



REGIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 9, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Community Planning Association

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AGENDA

- I. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES
9:00
- II. OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:05 A. Introductions
- III. CONSENT AGENDA
9:10 *A. Approve November 29, 2006 Meeting Minutes
- IV. ACTION ITEMS
9:15 A. Election of Officers
 Election of Officers for 2007 will be held.
- V. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
9:25 *A. Progress to Date
 *B. How GIS Data is Used
- VII. OTHER
10:15 Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 2007, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT
10:30

*Enclosures

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*REGIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 29, 2006
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION*

MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Michael Borzick, Canyon County Development Services
Anna Canning, City of Meridian
Norm Holm, City of Nampa
Wendy Howell, City of Middleton
Anne Kawalec, Ada County Assessor's Office
Chad Lynch, Canyon County Assessor's Office
Mike McClenahan, Ada County Development Services
Jenah Thornborrow, City of Garden City
Karan Waters, Ada County Development Services
Ted Vanegas, City of Eagle

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Adolfson, COMPASS
Ross Dodge, COMPASS
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER

Ross Dodge called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Introductions were made of all attendees.

Ross Dodge presented a brief review of the COMPASS standing committees.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Why this Committee?

Ross Dodge explained that RGAC will be a fourth COMPASS standing committee tasked with assembling the mix of transportation and land use geographic information into comparable regional information that can be used for better planning and analysis for Ada and Canyon Counties. This committee is intended to be composed of department leaders who have a vision for planning at the regional level. Those who can help us acquire comparable geographic information for planning across county lines.

What will this Committee do?

The primary focus of this committee will be the following:

- Performance Monitoring Report - Our approach to the Board's instruction will be to analyze our local land use / transportation information over time to determine if we are moving in the direction outlined in *Communities in Motion*.
- Population Allocation - This Committee will work to develop approved methodology and data sets from which to develop acceptable population allocation numbers.
- Preparation for Census 2010 - This Committee would look at ways to improve our GIS information in an effort to improve our counts for 2010.
- Development of comparable Regional Data Sets and be Advisory to the COMPASS Board on regional GIS issues.

DISCUSSION ITEM

How could this Committee benefit you?

Committee discussion:

- Obtaining a committee member who has both technical and planning/visionary expertise could be difficult.
- The discussion of orthophotography may need to be a subgroup of this Committee and other subcommittees may need to be created for the more technical discussions.
- A valuable role of this Committee could be to foster vertical communication between directors and technical staff and, horizontally between departments.
- In order to mark whether we are meeting *Communities in Motion* goals, we need to be able to calculate gross residential density in a shape file.
- Some jurisdictions do not have GIS expertise and there is a need to understand these issues.

Ross Dodge commented that Google Earth is a possibility for some of the smaller cities that do not have GIS expertise. COMPASS staff would be willing to help the smaller jurisdictions get set up with this system.

Eric Adolfsen gave a presentation regarding Goggle Earth.

- Agencies without GIS do not participate on GIS-type committees. This type of meeting would be a good forum to discuss planning needs and how GIS technology could assist in that effort.
- It may be necessary to obtain regional agency data from the Department of Environmental Quality or the Environmental Protection Agency, which may cross jurisdictions.
- There would be a benefit to present data analysis results to this type of regional planning group.

When will the Committee meet?

Ross Dodge stated that this Committee would probably meet on a quarterly basis. With regard to committee membership, the COMPASS Board approves the membership of each standing committee in January. Ross asked for specific names which will be added to the membership roster.

Mike McClenahan commented that in an ideal setting, major GIS representatives from various agencies, whether state or local, should be on the membership roster for this Committee. They would have the technical knowledge and the ability to access funding. It may be difficult to get a committee which is made up of agency directors.

Ross Dodge replied that if necessary, this Committee could consist of both technical and planning staff. It does not need to duplicate the work of other technical committees. The intent is to incorporate GIS technology to understand and accomplish planning issues.

ASSIGNMENTS

The Committee members at this time did not feel prepared to assign specific names for the Committee roster.

Ross Dodge suggested that the attendees communicate this discussion with their respective supervisors to begin the vertical communication.

