

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 19, 2009 2:00-3:30 PM
COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM**

****AGENDA****

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

II. OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Page 2 * A. *Approve April 21, 2009, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
A copy of the draft April 21, 2009, Executive Committee meeting minutes is attached.*

Page 5 * B. *Approve April 17, 2009, Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
A copy of the draft April 17, 2009, Special Executive Committee meeting minutes is attached.*

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Page 8 * A. *Establish June 15, 2009, COMPASS Board Agenda
Staff proposed agenda items for the regularly scheduled June 15, 2009, Board meeting are attached.*

B. *Prioritize Projects for Additional Stimulus Funding
Staff requests prioritization for additional Stimulus funding.*

V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. *Discuss Creation of Past Chair Position on the Executive Committee
Chairman Nancolas will discuss the concept and value of creating a Past Chair position.*

B. *Status Report –TMA Certification Review
Staff will review federally required process which has been scheduled for September 16th through 18th.*

C. *Review Project Prioritization Process
Staff requests guidance on the new projects prioritization process.*

Page 13 * D. *Status Report – Communities in Motion
Staff will review critical land use assumptions for the Communities in Motion update and recent related correspondence.*

VI. OTHER

VII. ADJOURNMENT

***Enclosures** *Agenda is subject to change.*

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 21, 2009

COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM

****MINUTES****



ATTENDEES:

Phil Bandy, Mayor, City of Eagle
 Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, **Chair Elect**
 Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian
 David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,
Vice-Chair
 Carol McKee, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,
Secretary/Treasurer
 Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Chair**
 Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning
 Association, Ex officio
 Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa
 Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association
 Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors
 Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit
 Sally Goodell, Ada County Highway District
 Charles Trainor, Community Planning Association
 Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Nancolas called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Carol McKee moved and David Ferdinand seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve March 17, 2009, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Carol McKee moved and Phil Bandy seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Establish May 18, 2009, COMPASS Board Retreat Agenda

Matt Stoll discussed the May 18, 2009, Joint COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit Board Retreat to be held at Meridian City Hall from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

After discussion, **David Ferdinand moved and Carol McKee seconded approval of the May 18, 2009, Joint COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit Board Retreat at Meridian City Hall from 12:00 -5:00 pm. Motion passed unanimously.**

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review COMPASS/VRT Merger Analysis

Matt Stoll reviewed the potential financial impacts and process efficiencies of merging COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit.

After discussion, **Tammy de Weerd moved and David Ferdinand seconded to include the discussion of a potential COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit merger on the May 18, 2009, Joint COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit Board Retreat Agenda.**

Chair Nancolas called for a roll call vote.

Matt Stoll called the roll. **The following Executive Committee members were present and voted in favor of the motion: Phil Bandy, Tammy de Weerd, David Ferdinand, Carol McKee and Garret Nancolas. The following Executive Committee members were present and voted nay to the motion: Dave Bieter and Fred Tilman.**

The motion passed 5-2.

B. Review FY2010 Budget and Policy Recommendation

Matt Stoll stated, that after review of three proposed budget scenarios, the COMPASS Finance Committee recommended Scenario #2 - reducing COMPASS FY2010 General and Special Membership dues by 10% from the current FY2009 levels.

Chair Nancolas suggested that staff include this discussion as part of the May 18, 2009, Joint COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit Retreat Agenda, specifically how a 10% reduction in membership dues will impact the Transportation Conference and the legislative service contract.

After discussion, **Phil Bandy moved and Fred Tilman seconded recommending COMPASS Board approval of a 10% reduction in COMPASS FY2010 General and Special Membership dues from the current FY2009 level. Staff was directed to add a discussion item to the May 18, 2009, Joint COMPASS/Valley Regional Transit Retreat Agenda of how the 10% reduction will be applied. Motion passed unanimously.**

C. Review Legislative Services Recommendation

Matt Stoll distributed four options and recommendations for state and federal legislative services in FY2010.

After discussion, ***Tammy de Weerd moved and Carol McKee seconded to recommend COMPASS Board approval of Option 4, a reduction of the legislative services contract cost by 10%. Motion passed unanimously.***

D. Discuss COMPASS Board Meeting Frequency

Carol McKee discussed the option of changing the frequency of COMPASS Board meetings from monthly to quarterly for cost savings and allowing staff time to provide more meaningful information to the Board.

Matt added if Board meetings were to be held quarterly, it would necessitate the Board empowering the Executive Committee to make decisions pending Board concurrence at the quarterly meetings.

