

DEMOGRAPHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 13, 2006 – 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

COMPASS Conference Room



COMPASS
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
of Southwest Idaho

****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES: Bruce Eggleston, City of Boise
Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian
Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit
Bonnie Ford-Le Compte, Canyon County Development
Pete Friedman, Ada County Development Services
James Grunke, Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce
Norm Holm, City of Nampa
Susan Mason, Boise State University
David "Kip" Sikes, Idaho Power
Dennis Stegenga, City of Star
Jenah Thornborrow, Garden City, (for Christy Richardson)
Gary Vezzoso, Canyon County Chamber of Commerce
Mike Wardle, SunCor Development

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Berent, City of Middleton
Jorge Garcia, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Gary Inselman, Ada County Highway District
Gian Paolo Mammone, City of Caldwell
Larry Rincover, Public Participation Committee
Diana Sanders, City of Kuna
Nichol Baird Spencer, City of Eagle, *Chair*
Rich Sweaney, Canyon Development/Real Estate

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicole Prehoda, COMPASS
Charles Trainer, COMPASS
Diane Wilton, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER:
Acting Chair Charles Trainor called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES
None.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS
None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve January 26, 2006 DAC Meeting Minutes

Kip Sikes moved and Susan Mason seconded the motion to approve the January 26, 2006 meeting minutes as written. Motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review scope for the Annual Monitoring Report

Charles Trainor provided an overview of the Annual Monitoring Report and how it will be tied to ***Communities in Motion*** and used to track growth patterns, density that would support transit, convenient bike and pedestrian routes, and developments near a potential transit routes or rail corridors.

Charles Trainor discussed Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) and how it is compared to population increase. He suggested tracking transit with a tie to per capita, and bicycle and pedestrian activity. This information is usually received through a census or household travel surveys. Charles said that miles of roadway (by pavement sufficiency condition by jurisdiction) need to be reported because the federal government believes that MPO's need to be addressing both capacity issues and also safety. This information can be obtained from ACHD, through visual surveys, or by dynamic testing. Charles asked the Committee for suggestions for the report.

Kelli Fairless stated she would like to compare the VRT performance management system with the Annual Monitoring Report to see if there is an overlap of information, how transit is affected by various decisions, and to add "miles" of service to the report. Kelli stated that some of the information the VRT needs to collect is based on civil rights requirements, and what percentage of the population has access to transit services. Kelli asked if the information could be shown in quarter mile and half mile increments.

Kip Sykes asked if fuel consumption sales could be included in the Annual Monitoring Report. Charles stated the information is only tracked on the State level and not on a local level; making it a difficult process. Kip asked if there was a way to track vehicle sales or bicycle sales. Charles suggested vehicle registration would be a valid tool.

Bruce Eggleston suggested having an aggregation of data to local components, a comprehensive land use map layer for the entire Treasure Valley, and be able to access this information through GIS. Charles replied that these would be valuable tools, but would need to be comparable across the two counties. Unfortunately, each county does not have comparable information available. Kip Sykes suggested using school enrollment records as a tool for both Ada and Canyon counties and asked if demographic age is being used for information. Charles replied that demographic age was not used, but the information would be useful for forecasting and how age affects transportation and public transit in the future.

Norm Holm expressed concern about the August 2006 delivery date for the monitoring report. Charles replied that COMPASS made a commitment to issue the first "inaugural" publication in August; realizing that not all the items will be completed by that time. The intent is to do a yearly update by August or September to assist COMPASS planning activities for the Transportation Improvement Program.

Charles Trainor explained that it is important to maintain focus on the rail corridor, and any potential development within a quarter mile of a rail corridor; particularly if the federal government funding is involved. Bruce Eggleston stated that the City of Boise is looking at a similar effort, and their information could be combined with this effort and be a benefit to neighboring communities. Charles reminded the Committee that this is a dynamic process and to contact him with any suggestions on information that needs to be collected.

B. Population Estimate Issues

Charles Trainor provided an overview of the population estimates for 2006 that were approved by the COMPASS Board. Bruce Eggleston asked if household size is tracked. Charles replied that household size is tracked, and noted that size differs by city, and there has been very little drop in household size

between 1980 and 2000. Charles explained that by 2010, we will overrun our last forecast, and expressed concern regarding sustainability of the current boom.

C. 2005 Development Monitoring Report

Nicole Prehoda provided an informative slide presentation on the 2005 Development Monitoring Report.

D. Research Project – Who is Buying Homes and Why

Charles Trainor stated that no one seems to know what is driving the current growth in the Valley; particularly when job growth doesn't support this increase. He suggested conducting a "statistically reliable" survey on homes bought within the last 5 years to find out who bought the homes and why. Factors such as "spec" homes, possible change in market, and sustainability were discussed. James Grunke added that many of the new high-end residents are bringing jobs with them, and in-migration from the rural areas for lower end jobs has increased. It was agreed there is a need to determine the dynamics of this influx for all areas.

E. New Demographer/Economist Position

Charles Trainor stated that COMPASS will be adding a Demographer/Economist to its staff. This new position would act as the COMPASS lead on the DAC committee. Charles asked the Committee for recommendations on this opening.

OTHER

The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.