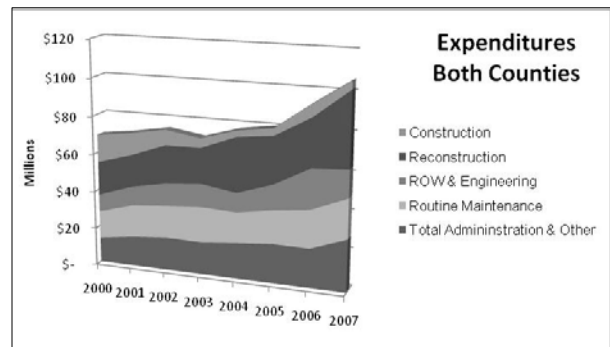


- The Idaho Transportation Department relies on HDA and federal funds for 96% of its budget. The federal tax was last increased in 1993, so even more of its purchasing power has been eroded. ITD has increased its reliance on federal funds, and the federal trust fund is nearly bankrupt. Full funding of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Effective Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) is impossible without an increase in the federal gas tax.

- Local funds accounted for 67% and 49% of agency budgets in Ada and Canyon, respectively. State funds accounted for 31% and 51% of Ada and Canyon County's total revenues. With a higher reliance on HDA, Canyon is more exposed to inflation losses. Property taxes constituted 57% of Ada's local revenue and 71% of Canyon's. Property taxes are somewhat sensitive to inflation and are the most stable local revenue source. The impact fee used by Ada County can be adjusted for inflation at a local level. On the flip side, impact fees can fluctuate greatly dependent on markets.



- Construction of new roads with public funds has declined since 2000, when 21% of the regional expenses were for new construction. In 2007 that share dropped to just 4%. Reconstruction, however, increased from 26% in 2000 to 37% in 2007.



- While the revenue increase seems dramatic, the inflation in 2000-2007 was 67%.

- In a group of "peer cities" reporting their transit data to the National Transit Database, the average operating dollars per resident was nearly \$86, compared to our region with \$27. High performance areas such as Salt Lake, Eugene OR and Tucson AZ spent as much as \$130 per resident. Trips per resident averaged 24 for the peer group, with our region at 4 trips per resident. Very high performance areas such as Eugene OR and Austin TX had 42 and 36 trips per resident. The correlation between the amount of service and ridership is very strong.

## SEPTEMBER - STAFF ACTIVITY REPORT

<b>PROGRAM NO.</b>	
<b>601</b>	<p><b>UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET, DEVELOPMENT, TRACKING AND FEDERAL ASSURANCES</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>JEANNE URLEZAGA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Processed and tracked revenue and expenditures associated with the FY2008 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget.</li> </ul>
<b>610</b>	<p><b>SH 44 CORRIDOR PRESERVATION STUDY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>DON MATSON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued consultant work on various tasks in the study. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) progressing following FHWA review of the Screening Methodology and Criteria report.</li> </ul>
<b>611</b>	<p><b>US 20/26 CORRIDOR PRESERVATION STUDY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>DON MATSON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised draft Access Management Plan and presented to Corridor Preservation Committee (CPC). Further comments were received and Committee reached consensus on the content and structure of the document.</li> <li>Consultant continued work on various tasks not affected by delays in the screening methodology report.</li> </ul>
<b>620</b>	<p><b>GROWTH AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MONITORING</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARL MILLER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented 2008 Performance Monitoring Report to RTAC.</li> <li>Collected preliminary and final plat data from member agencies.</li> </ul>
<b>631</b>	<p><b>TREASURE VALLEY HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT STUDY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CHARLES TRAINOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiated an Environmental Assessment process based on a phone conference with the Federal Transit Administration.</li> <li>Continued evaluation of operating issues and costs related to a dual center concept.</li> </ul>
<b>647</b>	<p><b>REGIONAL GROWTH ISSUES AND OPTIONS</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARL MILLER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued development of GIS layers and calibration of UPlan land use model.</li> <li>Continued compilation of the Community Preference Report.</li> <li>Acquired demographic and employment data.</li> <li>Presented population forecasting methods to DAC.</li> </ul>
<b>653</b>	<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>TERRI SCHORZMAN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated website, developed news releases, worked and tracked media.</li> <li>Prepared for upcoming Transportation Summit on November 13, 2008, in conjunction with Boise State University.</li> <li>Held COMPASS Jumpstart/Orientation meeting on September 17, 2008.</li> </ul>
<b>655</b>	<p><b>AMPO, TREASURE VALLEY ACCESS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>DON MATSON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project complete – no significant activity this month.</li> </ul>
<b>661</b>	<p><b>COMMUNITIES IN MOTION</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CHARLES TRAINOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued to refine a calendar for the 2010 update.</li> <li>Initiated process for involving environmental agencies in plan process.</li> <li>Began preparation of a Cost of Driving database for future website application.</li> <li>Investigated grant opportunities to expand public outreach during 2010 update.</li> <li>Participated in all day session on Travel Demand Management techniques sponsored by the US Department of Transportation on September 16, 2008.</li> </ul>

