



REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MAY 23, 2007
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES:

Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Chair*
 Wendell Bigham, Joint School District #2
 Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit
 Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
 Ester Ceja, Public Participation Committee
 Phil Choate, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
 Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian, *Vice Chair*
 Michael Fuss, City of Nampa
 Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
 Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District
 Whitney Rearick, Boise State University
 Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4
 Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle
 Mary Shaw Taylor, City of Star
 Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)
 Jarom Wagoner, Canyon County Development Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Bachman, City of Kuna
 Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
 Elizabeth Conner, City of Garden City
 Mike DuBois, Department of Environmental Quality
 Marje Ellmaker, Mayor, City of Notus
 Dean Gunderson, Ada County
 Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
 Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District
 Brent Orton, City of Caldwell
 Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Keith Holmes, COMPASS
 Don Matson, COMPASS
 Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Berent called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Chair Berent stated that since a quorum was not present, discussion would begin with Information Item V-A.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introductions were made of all attendees.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review Draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP)

Keith Holmes presented the draft FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget (UPWP). Upon review and approval by the COMPASS Finance Committee, and recommendation by RTAC in June 2007, the draft UPWP will be presented to the COMPASS Board for review in July and final adoption in August 2007.

Quorum now present, Chair Berent moved to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve April 25, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Jon Cecil moved and Kevin Bittner seconded to approve the April 25, 2007 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommend Approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs for Public Comment

Toni Tisdale presented a review of the draft FY 2008-2012 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs for Public Comment. Additional changes to the GARVEE programs were provided at the meeting. Toni committed to email the detail of GARVEE changes to RTAC members as soon as possible.

After discussion, Phil Choate moved and Matt Ellsworth seconded to recommend approval of the draft FY 2008-2012 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs for Public Comment. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Recommend Approval of the FY 2007-2011 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment

Toni Tisdale presented for recommendation, the FY 2007-2011 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment. A handout was provided that included an additional project in the Nampa Urbanized Area.

After discussion, *Michael Fuss moved and Kevin Bittner seconded to recommend approval of the FY 2007-2011 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Programs Amendment. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.*

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. Update regarding the Funding Levels for the Prioritization Process

Toni Tisdale reviewed an update to the funding levels for the prioritization process and questions raised by the COMPASS Board.

Toni noted that after going through the update process, the new prioritization process will not begin in FY 2012 because of major cost increases in current projects. This is a different process than what has been done in the past. Major capital projects have never been discussed in the prioritization process. A new level of priority has been placed on the corridors, which reduces the amount of available funds for smaller projects.

Toni commented that there is a need for continued discussions on the prioritization process and encouraged the Committee to talk to their individual elected officials regarding this issue.

C. Overview of Federal Transportation Funding

Toni Tisdale stated that after RTAC's request for a presentation on federal funding in March 2007, COMPASS staff voiced an interest in creating an educational document regarding federal transportation funding. COMPASS has hired summer interns, one of which will draft an understandable approach to federal funding. It is anticipated that by late summer 2007, a document will be available for public awareness and member agencies.

If Committee members would like to provide guidance in the presentation or inclusion of materials, please contact Toni.

D. Discussion on Studies Coordination

Toni Tisdale stated that studies coordination will be a standing item on RTAC agendas. The Committee is encouraged to provide members with updates to current transportation studies and public meeting dates.

Discussion:

- South Meridian Planning Meeting, May 31, 2007, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Mary McPherson Elementary
- US 20/26 Corridor Preservation Study Public Meetings:
 - May 30, 2007, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friendship Celebration Church, 765 E. Chinden Blvd., Meridian
 - May 31, 2007, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Thomas Jefferson Charter School, 1209 Adam Smith Ave., Caldwell
- SH 16, I-84 to SH 44 Environmental Study Public Meeting, June 12, 2007, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Birch Elementary School, Nampa

Ryan Head, COMPASS Assistant Planner, is working on updating studies coordination for the COMPASS website. Please forward additional information to: rhead@compassidaho.org.

OTHER

A. *Next Meeting:* Wednesday, June 27, 2007, *9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.*, at Meridian Police Department.

Wednesday, June 27, 2007, *10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*, Meridian Police Department - Joint Meeting of COMPASS' Technical Committees: Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC); Transportation Model Advisory Committee (TMAC); Demographic Advisory Committee (DAC); and, Interagency Consultation Committee (ICC).

ADJOURNMENT

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

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