

REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 11, 2006
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION



****MINUTES****

- ATTENDEES:**
- Lisa Bachman, City of Kuna
 - Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Chair*
 - Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit
 - Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
 - Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian, *Vice-Chair*
 - Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
 - Jorge Garcia, Department of Environmental Quality (*for Mike DuBois*)
 - Dean Gunderson, Ada County
 - Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District
 - Jeffrey Maffuccio, Canyon County Development Services
 - 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
 - Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle
 - Jenah Thomborrow, City of Garden City (*for Christy Richardson*)
 - Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)
- MEMBERS ABSENT:**
- Wendel Bigham, Joint School District #2
 - Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
 - Marje Ellmaker, Mayor, City of Notus
 - Michael Fuss, City of Nampa
 - Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
 - Gian Paolo Mammone, City of Star
 - Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
 - Sue Sullivan, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
 - Vacant, Public Participation Committee
- OTHERS PRESENT:**
- Dave Amick, Idaho Transportation Department-Headquarters
 - John Cunningham, COMPASS
 - Don Matson, COMPASS
 - Carl Miller, COMPASS
 - Terri Schorzman, COMPASS
 - Charles Trainor, COMPASS
 - Debbie Winchar, COMPASS
 - Ted Vanegas, City of Eagle

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Berent called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

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

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introductions were made of all attendees.

Charles Trainor introduced two new COMPASS staff members: Don Matson, Principal Planner and Carl Miller, Associate Planner.

Nichoel Baird Spencer introduced the City of Eagle's new planner, Ted Vanegas.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve September 13, 2006 Minutes

Nichoel Baird Spencer moved and Brent Orton seconded to approve the September 13, 2006 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of New Vice-Chair

Chair Berent stated that Steve Siddoway has left his position with the City of Meridian and would no longer Chair the RTAC meetings. As Vice Chair, she has assumed the Chair's responsibilities for the remainder of 2006 until officer elections are held in January 2007.

Chair Berent opened the nominations for a temporary Vice Chair.

Nichoel Baird Spencer nominated Matt Ellsworth to serve as RTAC's Vice Chair for the remainder of 2006. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. By unanimous consent, Matt Ellsworth was elected as RTAC's Vice Chair for the remainder of 2006.

B. Recommend Approval of the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program for Northern Ada County 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.

Discussion:

Don Kostelec stated that the Ada County Highway District (ACHD) has provided comments on minor adjustments on ACHD projects.

Matt Ellsworth commented that he understood the segment of Ten Mile Interchange from Overland Road to Franklin Road would be included in the Ten Mile Interchange project but there is no mention in the project description in the draft document.

Also, there is inconsistency in the methodology of funding the GARVEE projects in the plan. The two projects referred to are Ten Mile Interchange and SH 16. Earlier versions of the draft plan mention \$24 million available for SH 16. The newer version of the draft document reduces funding for SH 16 to \$4 million. A similar situation with Ten Mile Interchange is mentioned at roughly \$61 million pending legislative approval, which remained the same as previous versions. There will be confusion with these projects when brought before the Legislature. It is almost an endorsement of one project over another.

Toni Tisdale stated that Dave Amick from the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Headquarters will be attending this meeting and he will address these concerns upon his arrival. For every GARVEE project, language is included, at ITD's request that the project is based on the FY 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as approved and amended and funding beyond FY 2007 is subject to review and approval of the state legislature and the Idaho Transportation Board.

Discussion of this item was deferred pending Dave Amick's arrival.

Information/Discussion Items

A. Update on Project Prioritization

Toni Tisdale presented an update on the project prioritization criteria.

Discussion:

Kevin Bittner stated the timeline is very quick. If the COMPASS Board is approving the final prioritization in November, it may be difficult to get the Valley Regional Transit's (VRT) Board and Management Committee to approve their prioritization recommendation to COMPASS first. VTR could incorporate a draft recommendation.