<b>PROGRAM NO.</b>	
<b>685</b>	<p><b>TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>TONI TISDALE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in the public meeting for the Amity Road project in Nampa on September 4, 2008.</li> <li>• Hosted the MPO Directors meeting on September 5, 2008.</li> <li>• Met with Valley Regional Transit and the Boise Coordination Group regarding upcoming transit grant opportunities.</li> <li>• Hosted a mandatory coordination meeting for agencies intending to apply for transit grants in FY2009.</li> <li>• Met with ITD staff regarding mirroring issues with the FY2009-2013 TIP.</li> <li>• Participated in the monthly ACHD/ITD project coordination meeting on September 26, 2008.</li> <li>• Met with staff from the City of Caldwell, ITD, and consultants regarding funding issues with the Exit 29 project in Caldwell on September 29, 2008.</li> <li>• Met with City Councils, Transportation Task Forces, or city staff members regarding project applications for the FY2010-2014 TIP from the following agencies: Cities of Boise, Nampa, Parma, and Star.</li> <li>• Finalized documents from the Regional Technical Advisory Committee subcommittee on project prioritization for review by the full committee.</li> <li>• Hosted the Interagency Consultation Committee on September 30, 2008.</li> <li>• Continued research on an internet-based distribution of TIP information for member agencies.</li> <li>• Prepared FY2009-2013 Obligation Report for transmittal.</li> </ul>
<b>687</b>	<p><b>TREASURE VALLEY TRUCK FREIGHT TRAVEL STUDY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MARYANN WALDINGER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued to final Treasure Valley Truck Freight Travel Study reports.</li> <li>• Presented information to the Nampa Chamber Transportation Committee and Transportation Model Advisory Committee.</li> <li>• Continued to develop methodology to integrate data into COMPASS' regional travel demand model.</li> </ul>
<b>692</b>	<p><b>REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING INFORMATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CHARLES TRAINOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued work on draft update to 2007 financial data.</li> <li>• Took draft to the Regional Technical Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>694</b>	<p><b>HIGH VOLUME INTERSECTION STUDY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>DON MATSON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project complete – no activity this month.</li> </ul>
<b>701</b>	<p><b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP SERVICES</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CHARLES TRAINOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided 12 maps and 5 hours of GIS services on 4 requests and 9 orthos to COMPASS members.</li> <li>• Took draft Transportation Impact Studies Recommended Practices document to the Regional Technical Advisory Committee.</li> <li>• Developed information for transit "mobility" meetings.</li> <li>• Found and sent out information regarding possible grant opportunities in which member agencies might have interest.</li> <li>• Met with State Street Corridor team and reviewed the draft Request for Proposals.</li> <li>• Participated in Western Canyon Circulation Plan kickoff meeting.</li> <li>• Provided support to the Blueprint for Good Growth project. Scheduled and hosted meetings in September.</li> </ul>

<b>PROGRAM NO.</b>	
<b>703</b>	<p><b>GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CHARLES TRAINOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided information to the public on demographics, development, funding, and traffic issues.</li> <li>• Provided 1 map and 4 hours of GIS services on 4 requests to the general public.</li> </ul>
<b>705</b>	<p><b>TRANSPORTATION LIAISON SERVICES</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MATT STOLL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee on September 8, 2008 and the Government Affairs Committee on September 25, 2008.</li> <li>• Worked with Idaho Transportation Department-Public Transportation on its Idaho Mobility and Access Pathway outreach.</li> </ul>
<b>733</b>	<p><b>CLEAN CITIES COALITION PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MARYANN WALDINGER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant activity this month.</li> </ul>
<b>751</b>	<p><b>ACHD SPECIAL STUDY SUPPORT</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MARYANN WALDINGER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided additional special model runs for the Northwest Foothills Phase 2 study</li> <li>• Provided addition information to the consultants working on the Kuna Mora Corridor Study</li> </ul>
<b>757</b>	<p><b>REGIONAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION TYPOLOGIES</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CHARLES TRAINOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No activity.</li> </ul>
<b>760</b>	<p><b>LEGISLATIVE SERVICES</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MATT STOLL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in relevant activities in support of Board legislative position statements.</li> <li>• Tracked and reported significant activity in federal and state transportation-related legislative issues.</li> <li>• Attended the Southwest Idaho Legislative Summit sponsored the Idaho Chamber Alliance on September 10, 2008.</li> <li>• Participated in Congressmen Blumenauer and Simpson's infrastructure workshop on September 4, 2008.</li> <li>• Participated in Steering Committee for ACHD Local Option Registration Fee renewal on September 8, 2008.</li> <li>• Attended Governor Office's presentation summarizing transportation conference results and next steps on September 25, 2008.</li> <li>• Participated in Idaho Transportation Coalition meeting regarding statewide transportation funding on September 29, 2008.</li> </ul>
<b>762</b>	<p><b>TRANSIT PERFORMANCE REPORTING</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CHARLES TRAINOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed.</li> </ul>
<b>764</b>	<p><b>LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARL MILLER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued development of graphic design work for the CIM Implementation Guidebook.</li> <li>• Continued review of development applications to determine need for COMPASS comment.</li> </ul>
<b>766</b>	<p><b>BOISE CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CHARLES TRAINOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant activity.</li> </ul>

