



*REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13, 2006
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION*

****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES:

Lisa Bachman, City of Kuna
 Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Chair*
 Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit
 Mike DuBois, Department of Environmental Quality
 Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian, *Vice-Chair*
 Michael Fuss, City of Nampa
 Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
 Rob Howarth, Central District Health Department (*Ex-Officio*)
 Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District
 Jeffrey Maffuccio, Canyon County Development Services
 Gian Paolo Mammone, City of Star
 Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District
 Whitney Rearick, Boise State University
 Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4
 Christy Richardson, City of Garden City
 Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle
 Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
 Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Wendel Bigham, Joint School District #2
 Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
 Jon Cecil, Capital City Development Corporation
 Marje Ellmaker, Mayor, City of Notus
 Dean Gunderson, Ada County
 Brent Orton, City of Caldwell
 Larry Strough, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3
 Vacant, Public Participation Committee

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Cunningham, COMPASS
 Don Matson, COMPASS
 Charles Trainor, COMPASS
 Jeanne Urlezaga, COMPASS
 Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Berent called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

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

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introductions were made of all attendees.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve October 11, 2006 Meeting Minutes*
- B. Approve October 25, 2006 Meeting Minutes*
- C. Approve November 15, 2006 Meeting Minutes*

Matt Ellsworth stated that in the October 11, 2006 Minutes, under Open Discussion, Nichoel Baird Spencer introduced the City of **Eagle's** new planner, not Meridian's.

Nichoel Baird Spencer moved and Matt Ellsworth seconded to approve the October 11, 2006 meeting minutes as amended and the October 25 and November 15, 2006 meeting minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Action Item

- A. Recommend Approval of Revision 1 of the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget*

Jeanne Urlezaga presented Revision 1 of the FY 2007 Unified Planning Program and Budget.

Kevin Bittner moved and Nichoel Baird Spencer seconded to recommend approval of Revision 1 of the FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Recommend Approval of Project Prioritization Process for Use in Developing the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Programs*

Toni Tisdale presented the Project Prioritization Process for use in developing the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Programs.

During discussion, the following suggestions were presented:

- Add Area of Impact Map as of August 2006 for reference, and add the City of Eagle's recently approved Area of Impact Expansion.
- Table 4: Potential Points by Evaluation Criteria and Project Category, change the points for categories as follows:
 - Paved Pathways
 - Multi-Modal Enhancement from 10 to 20 points
 - Timely Implementation from 20 to 10 points
 - Intelligent Transportation System
 - Congestion Management from 10 to 20 points
 - Multi-Modal Enhancement from 20 to 10 points

- Scoring Guidelines: Amend the assessment for the Land Use criteria listed under the Roadways' category as follows:
 - Project is wholly within the "growth areas" in the Community Choices land use scenario – 20 points
 - Project connects two or more "growth areas" in the Community Choices land use scenario although it also traverses through "no growth" areas as well – 15 points

Don Kostelec stated it should be clarified in the presentation to the COMPASS Board that this new process does not affect projects already in the Transportation Improvement Program. The process was developed quickly to meet deadlines for use in the FY 2008-2012 Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program Update.

The subject of "off the top" funding was discussed but RTAC members concurred that this was a decision for the COMPASS Board.

After further discussion, *Karen Gallagher moved and Nichoel Baird Spender seconded to recommend approval of:*

- *the Split Funding option and that the definitions of growth area would pertain to the August 2006 **Communities in Motion** map (which includes the Cities' Area of Impact maps as of August 2006) with the addition of the recently approved Area of Impact expansion in the City of Eagle;*
- *Table 4 on page 13: Potential Points by Evaluation Criteria and Project Category, change the points for categories as follows:*
 - *Paved Pathways*
 - *Multi-Modal Enhancement from 10 to 20 points*
 - *Timely Implementation from 20 to 10 points*
 - *Intelligent Transportation System*
 - *Congestion Management from 10 to 20 points*
 - *Multi-Modal Enhancement from 20 to 10 points*
- *Scoring Guidelines: Amend the assessment for the Land Use criteria listed under the Roadways' category as follows:*
 - *Project is wholly within the "growth areas" in the Community Choices land use scenario – 20 points*
 - *Project connects two or more "growth areas" in the Community Choices land use scenario although it also traverses through "no growth" areas as well – 15 points*

Discussion:

Matt Ellsworth commented that Meridian City Council approved the North Meridian Area of Impact Expansion in March 2006, prior to the August 2006 date. Meridian's north areas that have been adopted by Meridian's City Council prior to the approval of *Communities in Motion* should be included in the motion.

