

REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 26, 2008
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES:

Clair Bowman, City of Nampa
 Sabrina Bowman, Ada County Highway District (*for Sally Goodell*)
 Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
 Phil Choate, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
 Chris Danley, Ada County Highway District
 Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian, *Chair*
 Stephen Freiburger, Nampa Highway District #1 (*for Jim Buffington*)
 Jorge Garcia, Department of Environmental Quality
 Dean Gunderson, Ada County Development Services
 Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
 Jeff Lowe, City of Eagle (*for Nichoel Baird Spencer*)
 Ryan McDaniel, City of Boise
 Brent Orton, City of Caldwell
 Gloria Parkvold, Valley Regional Transit
 Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4, *Vice Chair*
 Jenah Thornborrow, City of Garden City
 Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)
 Jarom Wagoner, Canyon County Development Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary Berent, City of Middleton
 Wendell Bigham, Joint School District #2
 Jared Everett, Boise State University
 Steve Hasson, City of Kuna
 Anne Horn, Mayor, City of Notus
 Deanna Smith, Public Participation Committee
 Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
 Mary Shaw Taylor, City of Star
 Margie Watson, Mayor, City of Parma

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sonna Lynn Fernandez, Idaho Transportation Department -
 Headquarters
 Pam Golden, Idaho Transportation Department-HQ
 Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS
 Patti Raino, Idaho Transportation Department-HQ
 Charles Trainor, COMPASS
 MaryAnn Waldinger, COMPASS
 Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ellsworth called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toni Tisdale stated that a list of speakers have been scheduled for the *2008 COMPASS Education Series*. Today, March 26, 2008, Todd Litman is scheduled to speak on the topic: "*Work Smarter, Not Harder To Improve Transportation*." A reception will be held at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel, North Star Room at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation and questions scheduled for 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The list of speakers, locations, and times can be found on the COMPASS website: http://www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents_connections.htm. If members would like to attend this presentation, please confirm your attendance with either herself or Terri Schorzman.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. *Approve February 27, 2008 Meeting Minutes*

Tim Richard moved and Jon Cecil seconded to approve the February 27, 2008 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

A. *Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the FY2008-2012 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs*

Toni Tisdale presented changes to the Transportation Improvement Program requiring an amendment (transit 5316 and 5317).

After discussion, Dean Gunderson moved and Tim Richard seconded to recommend approval of the Amendment to the FY2008-2012 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. *Discuss the Proposed Transportation Development Agreement (TDA) Process*

Sonna Lynn Fernandez and Pam Golden, Idaho Transportation Department, Headquarters, provided a presentation concerning the proposal of a voluntary TDA process.

B. *Review Revised Project Prioritization Process*

Charles Trainor presented issues involved in the Project Prioritization Process as it relates to regional projects that might be funded with a future local option tax.

C. *Discuss Changes to the Project Prioritization Process*

Toni Tisdale requested additional discussion regarding the scoring criteria and the process in which to score both Urban and Enhancement projects.

Discussion:

- Page 4 – The first available year of funding is no longer FY2012. Toni replied that it will be updated. The first year of funding for this process will be FY2014.
- It may be a good idea to look at the process to make sure it further implements the *Blueprint for Good Growth* choices (i.e., job/housing match and further implementation of regional plans).
- Pages 20 & 21 – Scoring Guidelines: Paved Pathways – Take the total point spread from zero to twenty. Take upper points and shift more of those points into the lower tiers in order to earn more points without having a regionally significant project.
- Page 20 – Scoring Guidelines: Paved Pathways: Safety Enhancement – “Projects will eliminate conflicts between bicyclists/pedestrians...” Should the phrase, “...but will not preclude either use” be added? These issues were brought up at RTAC’s February meeting.

Toni commented that in the interest of time, this item will be brought back for discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

- Pertinent to the February discussion, it may be appropriate to take a closer look at the descriptions on pages 20 – 22.
- Page 6 – Table 4: Federal Aid in *Communities in Motion* Planning Area FY 2000-2005 – The years should be expanded to bring them current.

Chair Ellsworth suggested that additional comments be forwarded to Toni via email so they can be incorporated for next month’s discussion.

D. Discuss Construction Coordination and Studies

Charles Trainor presented the latest information in coordination efforts for construction and studies.

Toni commented that data is still being collected and an update will be provided at the April meeting.

E. Articles for Your Information

Toni Tisdale stated that Jon Cecil requested that several articles be made available to the RTAC members.

Jon Cecil commented that there is a cost to purchase a hard copy of the article “*Potential Impact of Climate Change on U.S. Transportation: Special Report 290*” but it can also be downloaded from the Transportation Research Board’s website.

OTHER

A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

Toni Tisdale introduced COMPASS’ new employee, Liisa Itkonen, Principal Planner for Transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.