It was agreed to add the discussion of COMPASS Board meeting frequency to the May 18, 2009, Joint COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit Retreat Agenda.

Staff was directed to create an annual calendar of required activities and frequency for review at the Retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Bieter moved and Fred Tilman seconded adjournment at 3:35 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated this 19th day of May 2009.

APPROVED:

**BY: _____
Garret Nancolas, Chair
Community Planning Association**

ATTEST:

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

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**SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 APRIL 17, 2009
 COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM**

****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES: Phil Bandy, Mayor City of Eagle (via telephone)
 Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, **Chair Elect**
 Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa (via telephone)
 Charlie Rountree, Councilman, for Tammy de Weerd, Mayor
 City of Meridian,
 Carol McKee, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,
Secretary/Treasurer
 Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Chair**
 Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning
 Association, Ex officio

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,
Vice Chair
 Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton
 Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Brecks Community Planning Association
 Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors (via telephone)
 Sally Goodell, Ada County Highway District
 Caleb Hood, City of Meridian
 Amy Luft, Community Planning Association

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Nancolas called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Matt Stoll requested that the meeting start with the Information/Discussion Items.

Charlie Rountree moved and Fred Tilman seconded amending the Agenda as requested by Matt Stoll. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve April 3, 2009, Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve April 10, 2009, Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Dave Bieter moved and Charlie Rountree seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review Current and Upcoming Legislative Activity

Ken Burgess provided an update on the following legislative activity:

- Enhanced Transportation Funding Legislation

Of the five major pieces of legislation in Governor Otter's transportation funding package, the only piece that passed the House was a bill to remove the ethanol exemption. The Senate sent the ethanol exemption bill and the bill from the Idaho Transportation Department to increase some service fees to amending order. It is believed that the Senate will attach an amendment to the ethanol bill that will include an increase to the gas tax of 3 cents per year for 2 years, which will then go back to the House.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Prioritization Process for High Priority Projects

Matt Stoll stated Congressman Oberstar and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee have called for high priority projects as part of the reauthorization of SAFETU-LU by May 8, 2009.

The Executive Committee is being asked to prioritize three roadway projects and three transit projects for reauthorization subject to full Board concurrence on Monday, April 20, 2009. After concurrence by the Board on Monday, COMPASS staff will work with member agencies staff to finalize the applications for submittal to Congressman Simpson's office on Friday, April 24, 2009.

The goal is to have a unified Treasure Valley voice on the priority projects. The Congressional delegation has a limited amount of money. If multiple Treasure Valley agencies were to submit individual projects, the pool of money would be decreased for projects on the COMPASS list.

After discussion, it was agreed that in lieu of a policy, any instances of member agencies submitting individual projects and whether those projects would be included in future amendments to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, will be addressed on an "as needed basis."

Ken noted the Congressional delegation understands the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO). If they see other projects from individual member agencies of COMPASS, they will consider the MPO list first before individual entities projects.

Matt will be meeting with the Idaho Transportation Department regarding its priority projects that are not on the COMPASS list and will come back to the COMPASS Board for concurrence with those projects.

Ken noted that Congressman Minnick has said he will not engage in earmarks for annual appropriations, but it is not known what he wants to do with reauthorization.

After discussion, ***Dave Bieter moved and Fred Tilman seconded endorsement of the following high priority highway and transit projects in priority order:***

Highway

- 1. Ada County ITS Corridor Improvements & State Street Corridor ITS and Intersection Improvements (Total \$11.05M)***
- 2. Broadway Avenue Bridge Replacement (Total \$13.1M)***
- 3. Meridian Road Interchange Rebuild (Total \$65M)***
- 4. Interchange 29 Stage III Phase V: Commercial Way Leg & 21st Avenue Widening, Indian Creek to I-84 Business (Total: \$3.1M)***
- 5. Linder Road Overpass (Total \$10M)***

Transit

1. *High Capacity Transit Network Alternatives Analysis (Total \$5.5M)*
2. *Western Ada and Canyon Public Transportation Facilities (\$5.5M)*
3. *Park and Ride System (Canyon County)*

Discussion:

If the Idaho Transportation Department moves the Broadway Avenue Bridge Replacement and the Meridian Road Interchange Rebuild projects to their list, then the Interchange 29 Stage III Phase V and Linder Road Overpass projects will move into the 2nd and 3rd position on the COMPASS list.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Carol McKee moved and Fred Tilman seconded to adjourn at 11:05 am. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated this 19th day of May 2009.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Garret Nancolas, Chair
Community Planning Association

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director
Community Planning Association