As a first action item of this Committee, Ross requested a digital copy of each jurisdiction's comprehensive plan in order to work toward one regional data set. The attendees agreed to assist in this effort.

NEXT MEETING

Ross Dodge summarized that based on discussions heard, this Committee would be of value but more time is needed to layout groundwork with planning directors.

Ross Dodge stated he would follow-up with the planning directors who were not in attendance in order to assemble a membership roster for the COMPASS Board.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Geographic Advisory Committee

FROM: Ross Dodge, Principal Planner

DATE: April 16, 2007

RE: Progress to Date

ACTION REQUESTED:

None. Information and discussion only.

BACKGROUND:

At our last meeting, we discussed RGAC as being one of the four COMPASS standing committees that are advisory to the COMPASS Board. We discussed what this Committee would do and how it would benefit each local jurisdiction and regional planning. Since that meeting we have accomplished the following:

- Assembled a two-county comprehensive plan land use shape file
- Assembled a two-county centerline shape file with street name and addresses
- Assembled a two-county parcel land use shape file for residential, commercial, industrial, and exempt classifications
- Setup Middleton with GIS capabilities
- Defined and identified Major Activity Centers (MAC)
- Made progress on a regional land use / transportation software model

STATUS:

Attached is an updated data_list.xls. If you recall, the goal is to get comparable data of Ada and Canyon Counties, to which we are making progress.

Attachment 1 – List of COMPASS Geographic Information

Attachment 2 – Generalized Comprehensive Plans for Canyon and Ada Counties

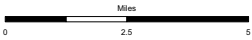
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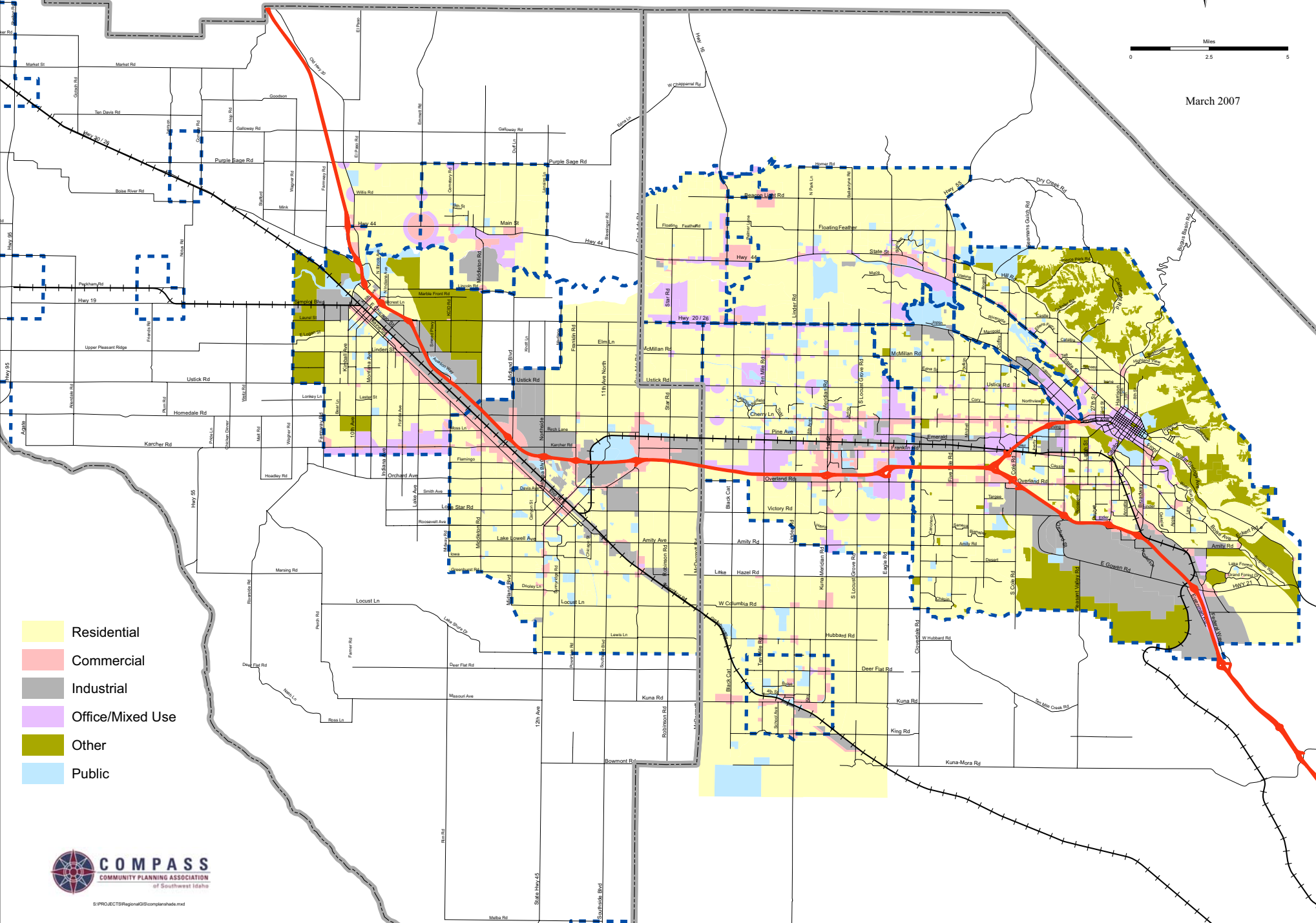
List of COMPASS Geographic Information

