



Regional Technical Advisory Committee
July 27, 2005
Community Planning Association

*****Minutes*****

ATTENDEES: Greg Abramson, City of Kuna
 Mary Berent, City of Middleton, **Vice Chair**
 Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit
 Dean Gunderson, Ada County
 Leonard Herr, Department of Environmental Quality
 Leon Jensen, Canyon County (for Bonnie Ford-LeCompte)
 Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District, **Chair**
 Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District
 Paul Raymond, City of Nampa
 Steve Siddoway, City of Meridian
 Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle
 Dennis Stegenga, City of Star
 Sue Sullivan, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
 Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)

ABSENT: John Anderson, Boise Air Terminal
 Casey Bequeath, Canyon Highway District #4
 Wendel Bigham, Meridian School District Transportation
 Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
 Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
 Gordon Law, City of Caldwell
 (Vacant), City of Garden City
 Pam Sheldon, Capital City Development Corporation
 Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District

OTHERS

ATTENDING: Patricia Nilsson, COMPASS
Sai Kumar Sarepalli, Holladay Engineering
Cindy Thiel, COMPASS
Charles Trainor, COMPASS
Jeanne Urlezaga, COMPASS
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Don Kostelec called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Since a quorum was not present, the Chair moved to Information Item IV-A.

INFORMATION ITEM

Review of Optimal Transportation Systems for *Communities in Motion*

Charles Trainor stated that work is continuing on the Trend land use scenario as a baseline of comparison to Community Choices. The COMPASS Board's approval of the Blended land use scenario (name later changed to Community Choices) on June 20, 2005 permitted the *Communities in Motion* project to go forward with the development and evaluation of "optimal" transportation networks.

Charles Trainor gave a PowerPoint presentation, which was also presented to the COMPASS Board on July 18, 2005, that compares Community Choices; a choice for our region that provides choices in housing and transportation, and Trend; what happens if current patterns continue.

Charles Trainor commented that RTAC will be presented with a transit network for both Trend and Community Choices, a roadway network of Community Choices, and possibly a financial picture and costing for those systems at the next scheduled meeting on August 28, 2005. Open Houses will commence in early October at which time all this information will be shared with the public in order to receive input on what they would like to see happen.

With quorum now present, the Chair moved to the Action Items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve May 25, 2005 Minutes

Approve June 22, 2005 Minutes

Dean Gunderson moved and Steve Siddoway seconded to approve the May 25, 2005 and June 22, 2005 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommend Revision 4 of the FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Program

After discussion, **Steve Siddoway moved and Nichoel Baird Spencer seconded to recommend approval of Revision 4 of the FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Program.**

After further discussion, **Steve Siddoway moved and Nichoel Baird Spencer seconded a substitute motion to recommend approval of Revision 4 of the FY 2005 Unified Planning**

Work Program with the understanding that in the interim COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit staff will meet with the Ada County Highway District's staff to discuss the philosophy of Revenue Adjustment #2, which moves the responsibility of Key #8960 dollars for the Rail Corridor Feasibility Study from Valley Regional Transit to COMPASS and that the result of that meeting will be presented to the COMPASS Board along with a recommendation. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Update on the Certification Review Process

Toni Tisdale stated the Certification Review process has been completed. At the July 18, 2005 COMPASS Board meeting, Steve Moreno, Division Administer of the Federal Highway Administration, presented the final Certification Review report to the Board. There was only one corrective action which, for a first review, is excellent. The corrective action addresses the need to correct the financially constrained aspect of the Transportation Improvement Program and Long Range Transportation Plan. COMPASS, within the next three years, will incorporate the recommendations made. Accommodations were also made. The full Certification Review can be found on the COMPASS website at: <http://www.compassidaho.org/reports.html>.

Review Public Comment Draft of FY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for the Nampa Urbanized Area and Northern Ada County

Patricia Nilsson stated a list of projects is located on the COMPASS website as well as a two-county map. Patricia encouraged RTAC members to look in detail at the projects within their respective jurisdictions. Patricia encouraged members not hold back during the public comment period, which begins on July 18 and ends on August 16, if there is a strong feeling regarding a project (i.e. Caldwell's request to move up an I-84 project to 2006 that was delayed until 2008). As a technical committee RTAC should take on the responsibility for their respective agencies and forward comments to COMPASS. COMPASS will review the comments with the Idaho Transportation Department. COMPASS will host an all-day open house on Wednesday, August 3, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Staff will prepare final TIPs for RTAC's review in August 2005 and for adoption by the COMPASS Board at the September 2005 meeting.

Discussion on Transportation Studies Coordination Project

Toni Tisdale stated that several changes have been made since the June meeting. If there are other changes to be made, please contact her as soon as possible.

Steve Siddoway commented that the Downtown Meridian Transportation Management Plan was acted on by Meridian City Council and recommended for approval. Steve will forward the updated information to Toni.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, August 28, 2005, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.