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKSHEET FOR COMPASS BOARD AGENDA

ITEM IV-A

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Title/Description</i>	<i>Mandatory¹</i>	<i>Policy Implications/Requirements</i>	<i>Agenda Type²</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Proposed Agenda</i>	<i>RTAC Agenda</i>	<i>Program No.</i>
1.	Approve Minutes from most recent Board Meeting	Yes	Meets Idaho Code and various grant requirements.	Consent Agenda	N/A	N/A	Monthly	N/A	820
2.	Receive Minutes from most recent Executive Committee Meeting	Yes	Meets Idaho Code and various grant requirements.	Consent Agenda	N/A	N/A	Monthly	N/A	820
3.	Receive Minutes from most recent Finance Committee Meeting	Yes	Required by the Board's mission statement for the Committee.	Consent Agenda	N/A	N/A	As Appropriate	N/A	820
4.	Status Report – Finance Committee Update	No	The Finance Committee Chair will provide an oral status report.	Information/ Discussion	10	Chair	As Appropriate	N/A	820
5.	Status Report – Legislative Issues	No	Legislative consultant team will provide a monthly report on federal and state legislative issues identified as priorities by the Board.	Ex. Dir. Report	N/A	Ken Burgess	Monthly	N/A	760
6.	Status Report – Corridor Studies	No	Don Matson will provide a monthly report on the status of the Corridor Studies.	Ex. Dir. Report	N/A	N/A	Monthly	N/A	610, 611
7.	Status Report – Current Air Quality Issues	No	Mary Ann Waldinger will provide a monthly report of current air quality issues.	Ex. Dir. Report	N/A	N/A	Monthly	N/A	801
8.	Status Report – Current Transportation Project Information	No	Toni Tisdale will provide a monthly report of current transportation issues and projects.	Ex. Dir. Report	N/A	N/A	Monthly	Monthly	685
9.	Status Report – Standing Committees' Attendance	No	Per Board request of May 17, 2004.	Ex. Dir. Report	N/A	N/A	Monthly	N/A	820
10.	Status Report – Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study	No	Charles Trainor will provide a monthly report on the status of the study.	Ex. Dir. Report	N/A	N/A	Monthly	N/A	631
11.	Status Report - <i>Communities in Motion</i>	Yes	Charles Trainor will provide a monthly report on the status of the update.	Ex. Dir. Report	N/A	N/A	Monthly	N/A	661
12.	Status Report – 2010 Census Preparation	No	Carl Miller will provide a report on the status of the COMPASS preparations for the 2010 Census.	Ex. Dir. Report	N/A	N/A	As Appropriate	N/A	620
13.	Receive Administrative Modifications to the Transportation Improvement Programs	Yes	Toni Tisdale will provide memorandums of approval for Administrative Modifications.	Ex. Dir. Report	N/A	N/A	As Appropriate	N/A	685

¹ No, Yes, N/A (Not Applicable)

² Action; Consent Agenda; Executive Director's Report; Information; Special Item; Committee Reports; Open Discussion/Announcements

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<i>CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS</i>									
14.	Approve Finance Committee Recommended FY2010 General and Special Membership Dues	No	Staff will present and request approval of the recommended FY2010 General and Special Membership Dues.	Action	10	Matt Stoll	June	N/A	601
15.	Approve Revision 2 of the FY2009 Unified Work Program and Budget	Yes	Staff will present and request approval of Revision 2 of the FY2009 Unified Work Program and Budget	Action	10	Matt Stoll	June	N/A	601
16.	Accept 2009 Annual Performance Monitoring Report	No	Staff will present and request acceptance of the Communities in Motion Performance Monitoring Report.	Action	20	Carl Miller	June	April	620
17.	Adopt Resolution XX-2009 Amending the FY2009-2013 Regional Transportation Improvement Program	Yes	ITD requested an additional project to the FY2009 rehabilitation program.	Action	5	Toni Tisdale	June	May	685
18.	Review the FY2010-2014 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Project List for Public Involvement	Yes	Staff requests review of the draft project list for the FY2010-2014 TIP for public involvement.	Information/ Discussion	15	Toni Tisdale	June	June	685
19.	Review Financial Assumptions under <i>Communities in Motion</i>	Yes	Staff will present financial assumptions regarding inflation factors and future revenue affecting financial capacity under <i>Communities in Motion</i> . Also will discuss upcoming public focus group workshops.	Information/ Discussion	20	Charles Trainor	June	May	661
<i>UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS</i>									
20.	Approve the Draft FY2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Project List for Public Involvement	Yes	Staff requests approval to release the Draft FY2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for public review and input.	Action	10	Toni Tisdale	July	July	685
21.	Approve Prioritization Process for Transportation Improvement Program	No	The Regional Technical Advisory Committee recommends major revisions to the prioritization process.	Action	10	Toni Tisdale	July	June	685