Legend	Good	Good accuracy -- Up-to-date		
	Fair	Fair accuracy -- not Up-to-date		
	Poor	Questionable accuracy -- not Up-to-date		
	Non-Existant	Not yet available		
	Ada	Canyon	Rural	State
Basemap				
Parcels				
Assessor Property characteristic DBF				
Centerline Roads				
Section/Township/Range				
Water Features				
Other basemap layers				
Jurisdiction				
Bus Routes				
City Limits				
Area of Impact				
Parks, Golf, Cemeteries				
Zoning				
Comprehensive Plans				
Annual Annexation				
Subdivision				
Preliminary Subdivision				
Planned Communities				
School Enrollment Boundaries				
School Sites				
COMPASS Data				
Building Permits				
Traffic Analysis Zones				
Demographic Areas				
Functional Classification				
Transportation Improve Program (TIP)				
Regional Major Activity Centers				
Regional Parcel Landuse				
Regional Centerline				
Communities in Motion				
Congestion Management				
Census Tracts & Blocks				
Regional Employment				
IDWR Landuse				
Regional Transportation Studies Coord				
Subdivision Density				
Ortho Photography				
High Resolution TIF's				
Compressed Resolution				
Low Resolution NAIP Aerial	2004/06	2004/06	2004/06	
Shaded Relief				
Other				
Bikeways				
Sidewalks				
Floodway				
Zipcodes				

Generalized Comprehensive Plans for Canyon and Ada Counties



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- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Office/Mixed Use
- Other
- Public





MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Geographic Advisory Committee

FROM: Ross Dodge, Principal Planner

DATE: April 16, 2007

RE: How GIS Data is Used

ACTION REQUESTED:

None. Information and discussion only.

Background:

A goal of this Committee is to help each jurisdiction answer planning questions using GIS technology. The purpose of this discussion is to inquire how GIS could be used to answer jurisdictional and regional planning questions such as:

- What is the percent of growth in acres, lots, sq.ft., population, etc. within city limits?
- What is the inventory of preliminary subdivision lots?
- What is the density of residential subdivisions in city limits?
- What is the ratio of commercial sq.ft. to residential sq.ft.?
- What is the ratio of parks and open space acreage to residential acreage?
- What is the inventory of buildable lots within city limits?
- What is the number of planned community lots as a percentage of existing lots.
- What is the value of property within the floodplain?
- And many other questions you may have.

In addition, there are several multi-jurisdictional issues that could be assisted by good regional geographic data:

- Nampa/Meridian Open Space
- Middleton/Star Impact and City Limits
- Canyon County Interoperability
- Emergency Services
- 2010 Census
- Others?

STATUS:

Staff requests Committee input:

- How does your agency use GIS technology?
- What data needs do you have and how do we get the data necessary to answer these questions?

Examples will be given of some of the things staff is doing as part of the annual Performance Monitoring Report, which will be presented to the COMPASS Board in September 2007.

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