



REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MARCH 15, 2006

COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Lisa Bachman, City of Kuna
Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Vice Chair*
Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit
Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation (*for Pam Sheldon*)
Marje Ellmaker, Mayor, City of Notus
Stephen Freiburger, Nampa Highway District #1 (*for Jim Buffington*)
Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
Dean Gunderson, Ada County
Leonard Herr, Department of Environmental Quality
Leon Jensen, Canyon County Development Services
Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District
Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District
Paul Raymond, City of Nampa (*via telephone conference*)
Christy Richardson, City of Garden City
Jessica Shine, Public Participation Committee
Steve Siddoway, City of Meridian, *Chair*
Sue Sullivan, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Wendel Bigham, Meridian School District Transportation
Gordon Law, City of Caldwell
Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4
Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle
Dennis Stegenga, City of Star
Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Cunningham, COMPASS
Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian
Patricia Nilsson, COMPASS
Erv Olen, Parametrix
Nicole Prehoda, COMPASS
Charles Trainor, COMPASS
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steve Siddoway called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Introductions were made of all attendees.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Chair Siddoway asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. None were requested.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patricia Nilsson stated that meetings are being scheduled in May (the beginning of the public involvement process) regarding the US 20/26 and SH 44 Corridor Preservation Studies. The Corridor Studies involve Eagle Road in Ada County to I-84 in Canyon County. Sign-up lists were distributed to obtain the names of developers, property owners, motorists, and agencies personnel who would be interested in participating in special User Group meetings.

Toni Tisdale commented that the TMA Balancing process will take place in April for the Nampa Urbanized Area and the Transportation Management Area in Boise. If there are projects that are scheduled from 2007 – 2010 which need additional funding, staff should be notified as soon as possible.

Sue Sullivan stated that Alana Hansen's last day at the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is March 15. Also, ITD is having difficulty in controlling access in the region and will need the Land Use Authority's help regarding access management.

Leonard Herr announced that a grant has become available for biodiesel infrastructure development. It will be easy to apply for this grant because it is locally controlled. For more information, contact Leonard or the Idaho Energy Department, the agency responsible for handling the grant.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve February 22, 2006 Minutes

Dean Gunderson moved and Jon Cecil seconded to approve the February 22, 2006 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommend Approval of the Preliminary FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program Priorities

Dean Gunderson moved and Mary Berent seconded to recommend approval of the Preliminary FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program Priorities. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Recommend Approval of the 2030 Planning Functional Classification Map for Ada and Canyon Counties

Toni Tisdale presented the revised 2030 Planning Functional Classification Map for Northern Ada County and Canyon County.

Discussion:

The Committee suggested several changes to the map and definitions:

Ada County Map and Change List:

- 8th Street between Bannock and Main – reclassify as a minor arterial
- Gap between Capital and 9th – classify as a principal arterial
- Line 11, Chinden Blvd (US 20/26), delete the word "Urban"

- Lines 31 & 32, Kuna Mora Road, change "Principal Arterial" to "Expressway"
- Line 45, McDermott Interchange, either change to McDermott "Area" or add a footnote indicating "interchange position study"
- Line 46, McDermott Road, change "Expressway" to "Freeway" and delete "Urban"
- Line 56, SH 16, change "Expressway" to "Freeway" and delete "Urban"

Canyon County Map and Change List:

- Line 30, McDermott Road, change "Principal Arterial" to "Expressway" or add a footnote indicating this study it will determine the classification
- Expand classification of South McDermott Road and Kuna Mora Road to "Expressway"

After further discussion, Chair Siddoway asked for a motion recommending approval of the 2030 Planning Functional Classification Map. *Stephen Freiburger moved and Dean Gunderson seconded to recommend approval of the 2030 Planning Functional Classification Map for Ada and Canyon Counties with the following changes: deleting the word "Urban" from "Urban Interchanges" and adding a footnote that McDermott south of the Interstate and Kuna Mora Road will be subject to further study for consideration as an Expressway. Motion passed 22 to 6 (total number of votes).*

Discussion

Sue Sullivan made an additional motion and Paul Raymond seconded to add cross hatching to the approved footnote, depicting the area near McDermott from I-84 to Kuna Mora as a study area, together with deletion of the word "Urban" from "Urban Interchange." Motion was unanimously approved.

Karen Gallagher moved and Stephen Freiburger seconded to amend the definitions of Functional Classification:

- "Expressways permit through traffic flow through urban areas and between major **regional** activity centers."
- "Expressways are similar to an interstate, **with grade separated interchanges** . . . "
- "Principal arterials serve the major **regional** centers of activity of a metropolitan area, the **higher** traffic volume corridors, and the **longer trips while carrying a higher** proportion of"
- "Minor arterials interconnect with and augment the principal arterial system and provide service to trips of **shorter** length at (**delete, somewhat**) a lower level of"
- "This classification includes all arterials not included in a higher classification and places"

Motion was unanimously approved.

Don Kostelec suggested adding procedural language to request COMPASS to incorporate the Functional Classification update process sooner in future long-range transportation updates in order to properly incorporate into corridor analysis and prioritization.

C. Recommend Amendment to the FY 2006-2010 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs

Don Kostelec moved and Dean Gunderson seconded to recommend the amendment to the FY 2006-2010 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update on Communities in Motion

Charles Trainor gave a brief review of the plan document and guidelines for Committee review. The deadline for receiving comments is March 23, 2006, 3:00 p.m. In April, staff will ask the COMPASS Board to accept the draft plan for public release.

B. Status of I-84 Alternatives Analysis

John Cunningham gave a brief overview of the I-84 Alternatives Analysis and draft Request for Qualifications.

Discussion and suggested changes:

- Amend title to read "Rail/I-84 Corridor Alternatives Analysis"
- Under Administrative & Budget, add dollar amounts to Funding column for each Activity
- Page 1, Overview, amend phrase ". . . adopt this plan in the *summer* of 2006. . . ."
- Add language which describes the alternatives to be studied

C. Status of U.S. 20/26 and S.H. 44 Corridor Studies

Patricia Nilsson presented a briefing of the current issues related to U.S. 20/26 and S.H. 44 Corridor Studies. The Corridor Preservation Committee met on Friday, March 10. All jurisdictions, except for the City of Star, were represented. Public Involvement Scoping meetings have been scheduled for May 10 and 11. Specific information will be forwarded to RTAC. A process is starting to look at right-of-way preservation and recommend a protocol to effectively preserve right-of-way through the land development process.

OTHER

A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2006, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

Upcoming Meetings: May 10, 2006
June 14, 2006
July 12, 2006

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

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