Toni Tisdale explained this will be a preliminary working document. The COMPASS Board wanted something that could be used for the first time for the Nampa Urbanized Area, knowing that adjustments would be made to the process.

Kevin Bittner suggested that Toni attend VRT's Regional Planning and Operations Committee's (RPOC) November 8 meeting.

Don Kostelec requested that COMPASS staff consider attending and making a presentation at the first two ACHD's Commission meetings in December.

Toni Tisdale asked that advanced notification be made to COMPASS staff regarding special presentations to the ACHD Board or Council.

Chair Berent returned the discussion to Item IV-B, Recommend Approval of the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program for Northern Ada County and the Nampa Urbanized Area, with Dave Amick's arrival to the meeting.

After discussion, Don Kostelec moved and Matt Ellsworth seconded to recommend approval of the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs for Northern Ada County and the Nampa Urbanized Area with minor changes as recommended by the Ada County Highway District and with the recommendation to add language to the description of Key Number 09815, I-84 Ten Mile Interchange, to include widening of Ten Mile Road from Overland Road to Franklin Road. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Traffic Impact Studies Coordination

Charles Trainor presented issues related to the conduct of traffic impact studies and the potential role of COMPASS and RTAC. RTAC members were requested to consider their experiences with traffic impact studies and how improvements might be made.

During discussion, the following comments were presented:

- Any development over 50 lots has to have a traffic study.
- Scoping meetings are needed as a means to have better coordination between agencies.
- Look at the number of dwelling units rather than the number of proposed lots.
- Reviewing on a project by project basis makes sense.
- There is a need for tracking.
- A traffic impact study should not approve whether a project is accepted or denied.
- ITD's general recommendations are good.
- Consider consistency factors; an absolute set of assumptions and an approved list of engineers to provide information is needed.

After further discussion, Charles Trainor stated that there seems to be a consensus of interest among the RTAC members present to proceed with the traffic impact studies coordination. This will be a discussion item on the COMPASS Board's November agenda. RTAC members are urged to share any specific concerns they may have and to talk with their respective Board members before the November meeting.

C. Alternative Decision Process for US 20/26 Corridor Study

Charles Trainor presented a process for making decisions on alternatives to be laid out on the US 20/26 Corridor Study.

Charles Trainor commented that meetings will be scheduled with local governments along the US 20/26 Corridor to discuss alternatives and the screening process.

D. Access Management

John Cunningham presented the status of the Access Management Strategy. RTAC members were requested to comment on a proposal for Ada and Canyon Counties' model access management ordinance.

During discussion, the following suggestions were presented:

- Develop a model ordinance based on Kuna's ordinance. City of Kuna staff indicated that they are in the process of developing a new access management ordinance.
- Need to consider adjacent land uses.
- Develop more of a toolbox approach with a menu of options which various jurisdictions have chosen to apply.
- Do a sample ordinance and highlight the policies and objectives of access management and present it to the COMPASS Board.
- Develop a user's guide for access management and then do a draft ordinance as an example ordinance.

After further discussion, John Cunningham explained that if the toolbox approach was chosen, it would be presented at staff level and when presented to the respective cities, a city representative would work with COMPASS to choose what tools would be used and presented to the respective councils.

Status Reports

Toni Tisdale explained that Item VI-E is a white paper and not a typical status report. Comments and concerns were received regarding enhancement and CMAQ projects. ITD was asked to prepare a white paper explaining the entire process and how the two programs will operate for the next year. RTAC members are requested to share this information with their respective Board members.

OTHER

A. *Special Meeting:* Wednesday, October 25, 2006, 1:30 p.m., at COMPASS.

After discussion regarding the recent change of RTAC's meeting dates, Charles Trainor suggested that RTAC discuss a date and time which would be more convenient for the members.

Chair Berent directed staff to place discussion of the RTAC meeting schedule on the December agenda.

It was the consensus of all RTAC members present to schedule the December meeting for December 13, 2006, to avoid the holidays.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.