

REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 16, 2006
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION



MINUTES

- ATTENDEES:* Aaron Bauges, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3 (*for Sue Sullivan*)
 Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Vice Chair*
 Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit
 Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
 Brent Danielson, Canyon County Development Services
 Michael Fuss, City of Nampa
 Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
 Dean Gunderson, Ada County
 Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District
 Gian Paolo Mammone, City of Star
 Steve Siddoway, City of Meridian, *Chair*
 Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle
 Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
 Jenah Thomborrow, City of Garden City (*for Christy Richardson*)
 Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)
- MEMBERS ABSENT:* Lisa Bachman, City of Kuna
 Wendel Bigham, Joint School District #2
 Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
 Marje Ellmaker, Mayor, City of Notus
 Jorge Garcia, Department of Environmental Quality
 Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
 Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District
 Brent Orton, City of Caldwell (*for Gordon Law*)
 Whitney Rearick, Boise State University
 Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4
 Jessica Shine, Public Participation Committee
- OTHERS PRESENT:* Eric Adolfson, COMPASS
 John Cunningham, COMPASS
 Ross Dodge, COMPASS
 Jeffrey Maffuccio, Canyon County Development Services
 Andy Mortensen, The Transpo Group
 Patricia Nilsson, COMPASS
 Nicole Prehoda, COMPASS
 Terri Schorzman, COMPASS
 MaryAnn Waldinger, COMPASS
 Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Siddoway called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Chair Siddoway asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. None were requested.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patricia Nilsson announced the "Non-Traditional INTERSECTION and INTERCHANGE Safety Design and Congestion Relief" workshop will be held on August 29, 2006, 8:00 a.m. to Noon, at the Ameritel Inn in Boise. Workshop seating is limited and RSVP is required. Contact Diane Wilton at COMPASS. The instructor is Joe Bared, Ph.D., P.E., from the Federal Highway Administration. There will be no charge for the workshop.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve July 12, 2006 Minutes

Don Kostelec moved and Sarah Stobaugh seconded to approve the July 12, 2006 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommend Amended End-of-Year Requests and Receive Update on the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs for Northern Ada County and the Nampa Urbanized Area

Toni Tisdale presented amended information for the End-of-Year request and provided an update to the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs, including public comments from the recent public comment period.

After discussion, Karen Gallagher moved and Mary Berent seconded to recommend the amended End-of-Year Requests and Receive Update on the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs for Northern Ada County and the Nampa Urbanized Area. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Information/Discussion Items

A. Update on the Functional Classification/Street Typology Study

Andy Mortensen of The Transpo Group, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Ada County Highway District's Transportation-Land Use Integration Plan (TLIP).

B. Status Report- Three Cities River Crossing

Don Kostelec presented an update on the Status of the Three Cities River Crossing project.

C. Review the Project Prioritization Criteria for Use in Developing the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Programs

Toni Tisdale presented for review and discussion, options for project prioritization policy and processes by which to select projects for federal funding.

Toni Tisdale stated that the document will be finalized for the RTAC's September 13, 2006 meeting and recommendations for policy decisions and processes will be taken to the COMPASS Board for action on September 18, 2006.

Kevin Bittner voiced the following concerns:

- More dialogue is needed between COMPASS, Valley Regional Transit (VRT), and possibly other agencies.
- Prioritization criteria should be presented to VRT's management committee and/or VRT Board, as a discussion item to possibility approve giving up the authority to COMPASS to prioritize transit projects.

Kevin Bittner stated that State Code authorizes the transportation authority, which is VRT, exclusive jurisdiction over all publicly funded, or publicly subsidized transportation services and programs. The Governor has designated VRT the federal designee for 5307 funds and therefore, VRT is held to certain requirements. Giving up the prioritization to COMPASS is in conflict with the State Code as well as VRT's responsibility as a federal grantee.

Toni Tisdale commented a possible solution is to add language: "all projects except those having a federal designee."

Don Kostelec stated there needs to be more conversation between staff and boards of the implementing agencies. ACHD will have trouble support any action within the next month because there are so many outstanding issues. There is no continuity within already established prioritization measures within the implementation agencies. There must be a needs analysis. Implementing agencies need six months to a year to flesh out this process in order to develop better methodologies. Many of the definitions are too nebulous. An examination of timelines is necessary.

After further discussion, Toni Tisdale stated the COMPASS Board and the Idaho Transportation staff have requested that the prioritization process be in place as soon as possible.

Nichoel Baird Spencer commented that more time is needed in order to take the prioritization criteria to the elected officials so that they may understand the timeline implications.

Toni Tisdale asked the Committee for suggested next steps.

Next Steps:

- Outline the available money, present funding and what was recommended for funding this past year, which did not get added. Based on the project pool right now, there will be no additions and perhaps some deletions because of the cost increases of the projects that already exist.
- Work individually with each implementing agency.

Toni Tisdale stated that she will begin to set up scheduled meetings with each of the transportation jurisdictions and urged the Committee to talk to their elected officials to let them know that there will be a delay in this process.

D. Review Major Transportation Studies Listed in the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program

Toni Tisdale presented the list of major studies for inclusion in the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program. Any revisions or additions should be emailed to staff by Friday, August 18, 2006.

E. Review Annual Monitoring Report

MaryAnn Waldinger commented that since the main value of the report is to track progress over time, the more significant report will be the 2007 version. What the 2006 report will do is to start establishing a baseline against which progress can be measured.

Ross Dodge and Eric Adolfsen of COMPASS' Geographic Information Systems (GIS) department gave a PowerPoint presentation after taking the comparisons and analyses of the Annual Monitoring Report and transforming it into a more visual context.

F. Cumulative Impact Analysis

MaryAnn Waldinger suggested that because work is ongoing with Ada County in gathering data on the availability of land for development in order to start the process of cumulative impacts, this item should be tabled as a discussion item for a future scheduled meeting.

Dean Gunderson stated within the Kuna-Mora corridor, Ada County is not looking at jurisdictional boundaries other than south of areas of impact, north of publicly owned lands to the southern portion of the county. There are approximately 40,000 acres of privately owned property that are parcels larger than 10 acres in size. Within the planned communities, these are the planned community landowners that are interested in submitting applications. Within the planned communities, there is an average daily trip generation of just over one million vehicles a day.

Chair Siddoway suggested that the transportation impacts of planned communities be placed as discussion item on a future meeting agenda.

Don Kostelec stated that ACHD is in the process of scheduling future meetings to discuss the transportation impacts of planned communities.

G. Corridor Access Management Planning

Patricia Nilsson presented a proposed process to prioritize and complete access management plans.

H. AMPO Access Management Grant – Review of Local Plans and Ordinances

Patricia Nilsson presented an inventory of policies and standards that support access management.

OTHER

A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 9:00 a.m. at COMPASS.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.