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22.	Review Communities in Motion environmental review process	No	Staff will present summary of environmental GIS information and mitigation strategies	Information/ Discussion	20	Liisa Itkonen/ Ross Dodge	July	TBD	661
23.	Review draft FY2010 UPWP	No	Staff will review FY2010 UPWP-Draft	Information/ Discussion	10	Matt Stoll	July	May	601
24.	Review results of Communities in Motion focus group workshops	Yes	Staff will discuss preliminary results from June 2009 workshops.	Information/ Discussion	20	Charles Trainor	July	July	661
25.	Review COMPASS Complete Streets Policy	No	Staff requests review of the COMPASS Complete Streets Policy.	Information/ Discussion	15	Carl Miller	July	May	705
26.	Review COMPASS Development Review Protocol	No	Staff requests review of the COMPASS Development Review protocol which will standardize how development applications will be reviewed by COMPASS staff.	Information/ Discussion	15	Carl Miller	July	May	705
27.	Review Prioritization Process for Regional Transportation Improvement Program	No	The Regional Technical Advisory Committee recommends major revisions to the prioritization process.	Information/ Discussion	20	Toni Tisdale	July	June	685
28.	Adopt COMPASS Development Review Protocol	No	Staff requests adoption of the COMPASS Development Review protocol which will standardize how development applications will be reviewed by COMPASS staff.	Action	15	Carl Miller	August	May	705
29.	Adopt Resolution Approving the FY2010 UPWP – Final	Yes	Staff requests adoption of Resolution xx-2009 approving FY2010 UPWP - Final	Action	15	Matt Stoll	August	May	601
30.	Approve Prioritization Process for Regional Transportation Improvement Program	No	The Regional Technical Advisory Committee recommends major revisions to the prioritization process.	Action	15	Toni Tisdale	August	July	685
31.	Review of Western Canyon County economic development scenarios	No	Staff will review the study, including scenarios and possible impacts to infrastructure.	Information/ Discussion	10	Don Matson & SAGE	August	July	767
32.	Update on Mobility Management Strategies	No	Staff will present update of mobility management projects.	Information/ Discussion	15	Liisa Itkonen	August	August	671
33.	Adopt COMPASS Complete Streets Policy	No	Staff requests adoption of the COMPASS Complete Streets Policy.	Action	15	Carl Miller	August	May	705

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34.	Review Priority Corridor recommendations from the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study	No	Staff/consultant will present alignment and modal options within the Priority Corridor between Ada and Canyon Counties	Action	20	Charles Trainor	September	August	631
35.	Adopt Resolution XX-2009 Approving the FY2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity	Yes	Staff requests adoption of Resolution XX-2009 approving the FY2010-2014 TIP and air quality conformity.	Action	10	Toni Tisdale	September	August	685
36.	Review Information for Public Meeting on Communities in Motion Update	Yes	Staff will present draft information for the October public open house on CIM update	Information/ Discussion	30	Charles Trainor	September	August	661
37.	Approve Mirroring Changes to the FY2010-2014 Transportation Improvement Program	Yes	Staff requests approval of the mirroring changes to the FY2010-2014 TIP.	Action or Consent	10	Toni Tisdale	October	September	685
38.	Consider Recommended Transportation System for Communities in Motion	No	Staff will present the proposed transportation system for CIM	Information/ Discussion	30	Charles Trainor	November	October	661
39.	Accept Land Use Allocation Report	No	Staff will seek Board acceptance of the report.	Action	20	Carl Miller	November	October	647
40.	Approve Recommended Transportation System for Inclusion into Communities in Motion	No	Staff will present and seek approval of the proposed transportation system for CIM	Action	30	Charles Trainor	December	November	661
41.	Present Leadership in Motion Awards	No	Recognize member agencies, businesses, and individuals for leadership in supporting Communities in Motion goals.	Information/ Discussion	15	TBD (Matt? Garret?) (Coordinated by Amy Luft)	December	N/A	N/A
42.	Discuss Possible COMPASS/VRT Merger Analysis	No	Staff will present an analysis of a possible COMPASS/VRT merger.	Information/ Discussion	30	Matt Stoll/ Kelli Fairless	TBD	N/A	N/A
43.	Workshop – Air Quality Conformity Process	No	COMPASS and DEQ staff will facilitate a discussion regarding air quality conformity and the transportation system.	Workshop	60	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A
44.	Workshop- High Capacity Transit Projects and Land Use	No	Consultant facilitated Board Workshop on high capacity transit projects and related land use issues.	Workshop	60	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A

