

REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 13, 2006
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION



****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES: Aaron Bauges, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3 (*for Sue Sullivan*)
 Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Vice Chair*
 Mike DuBois, Department of Environmental Quality
 Jeffrey Maffuccio, Canyon County Development Services
 Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
 Dean Gunderson, Ada County
 Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
 Scott Lininger, Ada County Highway District (*for Don Kostelec*)
 Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District
 Gian Paolo Mammone, City of Star
 Brent Orton, City of Caldwell (*for Gordon Law*)
 Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4
 Steve Siddoway, City of Meridian, *Chair*
 Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle
 Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Bachman, City of Kuna
 Wendel Bigham, Joint School District #2
 Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit
 Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
 Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
 Marje Ellmaker, Mayor, City of Notus
 Michael Fuss, City of Nampa
 Whitney Rearick, Boise State University
 Christy Richardson, City of Garden City
 Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
 Vacant, Public Participation Committee

OTHERS PRESENT: Sabrina Bowman, Ada County Highway District
 John Cunningham, COMPASS
 Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian
 Fred Kitchner, McFarland Management
 Jim Larsen, Ada County Highway District
 Mark McNeese, Idaho Transportation Department Headquarters
 Patricia Nilsson, COMPASS
 Jo O'Conner, Safe Routes, Idaho Transportation Department
 Patti Raino, Idaho Transportation Department
 Charles Trainor, COMPASS
 Debbie Winchar, COMPASS
 Jay Witt, COMPASS

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Siddoway called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Chair Siddoway stated that because of a scheduling conflict, Patti Raino has requested presenting Item V-A, Overview of the Surface Transportation Program-Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Grant Programs, after the Consent Agenda and before discussion of the Action Items.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charles Trainor announced staff changes:

- Steve Siddoway is leaving his position with the City of Meridian and will join Parametrix
 - Mary Berent will take over the position as RTAC's Chair and elections will be held at the October meeting to elect a new Vice Chair.
- Tricia Nilsson is leaving COMPASS to join the City of Boise
- Jay Witt is leaving COMPASS to join Washington Group
- Nicole Prehoda is leaving COMPASS to attend graduate school in Portland, Oregon

Chair Siddoway stated the *Ten Mile Interchange Specific Area Plan Charrette* will be held September 25 – 28, 2006 at the Jabil Building, 1303 E. Central Drive, in Meridian. The *charrette* is a planning process that will involve a series of intensive workshops where design experts work with the public to develop potential plan concepts and designs for the Ten Mile Area. The public is welcome to observe at any time, and special sessions for public input will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve August 16, 2006 Minutes

Dean Gunderson moved and Nichoel Baird Spencer seconded to approve the August 16, 2006 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Overview of the Surface Transportation Program – Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Grant Programs

Patti Raino presented an overview of the Surface Transportation Program – Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant Programs.

Patti Raino stated that a final balancing of the Statewide Transportation Program occurred in August, 2006 which looked at cost increases that were happening throughout the state and also looked at delays that were occurring in the Enhancement Program and all the programs that were taking cuts. A decision was made to delay those projects new to the Enhancement Program this year into FY 2010. The funds which were available to begin working on the development of those projects were not delayed but construction was delayed one year to make space in FY 2009. Projects will not be solicited for new Enhancement projects in October. CMAQ projects were not delayed, but new projects will not be solicited for the FY 2010 funding cycle.

After discussion, suggestions were accepted to:

- skip applications for this year, and
- continue the local workshop process.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommend Approval of the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs for Northern Ada County and Associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration and the Nampa Urbanized Area

Toni Tisdale presented the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs for Northern Ada County and Associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration and the Nampa Urbanized Area.

During discussion, the Committee provided the following comments:

- TIP for Northern Ada County has a Canyon County summary table attached.
 - Toni stated a corrected summary table will be provided.
- North Middleton Road – State Highway 44 (Main Street) north across Mill Slough - Table 4 indicates a 2008 construction year and the List of FY 2007-2011 Projects (Appendix) indicates a 2010 construction year.
 - Toni stated the table should indicate FY 2010 as the final year of construction funding.

Toni Tisdale left the meeting to obtain the correct summary tables for the FY 2007-2011 TIP for Northern Ada County.

Chair Siddoway moved the discussion to Item IV-B.

B. Recommend Adoption of the Treasure Valley Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan

Fred Kitchner and Jay Witt presented the Treasure Valley Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan.

After discussion, Dean Gunderson moved to recommend adoption of the Treasure Valley Intelligent Transportation System Plan with the request that when staff presents the ITS Plan to the COMPASS Board on September 18, 2006, that it is clarified where the 70 work days are coming from and where the 70 work days may be modified once the IROC is, or is not, constructed. The motion was not seconded.

Discussion:

Chair Siddoway suggested the motion include a recommendation that IROC needs to be studied.

Fred Kitchner stated the ITS program provides a lot of information that is developing in the valley and sharing of that information to transportation and emergency service managers is showing to be very critical to a successful ITS program. The ITS provides sensors and surveillance to help travelers make decisions and provide information to help them make better routing decisions. The valley does not currently have a management center that operates 24 hours, seven days a week, 365 days a year. One of the goals of an interagency operations center is to have something that is up and running all the time, which is critical for successful management of transportation in the valley.

Dean Gunderson made and Shawn Martin seconded a substitute motion that the six bulleted recommendations identified in the Treasure Valley Intelligent Transportation System Plan be recommended for adoption by the COMPASS Board on September 18, 2006, with a modification

striking the IROC abbreviation and instead make reference for the need to enhance the level of multi-agency coordination in the Treasure Valley and a centralized facility to accommodate that should be explored.

Clarification by Jay Witt:

Staff is requesting a recommendation to adopt this plan not just the recommendations in this plan.

Dean Gunderson made and Shawn Martin seconded an amendment to the motion to also recommend adoption of the Treasure Valley Intelligent Transportation System Plan and, with the request that when staff presents the Treasure Valley Intelligent Transportation System Plan to the COMPASS Board on September 18, 2006, that it is clarified where the 70 work days are coming from and that the 70 work days may be modified if, or when, achieving some level of enhanced multi-agency coordination. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Siddoway returned the discussion to Item IV-A.

A. Recommend Approval of the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs for Northern Ada County and Associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration and the Nampa Urbanized Area (continued)

Toni Tisdale distributed the corrected summary tables for the FY 2007-2011 TIP for Northern Ada County.

Toni Tisdale commented that additional changes will be made to the project lists. A document will be prepared indicating the differences between the Preliminary TIP and the Final TIP. The State has requested adoption of the FY 2007-2011 TIP. If necessary, approval has been given to delay adoption until October.

Chair Siddoway suggested that in order to review the changes and make a recommendation for adoption, the next RTAC meeting should be scheduled a week prior to the October COMPASS Board meeting.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Committees members present to schedule the next RTAC meeting for Thursday, October 19, 2006, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, at COMPASS.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. Safe Routes to School Programs

Mark McNeese and Jo O'Conner presented a review of the Safe Routes to School Programs.

C. Update on Project Prioritization Criteria

Toni Tisdale presented an update on the Project Prioritization Criteria.

D. Review Preliminary Annual Monitoring Report

Charles Trainor presented a review of the Preliminary Annual Monitoring Report.

E. Update on Studies Coordination

Toni Tisdale presented an update on Studies Coordination.

OTHER

- A. *Next Meeting:* Thursday, October 19, 2006, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, at COMPASS.
(Note: Since September 13 meeting, the next RTAC meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2006.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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