

INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE
December 7, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.
COMPASS



MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Beth Baird, City of Boise
Mike DuBois, IDEQ
Scott Frey, FHWA
Jorge Garcia, IDEQ
Cecelia Hockett, ACHD Commuteride, *Chair*
Ron Kerr, Idaho Transportation Department
Katey Levihn, ACHD
Greg Vitley, Idaho Transportation Department – District Three
MaryAnn Waldinger, COMPASS
Yancey Willis, COMPASS
Randy Romeo, COMPASS

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit, *Vice Chair*
Don Kostelec, ACHD

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Wilton, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Cecelia Hockett called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., and introductions were made.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Scott Frey added Item V-E to the agenda to discuss the draft Project Level Air Quality (PLAQ).

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve the September 28, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Greg Vitley moved and Katey Levihn seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the correction to remove Pamela Golden from the Members Absent list. The motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review the FY2007-2011 TIP Amendment and Air Quality Determination and Process.

MaryAnn Waldinger explained that a FY2007-2011 TIP Amendment had to be prepared as a result of changes in GARVEE projects, and thanked the ICC for the flexibility in getting the amendment processed. She explained that after the IT Board met on October 18, 2006, there were significant changes to the GARVEE projects that were going to be funded. As a result, conformity demonstration had to be redone, and a 15-day public comment period was held which follows the guidelines from the COMPASS Board regarding our TIP. MaryAnn also mentioned that after the end of the Legislative session in March 2007, COMPASS will know if there are any further changes to GARVEE projects. Scott Frey stated that the STIP has become more complicated because of the Legislature approval required on GARVEE projects. In addition, MaryAnn stated that ICC dates will be included on the TIP and STIP calendars.

B. Update – Revision to the State Conformity Rules.

Jorge Garcia provided an update on the Revision to the State Conformity Rules. He discussed Section 107, Incorporation by Reference, from IDAPA 58.01.01 and stated that the ICC committee is in conformity with all the IDEQ regulations at this time. Jorge stated that the next update will be April 11, 2007.

C. Update – Treasure Valley Air Quality Council/Plan.

Mike DuBois provided an update on the Treasure Valley Air Quality Council Plan. Mike stated there was extensive discussion regarding who would be the regional planner (using Blueprint for Good Growth, and ***Communities in Motion*** input), what is the role of the Council, and will they have regulatory authority. He explained that the council was created by the Governor's office and Legislature and is an advisory council to provide recommendations to the Legislature. As a result, the six recommendations in the Treasure Valley Air Quality Council Plan are:

- Outreach programs,
- Onboard diagnostic testing (both Ada and Canyon Counties),
- Stage 1 vapor recovery,
- Uniform ordinances,
- Regional land use planning, and
- Air quality data and coordination.

He stated that the COMPASS comments, as well as others, were very useful. He stated that the plan should be finalized by December 19, 2006, then be released for public comment, and be presented to the Legislature by the first week in February 2007.

Mike will forward an electronic copy of the Plan to the ICC committee this afternoon. In addition, MaryAnn offered to forward COMPASS' comments for inclusion in the draft.

D. Discussion Regarding Air Quality Rules, Regulations, and Conformity.

MaryAnn led a general discussion regarding air quality rules, regulations and conformity, and to provide the committee an opportunity to ask questions regarding issues. Scott Frey explained that Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding under SAFETEA-LU are federal highway funds that are available to all states. In the case of Idaho, these funds can be used for many purposes anywhere in the state. There are no FHWA regulations for implementing these funds; only guidance. Katey Levihn asked if CMAQ funds have to be obligated each year or can they be pooled for a larger project. Scott said there is no requirement that Federal funds received by ITD must be spent each year or in specified increments. It's up to ITD to decide what funds to use and where. Beth Baird asked if the Treasure Valley goes "non-attainment" for

PM_{2.5}, does that change the CMAQ funding distribution. Scott stated that the program primarily deals with CO and ozone, but it can be used for PM_{2.5} purposes.

E. Draft Project Level Air Quality (PLAQ) Screening and Analysis

Scott Frey stated the primary focus is on project level analysis. Any area that is non-attainment for CO must do an analysis demonstrating that that project won't violate standards. The goal of the screening and analysis is to develop a better criteria and procedure for all federal projects; particularly for intersections. There are also new guidelines on project level particulates and toxics that will be incorporated into this update as well. When the document is done, it will be included in ITD programs and COMPASS and the ICC can adopt it. The document should be done by early next year, and also is part of the NEPA process.

OTHER

MaryAnn distributed two handouts regarding the Cliffs planned community and their proposed access of Highway 21 as an interchange to handle the traffic. She explained if this project was not in the Long-Range Transportation Plan, or in the TIP or STIP, it would trigger a conformity demonstration. COMPASS would have to amend the Long-Range Transportation Plan, mirror the TIP and STIP if it was deemed a regionally significant project by COMPASS. MaryAnn asked the committee to review the handouts and discuss the topic at the next ICC meeting.

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2006 at COMPASS.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.