<b>PROGRAM NO.</b>	
<b>768</b>	<p><b>CITY OF KUNA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>DON MATSON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant activity or requests from the City for assistance.</li> </ul>
<b>770</b>	<p><b>CITY OF MERIDIAN SPECIAL STUDY SUPPORT</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MARYANN WALDINGER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant activity.</li> </ul>
<b>774</b>	<p><b>2010 CENSUS PREPREPARATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARL MILLER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No significant activity.</li> </ul>
<b>801</b>	<p><b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>JEANNE URLEZAGA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the 11<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Transportation Planning for Small and Medium-Sized Communities sponsored by the Transportation Research Board.</li> <li>• Attended a webinar on Linking Transportation Planning and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Decisions, sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials on September 23, 2008.</li> <li>• Researched training opportunity on Conformity Demonstration for two assistant planners.</li> </ul>
<b>820</b>	<p><b>COMMITTEE SUPPORT</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>JEANNE URLEZAGA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided staff support to the COMPASS Board of Directors and standing committees.</li> </ul>
<b>836</b>	<p><b>MODEL MAINTENANCE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MARYANN WALDINGER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued to make improvements to the travel demand forecasting model as identified.</li> <li>• Continued to work with ACHD and consultant on specific model guidelines, protocols and recommendations.</li> <li>• Continued evaluating methods to display traffic count information.</li> <li>• Continued input of 2008 traffic counts into the database.</li> </ul>
<b>842</b>	<p><b>CONGESTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MAINTENANCE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MARYANN WALDINGER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigated grant opportunities to integrate advanced congestion management and tracking equipment into the regional transportation network.</li> <li>• Began work on the 2008 Congestion Management System Report.</li> </ul>
<b>856</b>	<p><b>TRANSPORTATION STUDIES COORDINATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>TONI TISDALE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued an update report regarding current road closures or lane limitations on roads that could be used as an alternate route to the Interstate to the Connecting Idaho Partners and requesting members.</li> </ul>
<b>858</b>	<p><b>TEMPORARY STAFF SUPPORT</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>JEANNE URLEZAGA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No activity this month.</li> </ul>
<b>860</b>	<p><b>GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>ROSS DODGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in the monthly Ada County Special Interest Group and Canyon County Spatial Data Cooperative meetings.</li> <li>• Maintained various regional geographic data layers.</li> <li>• Continued evaluating Network Analyst for connectivity.</li> <li>• Continued the documentation of GIS programs, procedures and data.</li> <li>• Facilitated a regional centerline meeting with member agencies</li> </ul>

<b>PROGRAM NO.</b>	
<b>861</b>	<p><b>ADA COUNTY ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>ROSS DODGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued making progress on the 2010 ortho project.</li> <li>• Participated in the planning of a 2009 National Agriculture Imagery Project (NAIP)</li> <li>• Sold 8 ortho-photography sections.</li> </ul>
<b>960</b>	<p><b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>JEANNE URLEZAGA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued coordination with the IT consultant.</li> <li>• Continued system and software maintenance and updates.</li> </ul>
<b>991</b>	<p><b>SUPPORT SERVICES LABOR</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>JEANNE URLEZAGA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Began year-end preparation for FY2008 annual audit process.</li> <li>• Completed recruitment process for Assistant Transportation Planners, hiring Nathan Dale and Walter Satterfield.</li> <li>• Began recruitment for the Communication Coordinator position.</li> <li>• Conducted FY2008 annual evaluations.</li> <li>• Attended regular staff meetings and prepared monthly status and quarterly variance reports as required.</li> <li>• Oversaw general administration and personnel.</li> </ul>

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Community Planning Association Board of Directors

**FROM:** Don Matson, Principal Planner

**DATE:** October 6, 2008

**RE:** Status Report – Corridor Studies

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

None. Information only.

**BACKGROUND:**

Staff is currently co-managing two corridor studies—State Highway 44 and U.S. Highway 20/26—with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), District Three.

**STATUS:****U.S. 20/26 Corridor Study:**

- COMPASS and ITD staff worked with consultant to complete a revised draft Access Management Plan.
  - The draft plan and report was revised per comments from staff representatives of the Corridor Preservation Committee (CPC) member agencies.
  - The Corridor Preservation Committee met in late September to review the draft. Some comments were received, and there was general consensus on the structure and content of the document. Staff began working to finalize the document and prepare member agencies for adoption and implementation.
- Consultant continued work on several tasks not affected by delays on the screening methodology report.
- In response to the Board's direction at its September 2008 meeting, staff initiated discussions with member agencies regarding interim access management strategies in the corridor.

