



Working together to plan for the future

Work Group: Environmental Review Workgroup (ERWG)
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Purpose:

The purpose of the Environmental Review Workgroup is to share data, consider environmental and community values early in the long-range planning process, and identify potential environmental mitigation strategies to help restore and maintain environmental functions affected by the long-range transportation plan.

Tasks:

1. Share with the workgroup the most up-to-date, available regional data about the environment and natural resources.
2. Advise staff and the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) on environmental suitability analysis of the future transportation system for *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* (CIM 2040 2.0).
3. Review and revise draft maps, analyses, and documents about transportation system-related effects on the environment and/or natural resources.
4. Identify potential mitigation strategies to be included in CIM 2040 2.0; provide to RTAC.
5. Share information about CIM 2040 2.0 with constituents; encourage participation in comment opportunities; provide feedback to COMPASS staff.

Deliverables, Schedule:

1. Completed environmental suitability analysis of draft transportation system for 2040 and identification of potential environmental issues by May 2017.
2. Documentation (maps/narrative) of future transportation system-related effects on the environment and/or natural resources by May 2018.
3. Documentation of potential mitigation strategies by May 2018.

The Environmental Review Workgroup is expected to meet two times in FY2017.

Membership:

Membership in the ERWG will be drawn from: federal, state, and local environmental and resource agencies, and member agency staff with appropriate expertise.

Charter recommended by Executive Committee: July 12, 2016

Charter approved by COMPASS Board: August 15, 2016

Next planned review of charter by Executive Committee: June 2017

All decisions and recommendations of COMPASS workgroups are reached through consensus and there are no quorum requirements for workgroups. All workgroup meetings are open to anyone interested in attending. Individuals interested in attending should contact the staff liaison to obtain the scheduled meeting dates and planned agendas.