Charles Trainor replied that this should be an issue for the COMPASS Board to discuss and consider.

Karen Gallagher stated for clarification, that the City of Eagle had finished their part in the comprehensive plan and it was brought up throughout the *Communities in Motion* process, and has been approved by the County. This is a recommendation to the Board and therefore the motion stands.

There being no further discussion, the motion passes with one nay vote.

C. Recommend Approval of the FY 2015 Federal Functional Classification Map

Toni Tisdale presented the draft FY 2015 Federal Functional Classification Map.

Karen Gallagher commented that a discussion was previously held regarding the classification of principal and minor arterials. There are inconsistencies between the past discussion and the current definitions. There is a concern that we are going to go forward with decisions that are not consistent with the definitions. This will be revisited through ACHD's Transportation Land-Use Integration Plan (TLIP) process. An option would be to only classify section line roads so they are eligible for funding. There are quite a few roads that are going to be upgraded to principal arterials that are already classified and eligible for funds. Either we could leave the roads as minor arterials and then update and deal with it later, or make sure the *Communities in Motion* and federal classification maps match at this point. None of the Boise city streets are to be upgraded to a principal arterial until we go through the process outlined in Boise's comprehensive plan.

Don Kostelec replied that COMPASS designates functional classification, not a city or a comprehensive plan. As a result of TLIP the process will become more refined. The functional classification as applied through *Communities in Motion* are not out of line with the way they are to function in the year 2030, which is what the map is to show. It is consistent with the land uses that are in the 2030 *Communities in Motion* Plan.

After discussion, Nichoel Baird Spencer moved and Don Kostelec seconded to recommend approval of the FY 2015 Federal Functional Classification Map with the changes submitted from Canyon Highway District No. 4. There being no further discussion, the motion passes with two nay votes.

Information Items

A. Discuss Functional Classification/ Street Typologies Studies (a.k.a. TLIP)

Charles Trainor and Don Kostelec presented the status of the Transportation Land-Use Integration Project (TLIP).

B. Discussion on Access Management

John Cunningham stated the matrix of toolbox items is still in the development process but will be presented at the next scheduled RTAC meeting. This delay does not affect the deadlines that have been imposed for the grant, nor does it delay discussion with the COMPASS Board. Staff will develop the toolbox. Because of the extensive nature of work necessary at the local level to implement the tools, staff is dedicated to assist local jurisdictions requesting assistance. The Idaho Transportation Department is also willing to dedicate staff resources to this ongoing process.

After further discussion, direction was given to John Cunningham by the RTAC members present, to forward the Idaho Transportation Department's White Paper Access Management Reform Interim Status Report and Access Management Policy-DRAFT May 2006, to them via email.

C. Discuss US 20/26 (Chinden) Corridor Alternatives

Charles Trainor presented the US 20/26 Corridor alternatives. The alternatives will be taken to the Corridor Preservation Committee on January 10, 2007, the COMPASS Board on January 22, 2007, and to public meetings on February 28 and March 1, 2007. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in fall 2007.

Other

Toni Tisdale stated that RTAC's 2007 meeting schedule will go back to every fourth Wednesday of the month.

Charles Trainor commented that with regard to the FY 2007 Appropriations process, all earmarked projects for FY 2007 have been eliminated through Congressional action (e.g., Exit 29, Three Cities River Crossing).

Toni Tisdale added that there will likely be earmarks in FY 2008 but they will be limited.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.