



**REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 18, 2009
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION**

**** MINUTES ****

ATTENDEES: Sabrina Andersen, Ada County Highway District
Mary Barker, Valley Regional Transit
Joe Barton, Nampa Highway District #1
Clair Bowman, City of Nampa
Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
Phil Choate, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
Doug Foye, Boise State University (*for Jared Everett*)
Caleb Hood, City of Meridian
Gary Inselman, Ada County Highway District
Megan Johnson, Ada County Development Services
Kathleen Lacey, City of Boise
Jeff Lowe, City of Eagle, **Vice Chair**
David Luft, Department of Environmental Quality
Don Matson, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)
Brent Orton, City of Caldwell, **Chair**
Deanna Smith, Public Participation Committee
Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
Jim Voorhees, Canyon Highway District #4

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Carson, Canyon County Development Services
Steve Hasson, City of Kuna
Anne Horn, Mayor, City of Notus
Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
Wendy Howell, City of Middleton
Mary Shaw Taylor, City of Star
Jenah Thornborrow, City of Garden City
Margie Watson, Mayor, City of Parma

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Curns, City of Meridian
Amy Luft, COMPASS
Toni Tisdale, COMPASS
Charles Trainor, COMPASS
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Orton stated the 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland Celebration has been scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2009, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., in downtown Caldwell, with the tree lighting at 7:00 p.m. This event features light displays, Christmas tree lighting, treats and activities for the kids, vendors, entertainment, Santa and Mrs. Claus, a chance to tour the Train Depot Interpretative Center and much more.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve October 28, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Jon Cecil moved and Jeff Lowe seconded approval of the October 28, 2009 meeting minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Action Items

A. Recommend Approval of Transportation Corridors for *Communities in Motion* (CIM)

Charles Trainor stated that the CIM corridor table was developed from discussions held at the November 12, 2009 workshop. The intent of the workshop was to identify corridors that were deemed as "funded" or "illustrative" in terms of funding. The fourth column of the table reflects the updated 2009 costs. The list of corridors broken out by "funded" or "illustrative" categories needs to be taken to the COMPASS Board in December 2009 for approval, which will allow the modeling process to be started, and sent out for public comment next spring. After reviewing the status of the table, Charles requested the committee to consider recommending the funded corridors for the CIM update.

Discussion:

- From a transit perspective, if we only allow funding for funded projects, it cuts off all opportunity to seek additional funding.

Charles replied a prioritization policy is in place that states that federal dollars could only go to projects that are deemed funded and direction is needed if an illustrative project should be able to seek federal dollars should they become available.

Toni Tisdale commented the prioritization policy states that there is a "Go/No Go" and for capital projects if not funded would be considered a "No Go." It would still be scored but receive an "N" for No Go.

Charles stated the funded list establishes what would actually be modeled for air quality conformity. Federal rules have tightened stating that if a project is not funded, it will not be modeled.

- Should this motion reflect the change to the prioritization system or bring prioritization back to the Board and explain why it needs to change as part of the CIM update?

Charles requested an endorsement of the recommended corridors to go forward to the COMPASS Board and, a second motion, to ensure that the prioritization process not

preclude illustrative projects from being considered for whatever funding sources that become available.

- The Board has the option to amend CIM and put a project back in the funded category; the Meridian interchange for the transit projects is a good example. This has been done thoughtfully and it results in an acceptably financially constrained program. Make an additional motion verifying that being an illustrative project does not prohibit application for federal funds.
- From a public communications perspective, mark which projects will not be a part of the CIM update and explain the meaning of "Illustrative" as well as "New" projects.
- The Board should be presented with simplified versions of this table: one table for the illustrative projects and one for the funded projects. It is also important for the community to understand that the funded projects are included in air quality modeling.
- An explanation is needed as to how we came up with the capital expense of \$40 million and how it translates into the \$50 million.
- In the 3rd column of the table, "Status in 2006 CIM" – the last two projects are indicated as "new" and the ID number says "new." You could replace "new" with an "n.a." because it wasn't new in 2006; it is proposed "new" today.
- Highlight or bold the most pertinent information.

Charles replied that a simple table is needed and an addendum may be required.

Clair Bowman moved and Sabrina Anderson seconded to accept the categorization in the table and recommend inclusion in the CIM update.

Discussion:

Caleb Hood stated that he would vote in favor of the motion, provided the illustrative projects can request federal funding as well. If that is not the case, further work needs to be done.

Sabrina Anderson replied that once CIM is adopted, look at clarifying the language and prioritization documents.

After further discussion, **Kathleen Lacey made a substitute motion and Deanna Smith seconded to approve the table with the recommendations directed by RTAC. Motion fails with four ayes and twelve nays.**

Charles commented that staff will make every attempt to make sure the information is clearly presented without losing any of the background information.

Chair Orton called to question the original motion. There being no further discussion, **motion carries.**

B. Recommend Approval of the Accelerated Project Delivery Goal

Toni Tisdale presented a draft policy for project delivery.

