



**Regional Technical Advisory Committee
February 23, 2005
Community Planning Association**

Minutes

ATTENDEES:

- Greg Abramson, City of Kuna
- Casey Bequeath, Canyon Highway District #4
- Wendel Bigham, Meridian School District Transportation
- Bruce Eggleston, City of Boise
- Shawn Martin, ACHD (for Don Kostelec, **Chair**)
- Pam Sheldon, Capital City Development Corporation
- Steve Siddoway, City of Meridian
- Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle,
- Dennis Stegenga, City of Star
- Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
- Sue Sullivan, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
- Charles Trainor, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)
- Michael Wilson, Ada County

ABSENT:

- John Anderson, Boise Air Terminal
- Mary Berent, City of Middleton, **Vice Chair**
- Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit
- Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
- Leonard Herr, Department of Environmental Quality
- Leon Jensen, Canyon County
- Gordon Law, City of Caldwell
- Berrin Nejad, City of Garden City
- Paul Raymond, City of Nampa
- Bill Vaughan, City of Eagle

OTHERS

ATTENDING: Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4
Linda Ritter, COMPASS
Christina Ryan, Holladay Engineering Co.
Toni Tisdale, COMPASS
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS
Jay Witt, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chair Don Kostelec and Vice Chair Mary Berent, Steve Siddoway moved and Pam Sheldon seconded to select Nichoel Baird Spencer as acting Chair for RTAC's February 23, 2005 meeting. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.

Nichoel Baird Spencer called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve January 26, 2005 Minutes

Pam Sheldon stated that in the fourth paragraph on page 4, the word "COMPASS" is misspelled.

Pam Sheldon moved and Dennis Stegenga seconded to approve the January 26, 2005 minutes as amended. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of CMS Plan and 2004 CMS Annual Report

Jay Witt gave a brief background of the Congestion Management System (CMS). This is not a new congestion planning process. It is a plan to define, evaluate and report on congestion in the Treasure Valley. This information is then incorporated into the current transportation planning processes (i.e., Transportation Improvement Program and Long Range Transportation Plan). This is a technical tool used by the MPO when making decisions regarding transportation plans. As part of the CMS, a report will be provided on an annual basis, which will disseminate the information and data collected.

RTAC is requested to endorse the CMS as well as the 2004 Annual Report. Comments will be incorporated into the CMS as much as possible. Any systemic comments or issues would be better addressed through a revising of the system plan with the Congestion Management Team. The Federal Highway Administration, during their Triennial Review in April, will also be reviewing the CMS and how it is being used.

After further discussion, the following suggestions were made:

- Add more definition to the introduction of how the overall process fits into the planning process.
- Modify tables to include acronym definitions.

Mike Wilson moved and Greg Abramson seconded to endorse the Treasure Valley Congestion Management System, and its 2004 Annual Report, with the inclusion of adding to the Congestion Management System plan more definition into the introduction of how the overall process fits into the planning process and modifying the tables to include acronym definitions. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Sue Sullivan asked if RTAC would convene again to discuss these issues. Jay replied that the CMS is a dynamic process full of annual data collection. Ultimately any changes that need to be made or recommended to the CMS will be brought to RTAC for discussion.

Endorse Downtown Boise Mobility Study

After discussion, **Pam Sheldon moved and Sue Sullivan seconded to endorse the Downtown Boise Mobility Study. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

Prioritization of FY 2008 Transportation Enhancement Applications

After discussion, **Dennis Stegenga moved and Steve Siddoway seconded to recommend the Prioritization of FY 2008 Transportation Enhancement Applications. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

Prioritization of FY2006-2010 Surface Transportation – Urban/TMA Projects

After discussion, the following suggestions were made:

- Notify the Idaho Transportation Department of any projects on the state highway system.
- Add clarification to heading: Projects Considered for Other Federal Funding “*but not recommended.*”
- State Highway 44, from 4th Avenue west to Mill Slough: move from Bridge Program Funding to Enhancement.
- Clarify that Prioritized List of STP-TMA Projects for Northern Ada County are **2010 projects.**
- Project: HOV Lane Evaluation on I-84 and ***I-184.***

Pam Sheldon moved and Dennis Stegenga seconded to recommend the Prioritization of FY2006-2010 Surface Transportation – Urban/TMA Projects as amended. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Update to Triennial Review Process

Toni Tisdale stated that once COMPASS was designated a Transportation Management Area, the review process changed requiring a formal review from a team of federal regulators. Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration will provide a team for this review. The review process begins with a letter of request. The Federal Highway Administration has made the first step in initiating the Triennial Review with a formal letter and list of requests for documents.

A COMPASS area certification review will take place April 19-21, 2005. One correction to the preliminary agenda schedule: on Wednesday, April 20, the time is from **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The review team is invited to attend the COMPASS Board’s April 18, 2005 meeting, as this is a

critical decision point in *Communities in Motion*. RTAC members are invited to attend any portion of the Triennial Review. This is a very open process and comments will be received throughout the review period. The Triennial Review should be wrapped up by July with a final report available at that time.

Follow-up Discussion Development Review

Charles Trainor stated when considering what is being done with *Communities in Motion* and *Blueprint for Good Growth*, questions are asked: what is realistic that would be coming out of the plan in terms of changes and land use and how can we see what is actually going on to determine compatibility between the assumptions and goals? This is not an attempt to force modification of the comprehensive plans but rather setting up a process by which the reasonability of the plan will be tested against reality. This plan looks at land use issues such as density and how much growth is occurring within the rail corridor. How much growth is occurring within walking distance of transit routes? How much development is occurring within walk or bike distance of key activities and things of that nature?

Charles put forth a request for volunteers from RTAC that could meet and begin to scope a framework of what data will be needed. This would be a report that would be presented to RTAC each spring and include information for consideration of the Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program.

After further discussion, the following members volunteered to sit on the subcommittee:

Nichoel Baird Spencer
Steve Siddoway
Dean Gunderson (volunteered by Mike Wilson)
Pam Sheldon
Bruce Eggleston
Sue Sullivan
Casey Bequeath
Charles Trainor

Charles stated he would speak to Kevin Bittner regarding his possible participation.

Noise Compatible Land Use Control Program

Sue Sullivan asked that this item be tabled for next month's agenda.

Discussion on Studies Coordination

Toni Tisdale stated that this item would become a monthly discussion. COMPASS staff was given direction to continue providing interactive mapping for studies coordination. Issues arose when down loading the map online but it is a work in progress and should be resolved shortly.

Toni directed RTAC to review the on-going list of studies. If there are changes or concerns, please let her know and the list and map will be updated. A presentation will go before the COMPASS Board in March.

After further discussion, the following suggestions were made:

- Add a line of what is active (complete, ongoing, or future) maybe in different colors.
- Indicate next steps for the Downtown Boise Mobility Study:
 - Collecting public input

- Approval from Boards of participating agencies
- Create final draft

OPEN DISCUSSION

Charles Trainor stated that a recommendation coming out of the *Communities in Motion* and *Blueprint for Good Growth* process on the preferred scenario would be presented to RTAC at the next scheduled meeting. It will go to the COMPASS Board on March 21 but they will not take final action until April 18.

Sue Sullivan commented that if the GARVEE bonds pass, things would change for those who work with or adjacent to any of the indicated routes.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 23, 2005, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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