**S.H. 44 Corridor Study:**

- Consultant continued work on various tasks in the study, including preparations for the next meeting of Participating Agencies.
- Work on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is progressing as planned following FHWA review of the Screening Methodology and Criteria report.

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Community Planning Association Board of Directors  
**FROM:** MaryAnn Waldinger, Principal Planner  
**DATE:** October 6, 2008  
**RE:** Status Report – Current Air Quality Efforts

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

None. Information only.

**BACKGROUND:**

The information below provides an update on Treasure Valley air quality.

**STATUS:**

**AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER AIR QUALITY MONITORING**

- The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality reported 11 days in the Treasure Valley with air quality levels in the moderate category during the month of August 2008.
  - One of the moderate air quality days was attributable to fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) recorded in both Ada County and Canyon County.
  - Ten of the moderate air quality days were attributable to fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) recorded in Canyon County.
  
- The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality reported eight days in the Treasure Valley with air quality levels in the moderate category during the month of September 2008.
  - Eight of the moderate air quality days were attributable to fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) recorded in Canyon County.

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Community Planning Association Board of Directors

**FROM:** Toni Tisdale, Principal Planner

**DATE:** October 6, 2008

**RE:** Status Report – Current Transportation Project Information

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

None. Information only.

**BACKGROUND:**

The information below provides a monthly update on transportation trends, issues, and current project status.

**STATUS:**

Statistics for the airport and public transportation were not available at the time of mail out, mostly due to technical difficulties regarding data compilation. We hope to update all the missing data in the November 2008 packet.

The roadway update is provided on the following page.

