



# Community Planning Association

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## of Southwest Idaho

### Regional Technical Advisory Committee August 25, 2004 Community Planning Association

#### \*\*\*Minutes\*\*\*

- ATTENDEES:**
- Aaron S. Bauges, Idaho Transportation Department-Dist. 3 (for Sue Sullivan)
  - Casey Bequeath, Canyon Highway District #4
  - Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
  - Anna Canning, City of Meridian
  - Stewart Constantine, Golden Gate Highway District #3
  - Brant Jewett, Canyon County
  - Don Kostelec, ACHD, **Chair – Ada TAC**
  - Hal Simmons, City of Boise
  - Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle, **Vice Chair – Ada TAC**
  - Dennis Stegenga, City of Star
  - Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
  - Toni Tisdale, COMPASS
  - Michael D. Wilson, Ada County
- ABSENT:**
- John Anderson, Boise Air Terminal
  - Mary Berent, City of Middleton, **Vice Chair – Canyon TAC**
  - Wendel Bigham, Meridian School District Transportation
  - Kevin Bittner, ValleyRide
  - Von Bowman, Notus-Parma Highway District #2
  - Dean Gunderson, Boise State University
  - Melodie Halstead, City of Kuna
  - Leonard Herr, Department of Environmental Quality
  - Kathleen Lacey, City of Boise
  - Gordon Law, City of Caldwell
  - Berrin Nejad, City of Garden City
  - Paul Raymond, City of Nampa, **Chair – Canyon TAC**
  - Joe Rosenlund, Ada County Highway District
  - Catherine Sanchez, ACHD Commuteride (*Ex Officio*)
  - Pam Sheldon, Capitol City Development Corporation
  - Bill Vaughan, City of Eagle

## **OTHERS**

**ATTENDING:** Linda Ritter, COMPASS  
Christina Ryan, Holladay Engineering  
Charles Trainor, COMPASS  
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Don Kostelec called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve July 28, 2004 Minutes

**Sarah Stobaugh moved and Dennis Stegenga seconded to approve the July 28, 2004 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Consider Policy to the *Destination 2030 Limited Plan Update***

Toni Tisdale stated that six chapters were presented to, and endorsed by, RTAC except for the policy changes to Chapters 4 and 7 requested by the City of Boise. RTAC has been asked to consider these policy changes and offer guidance.

Hal Simmons explained that the City of Boise does not see these policy changes changing the direction of the policy. Two of the changes broaden the policy statement to allow for slightly different scenarios. The suggested Kuna-Mora Road policy change adds specificity to the policy based on prior COMPASS Board action regarding the alignment of the south arterial. The suggested change regarding transit and collectors broadens the policy statements to allow greater flexibility.

Don Kostelec commented that regarding the suggested collectors' policy change; all jurisdictions are not in favor of the "continuous collectors." Hal explained that the City of Boise's concept of "continuous collectors" is not that they continue on for miles as a substitution for arterials, but that they connect between section lines. They do not have to line up with another collector on the other side of the mile grid.

Anna Canning stated that she is uncomfortable with adding policy.

Toni commented it is the COMPASS Board's decision whether or not to add or modify these policies. Does RTAC want to take these changes to the COMPASS Board?

**Nichoel Baird Spencer moved and Hal Simmons seconded to forward the suggested policy changes to the *Destination 2030 Limited Update* to the COMPASS Board for consideration with the suggested change to Policy #4 in Chapter 4 of "continuous collectors" within a square mile. There being no further discussion, the motion was approved with one nay from Anna Canning of the City of Meridian.**

**Endorse the *Destination 2030 Limited Plan Update Environmental Inventory Summary Report***

After discussion, **Dennis Stegenga moved and Mike Wilson seconded to endorse the *Destination 2030 Limited Plan Update Environmental Inventory Summary Report*. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

**Endorse the *Destination 2030 Limited Plan Update Chapters***

Toni Tisdale presented Chapters 3, 5, 6, and 9 for endorsement. Toni stated that one chapter remains, Chapter 11, which is being prepared by Jay Witt. The Committee recommended presenting all the chapters to the COMPASS Board at the same time. When Chapter 11 is finished, it will be emailed to the Committee for review. All of the chapters will be presented to the COMPASS Board for endorsement in September. All chapters will be posted on the COMPASS website for review.

Don Kostelec commented he met with Toni before the meeting and went over editorial changes and minor comments to the four chapters presented. If there are additional editorial changes to these chapters, they must be submitted by September 3<sup>rd</sup>. All chapters will be finalized after public input in November. Presently, the prior endorsed chapters have been posted for public comment. Toni stated that as the public involvement process begins, it is important that staff contact COMPASS in order to schedule commission or council meetings to present this information,

**Nichoel Baird Spencer moved and Dennis Stegenga seconded to endorse Chapters 3, 5, 6, and 9 to the *Destination 2030 Limited Plan Update* including the editorial changes made by Don Kostelec, and with any additional changes submitted by September 3, 2004. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Update on *Communities in Motion***

Charles Trainor stated an agreement has been reached with Kittleson & Associates after a long negotiation period and they are ready to begin work. A meeting took place with representatives from Gem County and they are interested in participating. No formal meetings have been set with Elmore, Boise, or Payette Counties. However, Sue Sullivan of the Idaho Transportation Department has been in communication with a couple of counties and Holladay Engineers for Payette County. The first major product to be accomplished will be the scenario process in November. A press conference will be scheduled regarding the scenario process, which will begin either the first or third week in November. Local staff will be asked to participate in this process.

Don Kostelec commented that the RTAC subcommittee was set up for that purpose and there was discussion regarding four targeted groups for participation in the scenarios: elected officials, staff, the private sector (i.e., business community, neighborhood associations, etc.) and randomly recruited citizens. Charles replied that the meetings would be open to the public, but the stakeholder groups will be the primary target for participation. If the general public want to attend, we will be prepared to deal with a limited number. Dates for these meetings need to be established as soon as possible.

Don Kostelec suggested that a meeting with the consultants be scheduled on or before the next RTAC meeting to discuss and/or present a small demonstration in order to better inform the elected officials of this scenario process.

### **Transportation Improvement Program – End of the Year Sweep Request**

Linda Ritter (in Patricia Nilsson's absence) stated that eight projects have been submitted to the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) for additional funding at their end of their year sweep process. Out of the eight projects, seven projects were recommended for funding as submitted. Project #8, Transit Capital Boise Urbanized Area transferring \$200,000 to a project for ValleyRide, has not been funded at this time. The project may be funded after cost overruns on existing projects are funded and after advanced projects are funded. We should have this information by the end of September and hopefully there will be enough time, if money is available, to prepare the amendments and work with the Federal Transit Administration to get the funds transferred. ITD is preparing the paperwork in order to have a smooth transition of the transfer of funds to ValleyRide.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

#### **Set Next Regular Meeting Date**

Wednesday, September 29, 2004, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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