After discussion, **Sabrina Anderson moved and Kathleen Lacey seconded to recommend the Accelerated Project Delivery Goal policy as presented by COMPASS staff. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

C. Recommend Approval of Functional Classification for *Communities in Motion* (CIM)

Charles Trainor presented the proposed functional classification system for CIM.

Charles stated that another workshop meeting was held on November 5, 2009 and at that session most of the changes were minor revisions to collector streets. Changes in Ada County included incorporation of elements from the Southwest Ada County study.

Jim Voorhees commented that Tim Richard reviewed the draft planning functional classification map and identified two items that deserve consideration:

- Lincoln Road east of Middleton Road and north of Highway 20/26 is shown as a minor arterial extending east to the Madison Road alignment then south to Highway 20/26. The Highway 20/26 Access Management Plan has ultimate build-out intersection locations that do not correspond with Madison Road. Madison Road is also shown as a collector road south of Highway 20/26. The minor arterial designation on Lincoln should stop at Northside Road alignment and Northside should be designated a minor arterial to Highway 20/26. Northside Road and Highway 20/26 is planned to be an intersection/interchange and Northside Road continues as a minor arterial to the south. Tim discussed this with Brent Orton and he concurred with the recommended change.
- The planning map appears to show the Beacon Light-Purple Sage connection as recommended by the alignment study. This alignment has not been adopted by the Canyon Highway District No. 4 Commission. The connection alignment should be shown in a less specific manner or include a note indicating the alignment as yet to be determined.

Discussion:

- Note that a specific alignment has been adopted by Ada County Highway District.
- Specify that it has not been adopted by the Canyon Highway District.

Charles cautioned that if a lot of footnotes are added for different corridors, it would be confusing for the public.

Jim stated that the alignment is on the agenda for the commissioners' meeting and a footnote may not be needed.

- McDermott Road and the Highway 16 extension shows up on McDermott Road and is confusing in the legend. It currently shows an expressway over the top of

McDermott. Dash the expressway as currently shown. Also shift the interchanges ¼ mile to the west of McDermott Road.

- Meridian's City Council has approved and changed the name of Kuna/Meridian Road to Meridian Road.

After further discussion, **Jim Voorhees moved and Joe Barton seconded to recommend approval of the functional classification map with the modifications presented in Tim Richard's memo and with the suggested modification to show the Highway 16 alignment where it varies from McDermott Road south of Ustick Road, and to reflect the potential footnoting of the Purple Sage/Beacon Light connection. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.**

D. Recommend Approval of Alignment/Option Candidates for Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit (TVHCTS)

Charles Trainor presented the proposed candidate alignment/modal options for TVHCTS.

Clair Bowman moved and Jon Cecil seconded to recommend approval of Alignment/Option Candidates for Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit.

Discussion:

- What does adding the 7th option do to the cost of the alternative analysis?

Mary Barker explained that the subcommittee looked at a process in doing a cut after a certain level of review and then a more detailed level of review thereafter. There was not enough information at the level of review to make a better cut than what has been done. Mary stated that she feels comfortable going forward with that approach in mind as funding is sought and scope out the next level of work.

Sabrina Anderson commented this is a high-level study and the statement is made in most of the corridors that additional work needs to be done in certain areas. Sabrina stated that she is comfortable in moving forward.

Toni Tisdale noted that there are only four corridors; three of the different options are on one corridor and two options are on one other.

Chair Orton called to question the motion. There being no further discussion, **motion carries.**

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Request Volunteers for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Scoring Subcommittee

Toni Tisdale stated that five applications have been received and several agencies requested an extension of the deadline which means more applications are expected prior to the scoring subcommittee meeting. The scoring meeting will be held on December 2, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in COMPASS' large conference room. COMPASS staff will run the applications through the scoring process prior to the meeting to have a starting

place for conversation. Toni requested volunteers to participate on the TIP project scoring subcommittee.

Volunteers:

Leslie Toombs, Ada County Highway District
Mary Barker, Valley Regional Transit
Jeff Lowe, City of Meridian
Megan Rush, Ada County Development Services
Clair Bowman, City of Nampa
City of Boise Representative

B. Discuss Construction and Studies Coordination

Toni Tisdale stated the November 9, 2009 construction report has been provided. Toni commented that Ryan Head is starting the Studies Coordination update. Please forward updates to him as soon as possible.

Joe Barton commented that Canyon County agencies have started training for the CARS 511 program. The live site will be up and running this spring.

Mary Barker said at the beginning of the year, Valley Regional Transit will have the engineering firm in place to start the design work for the ADA enhancements at the bus stops.

Kathleen Lacey asked about the status of installation of bus benches. Mary replied that details to begin the process are very close to being worked out with the Ada County Highway District and the Idaho Transportation Department. Within the next couple of weeks, those agreements will be in place. The Nampa Highway District has their code and ordinance changes in place which will be presented to the Commissioners at their November 30, 2009 meeting.

OTHER

A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 16, 2009, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathleen Lacey moved and Clair Bowman seconded adjournment at 10:21 a.m. Motion carries.