## STATUS OF MAJOR PROJECTS

\* Information as of October 7, 2008.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Comments*</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge, Nampa	Nampa	This project is a bridge deck rehabilitation project over the Union Pacific Railroad. Bid opening was delayed to mid-October 2008 in order to accommodate some scope changes. Work will likely begin shortly after November 1, 2008 with completion in February 2009.
Amity Avenue, Nampa	Nampa	This project is a Congressional earmark to widen Amity Road in Nampa. A public meeting was held September 4, 2008 regarding Phase I of the project. A decision on the recommended segment for construction is expected on October 20, 2008. Phase II will include the design of the selected segment and right-of-way acquisition.
Canyon Crossroads Transportation Museum, Melba	Canyon County	<b>Update not available.</b> This Transportation Enhancement project will construct a 3,800 square foot Transportation Museum at Celebration Park in Canyon County. The Plans, Specifications and Estimates package was submitted, and the construction funds are obligated.
Eagle Road Underpass Pathway, Eagle	Eagle	This Transportation Enhancement project will construct 260 feet of multi-use pathway underneath SH-55, North Channel structure, connecting the Greenbelt on the east and west sides of SH-55. The bid opening was held on September 30, 2008.
I-84, Cloverdale Underpass	ITD	This is a bridge rehabilitation project. The concept report is currently being reviewed by ITD staff. Construction is scheduled for FY2011.
I-84, Cole Interchange to Orchard Interchange, Orchard Interchange to Vista Interchange, Vista to Broadway Interchange	ITD	This project rebuilds and widens I-84 from Orchard Interchange to the Broadway Interchange. The Plans, Specifications, and Estimates package is anticipated late in 2008. Advertisement is expected in March 2009, pending additional funding.
I-84, Cole to Broadway Sound walls, Boise	ITD	This project consists of constructing three segments of sound walls, approximately 1.7 miles in length, on the north side of I-84 between the Cole and Broadway Interchanges. The contractor completed most of the work on Segment 2 during September 2008. Because this segment was not complete prior to the stipulated completion date, the contractor will incur liquidated damages. Completion of Segment 2 is anticipated early in October 2008. The contractor is concurrently working on Segments 1 and 3. All of the foundations were completed on Segment 1 in September 2008 with approximately half of the columns set. Initial grading of Segment 3 in the wall location is complete and drilling for foundations has begun.
I-84, Five Mile Underpass	ITD	This is a bridge deck rehabilitation project. Concept Report comments are currently being addressed. The Plans, Specifications, and Estimates package is expected in fall 2008. Project is scheduled for construction in 2009.
I-84, Franklin Boulevard Interchange Bridge, Nampa	ITD	This project will reconstruct the east half of the overpass to match the new bridge on the west side. Franklin Boulevard will be modified to tie into the new overpass structure. Traffic on Franklin Boulevard is reduced to one-lane in each direction. I-84 speed through the construction zone is reduced to 55 miles per hour. Bridge demolition is complete. The contractor is now working on footings and piers for the new bridge.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Comments*</i>
I-84, Franklin Boulevard Interchange to Garrity Boulevard Interchange	ITD	This project will widen the inside of the mainline of I-84 with the addition of a third lane in each direction for three miles. This project will also replace the 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Overpass. The environmental study is underway (Karcher Interchange to Five Mile Road Environmental Study). The Plans, Specifications, and Estimates package is estimated for delivery in September 2009. Construction will begin in early 2010.
I-84, Garrity Boulevard to Meridian Road, Incident Management System	ITD	This project will install cameras and electronic equipment on I-84 between the Garrity and Meridian Interchanges. Most of the work will take place with minimal traffic impacts on I-84. The contractor will initiate work in late October 2008 starting near the Garrity Interchange.
I-84, Garrity Interchange	ITD	This project will widen the existing mainline bridges to add a third lane towards the median. The environmental study is underway (Karcher Interchange to Five Mile Road Environmental Study). The consultant is selected and design is now underway. Right-of-way is not needed for this project. The Plans, Specifications, and Estimates package is estimated to be delivered in October 2009. Construction is programmed to begin in early 2010.
I-84, Garrity Interchange to Meridian Interchange	ITD	The preliminary design and environmental review process are complete. Only easements are required (no right-of-way acquisition for the main line). The only part of this project still in development is a phase to purchase and construct storm water retention ponds. This project was phased out into separate construction projects.
I-84, Garrity Interchange to Ten Mile Road, Median Phase	ITD	Project complete.
I-84, Garrity Interchange to Meridian Interchange, Reconstruction	ITD	This project consists of reconstruction and widening of I-84 between the Garrity Interchange and Ten Mile Road. Work on the west bound portion will be complete the first week of October 2008. The contractor will shift I-84 west bound traffic to the north to create a work area in the initial median phase. Traffic control consists of night lane closures for shoulder widening between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
I-84, Garrity Interchange to Meridian Interchange, Traffic Control	ITD	This project consists of maintaining traffic control between the Garrity Interchange and the Meridian Interchange during the reconstruction and widening of I-84. Current traffic control operations consist of maintenance of construction zone signs and portable changeable message signs, lane closures for construction activities, and a traffic shift along I-84 Eastbound near the Meridian Interchange. This project also supports traffic control needs of the Robinson and Black Cat bridge projects.
I-84, Karcher Interchange to Five Mile Environmental Study	ITD	This study is underway to provide environmental clearance for future improvements to I-84. Level 2 alternative screening is complete. Technical studies and reports are being completed. The draft concept report is currently under review. A Record of Decision is anticipated in August 2009.
I-84, Orchard Street Interchange	ITD	The project will rebuild the Orchard Interchange. The project is expected to go to bid October 7, 2008 with bid opening following on November 2, 2008. Construction is expected to begin December 2, 2008.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Comments*</i>
I-84, Orchard Street Interchange New York Canal Structure	ITD	This project widens the New York Canal structure that is just east of the Orchard Interchange. The work started on September 20, 2008, and will be complete by April 20, 2009. Lane shifts are anticipated throughout the duration of the project.
I-84, Robinson Road and Black Cat Road Bridges	ITD	This project will remove and replace the two bridge structures. The structures were demolished on September 26, 2008. Work is underway to prepare the sites for the replacement structures. Girders are to be cast and ready for shipment to the job site no later than October 3, 2008. The two structures are expected to open no later than January 24, 2009 with project completion by April 1, 2009.
I-84, Robinson Road and Black Cat Road Bridge Girder Pre-Purchase	ITD	Project complete.
I-84, Ten Mile Interchange	ITD	This project will replace the existing Ten Mile overpass with an interchange. This project will also reconstruct Ten Mile Road north to Franklin Road and south to Overland Road to tie into the existing roadways. Right of way purchase is in progress with 11 contracts signed and 16 in process. The Final Design Review is scheduled for fall 2008. The project will go to bid in April 2009, with construction beginning in June 2009.
I-84, Ten Mile Road to Meridian Interchange, Reconstruction	ITD	This project consists of reconstruction and widening of I-84 between Ten Mile Road and the Meridian Interchange. Construction of cast-in-place guardrail continues. Work recently complete includes extensive excavation, backfill, and storm water system installation. Plant mix pavement construction is underway.
I-84, Vista Interchange	ITD	This project will reconstruct the Vista Avenue Interchange to increase safety and capacity. The Plans, Specifications, and Estimates package is expected in October 2008. A mid-November 2008 advertisement of bids is expected, pending additional funding.
Intersection Franklin and 21 <sup>st</sup> Avenue and 21 <sup>st</sup> Avenue from Chicago to Franklin	City of Caldwell	Update not available. These companion projects are being processed in preparation for joint advertisement. Anticipate a late summer 2008 construction start of both projects (including the Notus Canal crossing and all widening on 21st Avenue) under one contract with a bid opening expected in September 2008. Final design for the out-year phases of construction is substantially complete.
Intersection Linden Street and 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Caldwell	City of Caldwell	This intersection improvement project includes a traffic signal; irrigation work; concrete sidewalks, curb, gutter, and approaches, and signage. Work will begin no earlier than October 15, 2008 and be complete no later than March 15, 2008.
Linden Street and 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Caldwell	City of Caldwell	Update not available. This project will add a turn bay and replace the existing traffic control with a traffic signal at the intersection. Bids came in under estimate. Award to the apparent low bidder is in process. Project is expected to start construction in conjunction with the irrigation off season in fall 2008.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Comments*</i>
Merrill Park Boise River Bridge, Eagle	Eagle	Update not available. This Transportation Enhancement project will construct 400 feet of multi-use pathway east of Merrill Park and construct a 185 foot pedestrian bridge across the north channel of the Boise River. The Plans, Specifications, and Estimates package was completed in June 2008 for review. The bid opening is not yet scheduled, but the construction funds are obligated.
Northside Boulevard, Union Pacific Railroad Overpass, Nampa	City of Nampa	This project is a bridge deck rehabilitation project over the Union Pacific Railroad. The contractor has completed the northbound lanes and recently started the southbound lanes. Construction completion is expected by October 17, 2008.
South Biking/Walking Trail System, Caldwell	City of Caldwell	The Plans, Specifications, and Estimates package was not delivered in time for FY2008 obligation. The project was delayed to preliminary development.
SH-16, I-84 to SH-44 Environmental Study	ITD	This project will preserve a corridor to provide for a future extension of SH-16 connecting to I-84. Environmental investigations are underway. Various discipline reports are being reviewed for inclusion in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement, Finding of No Significant Impacts, and Record of Decision are scheduled to be completed in April 2010.
SH-16, Intersection of Floating Feather Road	ITD	This is a turn bay project. The Plans, Specifications, and Estimates package is expected the first quarter of FY2009.
SH-16, US 20/26 to SH-44	ITD	This project will construct a four-lane divided highway with at-grade intersections at US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard) and SH-44 (State Street) near Star. The project will construct 2.2 miles of the future corridor including a new Boise River crossing. Right-of-way purchases will not occur until after the public hearing is held on the Environmental Study. Construction is scheduled to begin in winter 2010/2011, however, additional funding approval is needed. Project schedule is dependent upon receiving the Record of Decision in late 2009.
SH-21, Diversion Dam to Sandy Point and SH-21, Junction I-84 to Federal Way	ITD	These are two companioned pavement rehabilitation projects. The concept report is currently being developed and was expected to be ready for approval in late September 2008. The projects are scheduled for construction in 2009.
SH-21, Mores Creek Bridge	ITD	This project will rehabilitate the existing bridge. The existing bridge is eligible for the National Historic Register. The environmental evaluation is being prepared by ITD. Design is underway. The Plans, Specifications, and Estimates package is expected in November 2009. Construction is not scheduled until 2010.
SH-44, Junction SH-55 to Glenwood and State Street to Chinden	ITD	These are companioned pavement rehabilitation projects. The bid opening is scheduled for October 21, 2008. Construction is expected to begin in the spring 2009.
SH-55, Eagle Road Automated Traffic Management System (ATMS)	ITD	This project is located on Eagle Road between Overland Road and SH 44, and will interconnect all signals on SH 55 (Eagle Road) between Overland Road and SH 44 in Eagle. Most of the work is completed with only minor issues remaining. Substantial completion is anticipated in October 2008.
SH-55, Westbound Ramps to Fairview	ITD	This is a pavement rehabilitation project located on Eagle Road between I-84 and Fairview Avenue. Final Design Review has occurred. The Plan, Specifications, and Estimates package is expected in October 2009. Construction was delayed from FY2009 to FY2010.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Comments*</i>
US 20/26, Broadway Avenue from Rossi Street to Ridenbaugh Canal Bridge	ITD	This is a pavement rehabilitation project located on US 20/26 (Broadway Avenue) between Rossi Street and the Ridenbaugh Canal. Milling started in early September 2008. Project completion is expected in early October 2008.
US 20/26, Linder Road Turn Bays	ITD	This project was removed from the federal program.
US-95, Wilder South City Limit to Parma South City Limit, Canyon County	ITD	This is a pavement rehabilitation project. The concept report is currently in preliminary stages. Construction is scheduled for 2012.
Western Heritage Signage	ACHD	This Scenic Byways project will construct 4.5 miles of five-foot shoulders (bicycle lanes) on both sides of Swan Falls Road south of Kuna from Nicholson Road to Kuna Mora Road. The environmental documents are almost complete, with only a few issues remaining. Plans, Specifications, and Engineers estimate is expected in the fall 2008.

