

REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 25, 2006
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
Special Meeting



MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit
 Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
 Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian, *Vice-Chair*
 Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
 Dean Gunderson, Ada County
 Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District
 Jeffrey Maffuccio, Canyon County Development Services
 Gian Paolo Mammone, City of Star
 Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4
 Sue Sullivan, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
 Christy Richardson, City of Garden City
 Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)
 Ted Vanegas, City of Eagle (*for Nichoel Baird Spencer*)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Bachman, City of Kuna
 Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Chair*
 Wendel Bigham, Joint School District #2
 Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
 Mike DuBois, Department of Environmental Quality
 Marje Ellmaker, Mayor, City of Notus
 Michael Fuss, City of Nampa
 Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
 Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District
 Brent Orton, City of Caldwell
 Whitney Rearick, Boise State University
 Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
 Vacant, Public Participation Committee

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Cunningham, COMPASS
 Chris Danley, Ada County Highway District
 Pete Friedman, City of Meridian
 Charles Trainor, COMPASS
 Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ellsworth called the meeting to order at 1:31.

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AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Vice Chair Ellsworth asked for additions or changes to the agenda. None were requested.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introductions were made of all attendees.

Vice Chair Ellsworth introduced Pete Freidman, who has replaced Steve Siddoway at the City of Meridian.

Toni Tisdale commented that due to emergency surgery, Chair Berent would not be attending the meeting.

Information/Discussion Items

A. Discuss and Provide Guidance on Project Prioritization Process

Toni Tisdale presented a review of the draft project prioritization process document.

During discussion, the following comments were presented:

- Page 1 – Compare wording of Objectives against Objectives in *Communities In Motion*.
- Page 2, summary principles, 4th bullet – was the wording “impervious surface” used instead of “pavement?”
- Page 2, B. Federal Regulation, 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence – add language regarding other prioritization processes that are already in place. Be more explicit.
- 3rd paragraph – change wording, “... within the MPO **planning area.**”
- Page 2, Funding Policies – Add abbreviated roles and responsibilities.
- Page 3, Table 1 – Add a row for Corridor Preservation per mile.
- Delete 4th row and add Transit Buses (Capital) - \$350,000 - \$400,000.
- Page 3, Focused Funding, 2nd paragraph, 1st bullet – Beacon Light/Purple Sage connection – not considering using Federal Funds.
- Add a bullet for State Street.
- Page 4, Corridor Preservation – 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence – Add language, “The study would design the corridor **and perform necessary environmental analysis.**”
- Under Cons – Add language, “There would be a need to conduct a full environmental analysis on the corridor to preserve right-of-way, and the construction may be subject to federal processes.”
- Page 5, Split Funding – Add Pros and Cons.
- Page 5, B. COMPASS Involvement in Other Federal Aid Priorities, 2nd paragraph – Reword, “... to recommend denial on **providing federal funds** on projects of low priority...”

- Page 6, Table 2 – Elmore County – Why is there so much federal aid? Add an asterisk explaining the funding amount shown.
- Page 6, Process 1 – Corridor-Based Prioritization, 2nd bullet – Make sure clarification is made that “project sponsor” is the implementing agency.
- Page 7, Crash Data – Add language that this is a function of crash rate per million vehicle miles traveled. (See Appendix A)
- Environmental – Replace “readiness” with “deliverability.”
- Page 9, Table 3 – Add a column for pedestrian/bike pathways.
- Under Crash Data column – Add language, “Based on *crashes per million miles traveled.*”
- Deficiencies and Congestion Management Process columns create a redundancy with the congestion factor.
- Page 10, Definitions of Project Categories, Roadways – Move the wording “park-and-ride lots” under Public Transportation.
- Page 12, Timely Implementation – Reword, “Projects should be able to be implemented *in a timely manner* and should not”
- Page 12, Table 4 – Change Total row to **Subtotal** and add a row at the end of table for **Total**.
- Page 13, Scoring Guidelines: Roadways, System Continuity – “Regional importance” does not acknowledge the large cities.
- Congestion Mitigation – Add language regarding the measurement of congestion reduction as a project is evaluated.
- Page 14 , Roadways, Safety Enhancement – Remove all existing criteria, replace with following:
 - Project directly addresses a facility, or area where there is a documented safety issue. 20 points.
 - Project directly addresses an area where there is reasonable concern that, over time, a safety issue would become apparent. 10 points
 - Project would not provide any beneficial effects on safety. 0 points.
- Page 15, Land Use – Add a “pass/fail” test, and add language, “... *unless inconsistent growth is fully mitigated.*”
- Page 15, Timely Implementation – Should not prioritize based on the level of environmental document required. Change scoring: Approved Environmental Document – 10 points; Screening Analysis – 7 points.
- Page 17, Public Transportation, Congestion Mitigation – Toni Tisdale will work with VRT on defining the terms “significant” and “moderate.” Also, add park-and-ride and fixed guideway.
- Page 18, Safety Enhancement – Wording “unsafe transit operation” can have legal ramifications.
- Page 34, Studies, Timely Implementation – Rework assessment language to match Roadways.

Other

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2006, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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