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45.	Review Findings and Recommendations of US 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study	No	Staff will present recommendations from study (Environmental Assessment, etc.).	Information/Discussion	15	Don Matson	October	CPC September	611
46.	Accept Recommendations of US 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study	No	Staff will seek acceptance of documents (Environmental Assessment, etc.) prepared for FHWA.	Consent Agenda	N/A	Don Matson	November	N/A	611
47.	Review Findings and Recommendations of SH 44 Corridor Preservation Study Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and other documents	No	Staff will present findings and recommendations from study.	Information/Discussion	15	Don Matson	November	CPC October	610
48.	Receive update on Findings and Recommendations of SH 44 Corridor Preservation Study Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and other documents	No	Staff will present an update of findings and recommendations in EIS, other documents.	Information/Discussion	5	Don Matson	TBD (April 2010)	CPC TBD (Mar 2010)	610
49.	Accept Recommendations of SH 44 Corridor Preservation Study	No	Staff will present and seek acceptance of EIS and other study documents prepared for FHWA.	Consent Agenda	N/A	Don Matson	TBD (May 2010)	N/A	610
50.	Status Report – application of Memoranda of Understanding between ITD and local agencies on Access Permitting Decisions	No	Staff will review activities and status of MOUs regarding access permitting process.	Information/Discussion	10	Don Matson & ITD	August	TBD	705
51.	Review Recommendations of SH 44 Access Management Plan	No	Staff will present draft Access Management Plan, a part of the ongoing Corridor Preservation Study for SH 44	Information/Discussion	15	Don Matson	August	CPC August	611
52.	Approve recommendations of SH 44 Access Management Plan	No	Staff will seek approval of Access Management Plan for SH 44.	Consent Agenda	N/A	Don Matson	September	CPC August	611
53.	Status Report – Transportation Project Coordination	No	Staff will report on progress in coordinating transportation projects and construction related delays	Information/Discussion	15	Charles Trainor	TBD	TBD	701

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NAMPA HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1

Commissioners: Ralph E. Gant, Bryce D. Millar, Norman C. Rambo

ITEM V-D

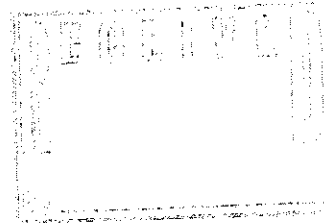
February 24, 2009

Matthew Stoll, Executive Director

COMPASS

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RE: Communities in Motion Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Stoll:

As requested in your letter dated February 26, 2009, the Nampa Highway District Board of Commissioners reluctantly adopted the referenced plan at the regularly scheduled board meeting on March 10, 2009.

The board however, wants you to be aware of the District's concerns with the Communities in Motion (CIM) Transportation Plan related to the land use scenario and prioritization process, which the district believes has fostered a lack of "buy-in" by the member agencies.

Specifically related to the land use scenario, COMPASS chose to adopt the 'community choices' land use over the 'trend' land use, even though, during the project, the majority of the land use agencies stated that they had no intention of adopting the 'community choices' scenario and "would not allow the transportation plan to dictate land use decisions". Furthermore, since the adoption of the CIM Plan in August 2006 by the COMPASS Board, our staff has not observed any significant reduction in the percentage of developments approved outside of the population centers—in fact we have recently seen a trend towards increasing the densities of development proposed in the outlying areas, with little or no increase in efforts to keep the development around the existing cities.

Regarding the prioritization process identified in the CIM Plan, we believe that the methodology is overly complex, especially considering that the plan only addresses corridors and not specific projects. While we believe that COMPASS should look at transportation issues from a high level regional view, we also believe that the prioritization methodology should be much simpler and 'scalable'—in that each highway jurisdiction should be able to take the methodology and use the same or very similar parameters when prioritizing specific projects.



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Mr. Matt Stoll
COMPASS
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We mention these concerns with the CIM Plan so that they can be addressed in the upcoming update. Nampa Highway District's expectation is that not only will these issues be rectified during the update, but that COMPASS staff will defer to the desires of the member agencies rather than those of COMPASS staff.

Sincerely,



F. James Buffington, Director

cc: Stephen F. Freiburger, NHD Engineer