

REGIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 14, 2005
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION



*****MINUTES*****

ATTENDEES: Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Vice Chair*
Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit
Ryan Culter, Canyon County Development Services
Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
Dean Gunderson, Ada County
Alana Hansen, Idaho Transportation Department-District 3 (*for Sue Sullivan*)
Shawn Martin, Ada County Highway District
Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4 (*for Casey Bequeath*)
Steve Siddoway, City of Meridian
Toni Tisdale, COMPASS (*Ex-Officio*)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Abramson, City of Garden City
Wendel Bigham, Meridian School District Transportation
Jim Buffington, Nampa Highway District #1
Leonard Herr, Department of Environmental Quality
Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District, *Chair*
Gordon Law, City of Caldwell
Paul Raymond, City of Nampa
Pam Sheldon, Capital City Development Corporation
Nichol Baird Spencer, City of Eagle
Dennis Stegenga, City of Star
Sarah Stobaugh, Boise Independent School District
(Vacant), City of Kuna

OTHERS PRESENT: John Cunningham, COMPASS
Keith Holmes, COMPASS
Patricia Nilsson, COMPASS
Charles Trainor, COMPASS
Jeanne Urlezaga, COMPASS
MaryAnn Waldinger, COMPASS
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mary Berent called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Introductions were made of all attendees.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Since a quorum was not present, the Vice Chair moved to Information Item V-A.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

Review Communities in Motion

Charles Trainor stated that at the COMPASS Board's December 19, 2005 meeting, staff will present key recommendations to be incorporated into the draft plan and the Board will be requested to approve the draft Transportation Strategies/Policies under ***Communities in Motion***.

After review of the Breakout of Regional Funding by County table, Steve Siddoway made a correction. The 2004 total for Ada County should be \$64 million rather than the \$4 million shown.

Charles Trainor stated that emphasis was given to the Plan Coordination Team (PCT), and it will be re-emphasized to the Board, that the plan is a work in progress and it is the first attempt for a more rational prioritization scheme. The plan is in the process of being written based on the assumption that Community Choices will be the preferred growth and transportation scenario. The plan will be issued for review within the next several weeks and is anticipated to go out for public comment in February and March, with an April adoption date.

Quorum now present, the Vice Chair moved to the Action Items.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve November 16, 2005 Minutes

Dean Gunderson moved and Kevin Bittner seconded to approve the November 16, 2005 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Recommend Revision 1 – FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program

After discussion, ***Dean Gunderson moved and Steve Siddoway seconded to recommend adoption of Revision 1 of the FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.***

Review Proposed Amendments to the FY2006-2010 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area from Valley Regional Transit

After discussion, ***Dean Gunderson moved and Karen Gallagher seconded to recommend the proposed amendments to the FY2006-2010 Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area from Valley Regional Transit. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.***

Designate Surface Transportation Program-Urban and Enhancement Review Subcommittee

Toni Tisdale stated that volunteers are needed to score projects for surface Transportation Program – Urban and Enhancement projects. One or two meetings will be held, beginning in early February.

Volunteers:

Don Kostelec, ACHD
Dean Gunderson, Ada County
Tim Richard, Canyon County
Karen Gallagher, City of Boise
Kevin Bittner, Valley Regional Transit

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review Transportation Improvement Program Schedule

Toni Tisdale stated that because the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Schedule is a fluid document, it provides guidance but some of the proposed dates may change. The Idaho Transportation Department has a similar schedule which can be provided upon request.

Update on the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Grant

Patricia Nilsson stated that formal notification of the grant has been received from AMPO. The grant is an FTA grant to AMPO. A contract has not yet been received from AMPO. COMPASS was one of three metropolitan planning organizations selected in the United States. A subcommittee of RTAC, as well as permitting staff from ACHD and ITD, will assist COMPASS in developing an Access Management Guidebook and to assist in the additional activities.

Receive Draft Treasure Valley Congestion Management System (CMS) Annual Report for 2005

MaryAnn Waldinger stated the draft CMS Annual Report for 2005 is on the COMPASS website. If there are any questions or comments regarding the report, please forward them to Jay Witt.

STATUS REPORTS

Toni Tisdale commented that she has not received any new information for the Studies Coordination Report within the last two or three months. If there are any changes, please forward them to Toni.

OTHER

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS. Future meeting dates will be added to RTAC's January agenda.

Toni Tisdale stated that COMPASS has hired a technical writer to review the draft long-range transportation plan. A CD of the plan will be distributed to RTAC members after the technical writer's review.

Dean Gunderson commented that at previous RTAC meetings, Ada County had been delivering regular updates on planned community applications. Staff reassignments have occurred and Carla Olson will be switching to part-time and the planner taking over planned community applications will be Mark Pecchenino, formerly with the City of Boise. An interim update to the Planned Community Ordinance is being prepared to address processing problems and the difficulty staff was having in trying to uniformly apply comprehensive plan issues, which had not adopted into the PC zoning ordinance. Adoption of the interim Planned Community Ordinance will hopefully take place at the end of February, after the municipal and agency comment period.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.