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DEMOGRAPHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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ACCHD/ <i>T. Richard</i>					1		1		1				3
ACHD/ <i>C. Little</i>					1		1		1				3
Ada County/ <i>J. Farren</i>	1				1		1		1				4
BSU/ <i>S. Mason</i>	1				1								2
Canyon Co. Dev. Services / <i>B. Le Compte</i>							1		1				2
City of Boise/ <i>J. Tomlinson</i>	1				1		1		1				4
City of Caldwell/ <i>B. Billingsley</i>							1						1
City of Eagle/ <i>N. Baird Spencer</i>	1						1		1				3
City of Garden City/ <i>J. Thornborrow</i>	1						1						2
City of Kuna/ <i>Stacey Yarrington</i>	1												1
City of Meridian/ <i>M. Ellsworth</i>	1						1		1				3
City of Middleton/ <i>W. Howell</i>	1								1				2
City of Nampa/ <i>N. Holm</i>									1				1
City of Star/ <i>Nathan Mitchell</i>													0
IDEO/ <i>J. Garcia</i>	1				1		1						3
Public Participation Committee/ <i>D. Smith</i>	1				1		1						3
Valley Regional Transit/ <i>K. Fairless</i>													0
<i>Ex officio Members</i>													
Chamber of Commerce - Ada County/ <i>P. Hiller</i>	1								1				2
Chamber of Commerce- Canyon Co./ <i>B. Bruce</i>	1												1
COMPASS/ <i>C. Miller</i>	1				1		1		1				4
Development Community - Ada County/ <i>M. Wardle</i>	1				1		1		1				4
Major Utilities / Idaho Power/ <i>B. Smith</i>	1				1		1		1				4
Development Community - Canyon County/ <i>W. Farrey</i>	1				1								2

**REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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<i>General Members</i>													
ACCHD/ <i>T. Richard</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				9
ACHD/ <i>S. Bowman &amp; C. Danley</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				9
Ada County/ <i>J. Farren</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1				8
BSU/ <i>J. Everett</i>	1					1	1						3
Canyon County/ <i>J. Wagner</i>		1	1	1			1		1				5
CCDC/ <i>J. Cecil</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				9
City of Boise/ <i>R. McDaniel</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				9
City of Caldwell/ <i>B. Orton</i>	1		1	1		1		1					5
City of Eagle/ <i>N. Baird-Spencer</i>	1		1			1	1	1					5
City of Garden City/ <i>J. Thornborrow</i>	1		1	1		1	1	1	1				7
City of Kuna/ <i>S. Hasson</i>	1			1		1	1			1			5
City of Meridian/ <i>M. Ellsworth</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1				8
City of Middleton/ <i>W. Howell</i>	1	1			1	1		1					5
City of Nampa/ <i>C. Bowman</i>	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1				8
City of Notus/ <i>A. Horn</i>													0
City of Parma/ <i>M. Watson</i>													0
City of Star/ <i>M. Taylor</i>		1											1
IDEQ/ <i>B. Broker</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1		1					7
Indept. School Dist. of Boise/ <i>S. Stobaugh</i>	1			1	1		1		1				5
ITD/ <i>P. Choate</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1				8
Joint School Dist. #2/ <i>L. Carlsen</i>						1	1	1	1				4
Public Participation Committee/ <i>D. Smith</i>		1		1	1	1	1	1	1				7
Valley Regional Transit/ <i>M. Barker</i>		1	1			1	1	1	1				6
<i>Ex officio Members</i>													
Central District Health/ <i>R. Howarth</i>			1			1		1					3
COMPASS/ <i>T. Tisdale</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				9
Governor's Office/ <i>C. Edmunson</i>													0
Greater Boise Auditorium District/ <i>Vacant</i>													0

**TRANSPORTATION MODEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Attendance List of Members**

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ACCHD/ <i>T. Richard</i>				1		1			1				3
ACHD/ <i>A. Pillai</i>				1		1			1				3
Ada County/ <i>Vacant</i>													0
Canyon County/ <i>J. Maldonado</i>													0
City of Boise/ <i>K. Gallagher</i>				1		1							2
City of Meridian/ <i>P. Friedman</i>				1		1							2
City of Nampa/ <i>C. Bowman</i>				1		1			1				3
IDEO/ <i>J. Garcia</i>				1		1							2
ITD/ <i>K. Sablan</i>				1									1
ITD/ <i>G. Sanderson</i>				1		1			1				3
Public Participation Committee/ <i>Vacant</i>													0
Small Cities Rep/ <i>V. Brewer</i>				1		1			1				3
Valley Regional Transit/ <i>C. Floor</i>													0
<b>Appointed Transportation/Land Use/Air Quality Professionals</b>													
JUB Engineering/ <i>J. Rosenlund</i>				1		1			1				3
Pline Engineering/ <i>J. Pline</i>						1			1				2
Project Engineering Consultants/ <i>K. Fugal</i>				1		1			1				
URS Washington Division/ <i>J. Witt</i>				1		1			1				3
<b>Ex officio Members</b>													
COMPASS/ <i>M. Waldinger</i>				1		1			1				3

**REGIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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<i>General Members</i>													
Ada County/ <i>N. Bentley</i>	1			1			1						3
Canyon County Assessors/ <i>M. Bruse</i>				1			1						2
CCDS/ <i>L. Jensen</i>	1			1			1						3
City of Boise/ <i>B. Eggleston</i>	1			1			1						3
City of Caldwell/ <i>B. Billingsley</i>	1			1			1						3
City of Eagle/ <i>B. Vaughan</i>	1			1			1						3
City of Garden City/ <i>J. Thornborrow</i>	1			1			1						3
City of Meridian/ <i>S. Lim</i>	1			1			1						3
City of Middleton/ <i>W. Howell</i>				1									1
City of Nampa/ <i>N. Holm</i>				1			1						2
Public Participation Committee/ <i>M. Gaddi</i>													0
Valley Regional Transit/ <i>C. Floor</i>													0
<i>Ex officio Members</i>													
COMPASS/ <i>E. Adolfson</i>	1			1			1						3
COMPASS/ <i>R. Dodge</i>	1			1			1						3



**COMPASS**  
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION  
of Southwest Idaho

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Community Planning Association Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Charles Trainor, Director of Planning  
**DATE:** October 20, 2008  
**RE:** Status Report - Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study

### ACTION REQUESTED:

None. This item is for information only.

### BACKGROUND:

Background information can be found here:  
<http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/specialprojects.htm>.

### STATUS:

#### **1. Downtown Multimodal Center and Circulator Project**

Environmental documents related to the preferred site (Site H bounded by Bannock and Idaho on the east side of 13<sup>th</sup> Street) were submitted to the Federal Transit Administration on August 4, 2008. A phone conference call with FTA staff in September indicated that FTA believes an Environmental Assessment (EA) is warranted due to the complexity of the project and its setting in a downtown area. An EA will take approximately four months to complete and will require a public comment opportunity. Most of the work will involve better documentation of work already done, but FTA also wanted additional design information related to the treatment of the site, building and vicinity. This will entail work with the site owner. No negotiations on the site can be conducted, however, until FTA makes a finding on the EA.

A report on the circulator route and options, along with a financial issues paper regarding federal versus local funding, was relayed to the City of Boise. Subsequent work on the circulator or streetcar concept will be overseen by the City of Boise and CCDCC. The primary work will be done by the firm of Shiels Oblatz Johnsen, Inc., which was involved with the downtown Portland streetcar project.

Many of parties involved in the Treasure Valley High Capacity Study will continue with the streetcar project.

#### **2. I-84/I-184 Corridor Pre-Alternatives Analysis**

No major activity.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Matt Stoll, Executive Director

**FROM:** Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors

**DATE:** October 6, 2008

**RE:** **Status Report – Legislative Activities for September 2008**

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

None. Information only.

**BACKGROUND:**

Below is a synopsis of activities and contacts made during the month of September 2008 regarding COMPASS' Federal and State legislative priorities.

**STATUS:****FEDERAL ISSUES**

1. The US Congress has passed, and President Bush has signed a Continuing Resolution to fund the federal government through March 6, 2009. They did not complete the FY2009 Transportation Appropriations bill (or nine other of the 13 bills necessary to complete their work). Depending on the outcome of the November 2008 elections, Congress may return in November to work on FY2009 appropriations, BUT the general consensus is the FY2009 appropriations will NOT be completed. This means that the government will continue at the FY2008 funding levels and no FY2009 earmark requests will be honored – including ours. The FY2010 process will begin anew in January 2009.
2. Matt, Toni, and Ken will begin the FY2010 Appropriations prioritization and application process this month.
3. The Transportation authorization bill, SAFETEA-LU, is due to be reauthorized in 2010. We have begun discussions with Senator Crapo and Congressman Simpson's staff to identify some beneficial policy changes and local projects that may be included in the re-authorization bill. You'll recall that Congress renewed the authorization bill two years late in the last round of re-authorization, and it is possible the same might occur this time. We intend to be heavily engaged on COMPASS' behalf as this process moves forward.

**STATE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

1. Matt and Ken have been involved in a series of meetings in September 2008 with Governor's office staff and other transportation stakeholders regarding transportation funding issues for the 2009 legislative session. Governor Otter and ITD completed their six statewide meetings on the subject, and have been meeting with stakeholders to craft a plan for increasing transportation revenue.

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All possible options are being considered, including increases in current fuel taxes and registration fees, as well as a number of new options including sales tax on fuel, dedicated sales tax on transportation-related products, local option tax authority, and a number of smaller items that either won't raise much money or are not politically feasible. We continue to be actively engaged in this effort. At this point it appears the likely scenario will be a pursuit of graduated increases in fuel taxes and registration fees, along with some minor shifts in funding while generating discussions about new and better ways to diversify and stabilize the funding source. There is consensus that this approach would be the most politically doable option given the legislature's attitude on the matter. BUT will still require a Herculean effort to accomplish.

2. On the subject of local option tax authority, we continue to work with and expand the coalition of entities to support local option authority. Collectively we have had meetings with the IAC and AIC, local and statewide business leaders and other lobbyists representing those entities, to generate more support for local option tax authority. There is still much careful, strategic work ongoing to coordinate all entities and get all on the same page, but progress is being made. In general, the legislature is not inclined to engage in this fight again unless there is unified support from all stakeholders. The main separation point between stakeholders still boils down to whether a Constitutional Amendment is politically acceptable.

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