



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

**\*\*\*Minutes\*\*\***

**ATTENDEES:** Greg Abramson, City of Kuna  
 Mary Berent, City of Middleton, **Vice Chair**  
 Wendel Bigham, Meridian School District Transportation  
 Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit  
 Bruce Eggleston, City of Boise  
 Dean Gunderson, Ada County  
 Alana Hansen, Idaho Transportation Department-Dist. 3 (for Sue Sullivan)  
 Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District, **Chair**  
 Gordon Law, City of Caldwell  
 Bonnie Ford-LeCompte, Canyon County  
 Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District  
 Pam Sheldon, Capital City Development Corporation  
 Steve Siddoway, City of Meridian  
 Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle,  
 Dennis Stegenga, City of Star  
 Charles Trainor, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)

**ABSENT:** John Anderson, Boise Air Terminal  
 Casey Bequeath, Canyon Highway District #4  
 Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1  
 Leonard Herr, Department of Environmental Quality  
 Berrin Nejad, City of Garden City  
 Paul Raymond, City of Nampa  
 Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District

## **OTHERS**

**ATTENDING:** Nicole Prehoda, COMPASS  
Christina Ryan, Holladay Engineering  
Toni Tisdale, COMPASS  
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Don Kostelec called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Introductions were made of all attendees.

Since a quorum was not present, the Chair moved to the Information Items.

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### **Density Game**

Charles Trainor asked the Committee to participate in “Guess the Density Game” put out by the Local Government Commission. The participants were asked to look at an overview of ten projects and identify the density range (units per acre). This is a good tool when moving into *Communities in Motion* and *Blueprint for Good Growth* because of the confusion as to what density is and what it might look like.

Quorum was established and the Chair moved to the Action Items.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Approve February 23, 2005 Minutes**

Pam Sheldon commented that on page 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, the phrase, “...things would change for those who are work with or...” should be amended to read, “... *things would change for those who work with or....*”

Nichoel Baird Spencer commented that her name was misspelled on page 4.

**Nichoel Baird Spencer moved and Dennis Stegenga seconded to approve the February 23, 2005 minutes as amended. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approve Preliminary Project Lists for FY 2006-2010 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation**

Toni Tisdale stated the Committee has seen most of this information except for the transit information. All of the enhancement and CMAQ projects are included in this packet as a preliminary list because we do not know which projects have been approved. Later on in the process they will be redlined out if they are not approved.

During discussion, the Committee suggested that the following modifications be made:

Preliminary FY2006-2010 Northern Ada County Transportation Improvement Program

- Project 34, Historic Warm Springs Blvd. Landscape: Total cost should be changed from \$455,000 to \$555,000 (\$100,000 – non-participating funds).
- Projects 95 – 97: Insert the word “for” into the descriptions – “Provide operating funds *for ...*”
- Project 110, Twenty-Five (25) Commuter Vans (FY06): There is a discrepancy in the name of the project and the description.
- Project 113, I-84 Ada, Canyon and Elmore Counties: There is a discrepancy in total cost - \$415,000 stated in description and \$380,000 stated in Cost column.

Preliminary Nampa Urbanized Area FY2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program:

- Labeling of columns should be consistent for Nampa Urbanized Area and Northern Ada County.
- Project 41, Northern Highland Rd. from SH44 (Main St.) to Third St. N.: North Highland Rd. should be renamed Cemetery Road.
- Project 49, SH 44 (Main St.) from Highland Rd. to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.: North Highland Rd. should be renamed Cemetery Road.
- Project 73, Transit-Rural Transportation Planning/Administration: Change Cost to \$10,000, Federal Share to \$8,000, and Local Share to \$2,000.
- Project 75, Transit-Rural Transportation Capital: Amend description to read, “*Provide preventative maintenance* for Rural Canyon County Services.”

After further discussion, **Gordon Law moved and Nichol Baird Spencer seconded to approve the Preliminary Project Lists for FY 2006-2010 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation with changes as noted. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

**Endorse the Preferred Growth Scenarios for Use in *Communities in Motion* and *Blueprint for Good Growth***

Charles Trainor introduced the two proposed Growth Scenarios for use in developing the transportation plan for *Communities in Motion* and to develop other analyses for *Blueprint for Good Growth* in Ada County.

After discussion, **Dean Gunderson moved and Gordon Law seconded to endorse the approach that COMPASS is undertaking regarding the Growth Scenarios for use in *Communities in Motion* and *Blueprint for Good Growth* related to public outreach and refinement of the same. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Discussion on Studies Coordination**

Toni Tisdale stated that a demonstration of the Transportation Studies Coordination Project was presented to the COMPASS Board at their March 21 meeting, from which applause was received. RTAC is thanked for all the input provided to make this project more readable. The Transportation Studies Coordination Project will be uploaded on the COMPASS website by March 25.

Additional suggestions from the Committee:

- On both the map and table there should be consistency in titles and naming of projects.
- How are future studies identified? Some of the future studies are in documents that are stated more clearly than others.

Toni explained that most of the future studies were taken from the long-range plan, which specified future studies.

- Was there language in the policy statements regarding a future study of the Five Mile interchange?

Charles Trainor replied that a Five Mile study was never proposed, but rather preservation of the Five Mile interchange.

- Is the I-84 Corridor Study going to be added to this list?

Toni commented that it would be listed on a studies page. Older studies are listed first as an actual document. It will not be on the map but will be listed as a prior study.

- The Idaho Transportation Department will provide information regarding the environmental study on I-84.

### **2004 Development Monitoring Report**

Nicole Prehoda provided a PowerPoint presentation of the overview of development activity using information gathered from building permits.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Alana Hansen of the Idaho Transportation Department (substituting for Sue Sullivan) distributed a draft noise abatement measure for residential development adjacent to State Highways. Alana stated that Sue Sullivan would like the Committee's comments. Please send them to her by email.

Toni Tisdale stated the noise abatement measure would be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

Don Kostelec commented that he received a form from the Idaho Transportation Department authorizing work on a transportation plan for the City of Mountain Home through the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, April 27, 2005, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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