



*REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE*  
*JUNE 27, 2007*  
*MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT*

**\*\*MINUTES\*\***

*ATTENDEES:*

Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Chair*  
 Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit  
 Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation  
 Ester Ceja, Public Participation Committee  
 Phil Choate, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3  
 Mike DuBois, Department of Environmental Quality  
 Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian, *Vice Chair*  
 Karen Gallagher, City of Boise  
 Dean Gunderson, Ada County  
 Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District  
 Brent Orton, City of Caldwell  
 Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4  
 Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle  
 Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)

*MEMBERS ABSENT:*

Lisa Bachman, City of Kuna  
 Wendell Bigham, Joint School District #2  
 Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1  
 Elizabeth Conner, City of Garden City  
 Marje Ellmaker, Mayor, City of Notus  
 Michael Fuss, City of Nampa  
 Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)  
 Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District  
 Whitney Rearick, Boise State University  
 Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District  
 Mary Shaw Taylor, City of Star  
 Jarom Wagoner, Canyon County Development Services

*OTHERS PRESENT:*

John Cunningham, COMPASS  
 Karen Doherty, Doherty & Associates  
 Don Matson, COMPASS  
 Carl Miller, COMPASS  
 Terri Schorzman, COMPASS  
 Leslie Toombs, Ada County Development Services  
 Charles Trainor, COMPASS  
 Jeanne Urlezaga, COMPASS  
 Yancey Willis, COMPASS  
 Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

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*CALL TO ORDER*

Chair Berent called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

*AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES*

None.

*OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS*

Introductions were made of all attendees.

*CONSENT AGENDA*

*A. Approve May 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes*

*Jon Cecil moved and Nichoel Baird Spencer seconded to approve the May 23, 2007 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.*

*ACTION ITEMS*

*A. Recommend Supplemental Documents to **Communities in Motion***

Charles Trainor presented the Compliance Supplements to *Communities in Motion* (CIM).

Discussion:

Dean Gunderson stated that under Section 10, Agricultural and Farmland, the 3rd sentence reads: "By making inaccessible areas more accessible, highways increase potential for development." In the Idaho Statutes, Title 63 Revenue and Taxation, Section 63-604, land actively devoted to agriculture is exempt from property taxes. Although highways into productive agricultural land may make the property more desirable for development, since agricultural land is exempt from property taxes in Idaho, farmers and ranchers are not driven out of business due to increasing property values and subsequent taxation.

Jon Cecil commented that in terms of environmental threats, there is no acknowledgement of West Nile Virus or climate change. These are significant issues.

Charles Trainor responded that the rules implementing provisions under SAFTEA-LU as they refer to environmental issues were to provide a more consistent consideration of environmental issues from transportation planning through project development. Elements were taken from the existing plan. The climate change issue is a bigger issue than what needs to be addressed to recommend approval of the supplemental documents in July 2007. This is an issue that can be addressed during the update process.

Dean Gunderson stated in Section 10, Glossary, Prime Farmland; the last sentence reads: "It does not include land already in or committed to urban development or water storage." When compared to the map included, all of the urbanized areas are listed as prime agriculture land. The map should be consistent with the Glossary definition.

Karen Gallagher commented that the map legends need more definition; what does a green or red dot represent?

After discussion, *Brent Orton moved and Matt Ellsworth seconded to recommend approval of the supplemental documents to **Communities in Motion**.*

Discussion:

Dean Gunderson commented that the motion should include the suggested changes as presented.

After discussion, *the maker and second of the motion, amended the motion to recommend approval of the supplemental documents to **Communities in Motion** with the inclusion that: land actively devoted to agriculture is exempt from property taxes; environmental reference to the threat of West Nile Virus be included; Glossary definitions be consistent with what is represented on the maps; and, clearer definition be made to the map legends. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.*

*B. Review and Recommend Approval of Access Management Toolbox*

John Cunningham presented the draft Access Management Toolbox and requested a recommendation to approve. Staff is preparing to go to the COMPASS Board to seek approval of the document and implementation strategy in August 2007.

After discussion, *Dean Gunderson moved and Karen Gallagher seconded to recommend approval of Access Management Toolbox. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.*

*C. Recommend Approval of the FY2007 End of Year Priorities*

Toni Tisdale presented the proposed priorities for Northern Ada County and the Nampa Urbanized Area.

After discussion, *Nichoel Baird Spencer moved and Karen Gallagher seconded to recommend approval of the FY2007 End of Year Plan Priorities. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.*

*INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS*

*B. Update on Valley Regional Transit's Transportation Service Coordination Plan*

John Cunningham presented an update on Valley Regional Transit's Transportation Service Coordination Plan.

*STATUS REPORTS*

Kevin Bittner stated that in Item VI-A, Current Transportation Project Information, under Public Transportation Monthly Ridership, Treasure Valley Transit and Treasure Valley Metro do not exist and should be deleted. As was recommended previously, change to Valley Regional Transit Boise UZA Service and Valley Regional Transit Nampa UZA Service.

Toni Tisdale commented that the report indicates trips made and Kevin has requested a change to indicate ridership per hour because some months have more or less operational days per year. ACHD VanPool numbers are not reported in this way.

Dean Gunderson replied that it would be helpful because ACHD VanPool is almost entirely commuter where there is a mix of ridership on the buses.

Toni Tisdale stated that the report will indicate trips made but will also add ridership per hour.

Kevin Bittner recommended hours of service per month (the average rider per hour, per month). Some months have less hours of service than the same month in the previous year because of the amount of days of operation.

After further discussion, Charles Trainor stated it is anticipated that in August 2007, staff will present a review of the CIM Performance Monitoring Report. Do the Status Reports, included in the monthly meeting packets, provide any benefit to the committee members?

Dean Gunderson replied that this information is of value.

Charles Trainor commented that the Status Reports have a purpose and if they should be presented in a better format, either a quarterly report or online, staff is willing to make those changes.

Kevin Bittner added that it would be interesting to see a description from COMPASS staff on how the information in the Status Reports correlates to CIM progress review (i.e., ridership statistics as it relates to CIM).

John Cunningham stated that he would also like to parallel the corridor projects. There are intensive transit services planned along certain corridors (State Street, Nampa/Caldwell, I-84). The tracking of ridership on the existing transit services should be done in order to review the performance changes, which will ultimately justify higher capacity service.

*OTHER*

A. *Next Meeting:* Wednesday, July 25, 2007, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

*ADJOURNMENT*

*There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.*

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