



COMPASS
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
of Southwest Idaho

REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 23, 2008
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES:

Wendell Bigham, Joint School District #2
Clair Bowman, City of Nampa
Sabrina Bowman, Ada County Highway District
Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
Phil Choate, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian, *Chair*
Jared Everett, Boise State University
Jim Farrens, Ada County Development Services
Stephen Freiburger, Nampa Highway District #1 (*for Jim Buffington*)
Steve Hasson, City of Kuna
Jeff Lowe, City of Eagle (*for Nichoel Baird Spencer*)
Ryan McDaniel, City of Boise
Gloria Parkvold, Valley Regional Transit
Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4, *Vice Chair*
Deanna Smith, Public Participation Committee
Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
Jenah Thornborrow, City of Garden City
Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)
Jarom Wagoner, Canyon County Development Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brad Broker, Department of Environmental Quality
Anne Horn, Mayor, City of Notus
Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
Wendy Howell, City of Middleton
Brent Orton, City of Caldwell
Mary Shaw Taylor, City of Star
Margie Watson, Mayor, City of Parma

OTHERS PRESENT:

LeAnn Carlsen, Joint School District #2
Sonna Lynn Fernandez, Idaho Transportation Department
Craig Herndon, Ada County Highway District
Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS
Justin Lucas, Ada County Highway District
Don Matson, COMPASS
Sai Kumar Sarepalli, Holladay Engineering Company
MaryAnn Waldinger, COMPASS
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

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CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Ryan McDaniel requested that an information/discussion item be added regarding the Project Prioritization Process for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Hearing no objections from the Committee, a discussion item regarding the Project Prioritization Process for the TIP was added to the agenda.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introductions were made of all attendees.

Wendel Bigham introduced LeAnn Carlsen who will be his replacement as the Joint School District #2 representative on RTAC, starting August 2008.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve the June 25, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Jarom Wagner moved and Clair Bowman seconded to approve the June 25, 2008 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommend Approval of the Final FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration

Toni Tisdale presented the Final FY 2009-2013 TIP.

After discussion, Ryan McDaniel moved and Clair Bowman seconded to recommend approval of the Final FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Recommend Approval of Amendments to Access Management Toolkit

Don Matson presented the amendments to the Access Management Toolkit.

After discussion, Phil Choate moved and Gloria Parkvold seconded to recommend approval of the Amendments to the Access Management Toolkit. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update on Kuna Mora and Western Canyon Corridors

Tim Richard, one of the presenters of this item, was not present and it was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with the presentation of Item V-B.

B. Discussion on Study to Extend Overland Road

Craig Herndon gave a presentation on the Overland Road Extension (McDermott Road to Ten Mile Road). Craig stated that this information is being presented to RTAC in order to receive input as to whether this potential study area is a benefit to the region, and if making a connection to a specific road into Canyon County would be a benefit for regional travel.

Discussion

- The study area should be extended to Happy Valley Road which would encompass both the Nampa Highway District and the City of Nampa.
- Because this area is outside the *Communities in Motion* (CIM) growth area, an amendment including a land use component, should be requested of the COMPASS Board.

Toni Tisdale commented that in order to amend the existing CIM plan, a joint letter from the Ada County Highway District, City of Nampa, and Nampa Highway District requesting an amendment should be presented to the COMPASS Board.

A. Update on Kuna Mora and Western Canyon Corridors

Craig Herndon presented an overview of the Kuna-Mora Road Corridor Study.

Tim Richard presented information about the development of the Western Canyon Corridors Study.

Stephen Freiburger stated that the Nampa Highway District and Canyon Highway District Technical Advisory Committee is preparing draft exhibits which will be presented to the agencies of Notus/Parma, Golden Gate, Nampa Highway District and Canyon Highway District Boards, and Canyon County Commissioners in September 2008. Continued coordination efforts are underway with the Ada County Highway District to ensure that planning efforts are lining up with those within Ada County. A western route public facilitation process will be scheduled for either October or November 2008 to receive residents' input. The proposed deadline for completing this study is spring 2009. Canyon County will then prepare overlay zones to protect the proposed corridors.

Steve Hasson commented that from a land use perspective along the Kuna-Mora corridor, once plans are in place and the corridor goes through Kuna, an overlay will be applied, which pertains to landscaping, access management control, noise accumulation, frontage and backage roads, etc. The City of Kuna will have those features instituted into that alignment.

Stephen Freiburger added that the Nampa Highway District and Ada County Highway District will begin work on a McDermott Corridor Study in early 2009. Steve Hasson stated that Kuna will have an overlay zone on McDermott Road as well, dealing with frontage and backage roads to keep traffic off of McDermott Road, Kuna-Mora, and Kuna-Meridian in order for those roads to maintain their integrity and move people quickly.

Toni Tisdale stated that this information will be presented to the COMPASS Board tentatively in August 2008.

Stephen Freiburger stated that the Nampa Highway District has a federal aid project which addresses an extension of Bowman Road from Robinson Road to McDermott Road, with a proposed completion date of 2012. This is not a corridor study. Nampa Highway District and Ada County Highway District staff are coordinating efforts so that the alignment is consistent with this project, with the final outcome of the Kuna-Mora Study.

C. Update on Transportation Impact Studies Recommended Practices

MaryAnn Waldinger stated that the Transportation Impact Studies (TIS) Workgroup met on July 1, 2008 to review and discuss key issues and concerns regarding the Transportation Impact Studies Recommended Practices draft document (previously titled, "Traffic Impact Study Best Practices"). Charles Trainor incorporated the changes and sent the document back to the Workgroup for review on July 9, 2008. The Workgroup will meet again on July 29, 2008 to review the draft document, and it is anticipated that the document will be presented to RTAC at the August 27, 2008 meeting.

D. Prioritization Process for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Funds

Chair Ellsworth stated that the subcommittee would like additional input from those with more technical knowledge. A question arose regarding maintenance and the funding split. An answer is needed before proposing any additional capacity expansions.

Toni Tisdale commented that staff would like to hold additional subcommittee meetings that include input from engineers. The City of Boise requested staff to look at the different ways money is spent through the TIP process. Toni told the COMPASS Board at their July 21, 2008 meeting that a recommendation from RTAC would be presented in fall 2008.

After discussion, the following members volunteered to participate at the next subcommittee meeting:

Stephen Freiburger, Nampa Highway District
Andrew O'Connor, Ada County Highway District
Idaho Transportation Department staff

STATUS REPORTS

Toni Tisdale asked the Committee to review the Obligation Report as time is running out on obtaining obligations for 2008.

OTHER

Chair Ellsworth thanked Wendel Bigham for his participation on RTAC.

Toni Tisdale stated that Sonna Lynn Fernandez of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), has extra CDs for the FY2009-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program which will be distributed for public comment. The Committee is welcome to take a CD for review. ITD's comment period ends August 4, 2008.

Steve Hasson announced that the City of Kuna has a job opening for a Planner II; annual salary approximately \$50,000.

A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 2008, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.