



*REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE*  
*AUGUST 22, 2007*  
*COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION*

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

- ATTENDEES:*
- Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Chair*
  - Wendell Bigham, Joint School District #2
  - Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
  - Phil Choate, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
  - Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian, *Vice Chair*
  - Michael Fuss, City of Nampa
  - Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
  - Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
  - Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District
  - Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District
  - Brent Orton, City of Caldwell
  - Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4
  - Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle
  - Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
  - Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)
  - Jenah Thornborrow, City of Garden City
  - Leslie Toombs, Ada County Development Services (*for Dean Gunderson*)
  - Jarom Wagoner, Canyon County Development Services
- MEMBERS ABSENT:*
- Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit
  - Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
  - Ester Ceja, Public Participation Committee
  - Michael DuBois, Department of Environmental Quality
  - Anne Horn, Mayor, City of Notus
  - Whitney Rearick, Boise State University
  - Mary Shaw Taylor, City of Star
  - Vacant, City of Kuna
  - Margie Watson, Mayor, City of Parma
- OTHERS PRESENT:*
- Lisa Applebee, Ada County Highway District
  - Sally Goodell, Ada County Highway District
  - Ryan Head, COMPASS
  - Don Matson, COMPASS
  - Terri Schorzman, COMPASS
  - Charles Trainor, COMPASS
  - Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

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*CALL TO ORDER*

Chair Berent called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

*AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES*

Toni Tisdale stated that Carl Miller will not be attending the meeting and Charles Trainor will present Item IV-A, Recommend Approval of Growth Projection Options.

*OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS*

Toni Tisdale commented that COMPASS staff will be working in a transportation booth at the Western Idaho Fair with Valley Regional Transit and Smart Growth, August 19-26, 2007.

*CONSENT AGENDA*

A. *Approve July 25, 2007 Meeting Minutes*

*Phil Choate moved and Matt Ellsworth seconded to approve the July 25, 2007 meeting minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.*

*ACTION ITEMS*

A. *Recommend Approval of Growth Projection Options*

Charles Trainor presented for recommendation to the COMPASS Board, the Growth Projection Options. This is the first option to be presented in a series of options.

Discussion

- Various options used throughout the region were going to be presented for review before forwarding a recommendation to the COMPASS Board.
- Part of the problem with the last forecast was that it was resource-job based. It would helpful to be able to review all options before taking this one forward to the Board.
- It makes more sense to present this item as a complete package.
- The various options would include the Trend, John Church's economic forecast, comprehensive plans and possibly others.
- Reference is made to Boise MSA, Ada and Canyon Counties.

Charles replied: that is incorrect; the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) includes Ada, Canyon, Boise, Gem, and Owyhee Counties as defined by the Census.

Charles stated that if a recommendation is deferred, the growth projection options will be presented to the COMPASS Board in either December or January.

*After further discussion, Nichoel Baird Spencer moved and Karen Gallagher seconded to defer a recommendation to approve the growth projection options for a month, to two months, in order for RTAC to receive and review other options. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.*

## *INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS*

### *A. Status Report – Three Cities River Crossing*

Sally Goodell presented an update on the status of the Three Cities River Crossing project. A record of decision is expected in late summer 2008.

### *B. Update regarding the Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD) Transportation Access Plan*

Phil Choate presented information regarding ITD's Transportation Access Plan (TAP). A piece of legislation will be sought that will introduce transportation access planning as a flexible alternative to the "one size fits all" strategy. A bill may not be ready until November 2007.

### *C. Review Second Draft Communities in Motion (CIM) Performance Monitoring Report*

Charles Trainor reviewed the CIM Monitoring Report and apprised the Committee of changes made since RTAC's July meeting.

## Discussion

- Centerline miles on sidewalks; will there be sidewalk improvement on one side of the road and not on the other?
- Compute linear miles of sidewalk per jurisdiction which would be easy to track and update.
- A piece missing; permits being approved not in city limits.

Ryan Head replied: permits issued in an area of impact but not in the city limits are located under the Unincorporated Areas, which are county development service permits. That is the percentage outside of any city's area of impact.

- Under City Summary, Choices of Transportation, "0 miles of Transit Routes Existed in 2006" should be changed to "no transit services available."
- The number of vanpool routes could be added for the smaller cities.
- Page 29, ACHD has the vanpool data for 2000.
- Page 31, change "Bike Lane" to "Bike Lane/Route." Under City Summary, City Data, the percentage of Roadways with Bike Lanes is probably not a good measure; change to "total number of bike lanes."
- ACHD has the updated bike lane/routes data for 2006.

Charles stated that the report will be presented to the COMPASS Board in a workshop format in October 2007. The Committee is asked to read through the report and think about what it means for their respective communities. Think about how the elected officials will respond as they read through the report. Anything being done by the communities at a policy level to implement *Communities in Motion* should be added to the report.

*D. Review RTAC Bylaws*

Toni Tisdale provided COMPASS staff's recommendations after review of the RTAC Bylaws and with regard to the concerns raised at RTAC's July meeting.

Discussion

- Under Article III, Duties, #3 & #7 – the process of when documents will be presented to the Committee is not spelled out. The process should be defined.
- There is a concern that if the Committee does not understand the information being presented, the elected officials will have trouble understanding it as well. The discussions held during RTAC meetings, enables a better transformation of the issues to the elected officials.

Toni suggested bringing this item back next month in order to give the Committee more time for review.

*E. Reviewed proposed Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Policy*

Toni Tisdale presented a proposal to streamline the amendment process.

Discussion

- On all the administrative modifications, if consultation is done with an implementing agency, it should be added.
- Keep land use agencies in the loop before action is taken.

Toni stated that this item will be placed on the September agenda for a recommendation to approve. It will then be presented to the COMPASS Executive Committee since it is a policy level issue and then to the COMPASS Board for approval.

*STATUS REPORTS*

Don Kostelec questioned the data reported on transit ridership in June 2007, in Item VI-A, Current Transportation Project Information.

Toni Tisdale stated that she would verify that information with Kelli Fairless at Valley Regional Transit.

*OTHER*

*Next Meeting:* Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

Brent Orton expressed his appreciation to COMPASS staff for the hard work done on all items presented. Michael Fuss concurred.

*ADJOURNMENT*

*There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.*