



TRANSPORTATION MODEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 24, 2007
Community Planning Association

****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES: Vern Brewer, Holladay Engineering
 Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian **(for Pete Friedman)**
 Christine Floor, Valley Regional Transit
 Karen Gallagher, City of Boise, *Vice Chair*
 Jorge Garcia, IDEQ
 Kendall Kemmer, Ada County Highway District
 Brad Lane, Fehr & Peers Associates **(via telephone conference)**
 Tim Richard, Canyon Highway District #4
 Christy Richardson, Ada County Highway District
 Joe Rosenlund, J-U-B Engineers, Inc.
 Kevin Sablan, Idaho Transportation Department
 Gary Sanderson, Idaho Transportation Department, *Chair*
 Jay Witt, Washington Group International

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Fuss, City of Nampa
 Dean Gunderson, Ada County Development Services
 Rob Miller, Public Participation Committee
 Jim Pline, Pline Engineering, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kent Fugal, Project Engineering Consultants, Ltd.
 Erv Olen, Parametrix
 Amar Pillai, Ada County Highway District
 Randy Romeo, COMPASS
 Marilyn Sampson, COMPASS
 Erika Stoddard, Idaho Transportation Department
 Brent Turley, The Transpo Group
 MaryAnn Waldinger, COMPASS
 Yancey Willis, COMPASS
 Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

MaryAnn Waldinger will present an information item, Update on Treasure Valley Truck Freight Travel Data Collection Project, after Item IV-A.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introductions were made of all attendees.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve February 6, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Matt Ellsworth moved and Jay Witt seconded to approve the February 6, 2007 meeting minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Congestion Management Annual Report

MaryAnn Waldinger stated that COMPASS website links were forwarded to the Committee which included the final 2006 Annual CMS Report as well as the 2003-2006 CMS Data Archive. COMPASS staff is currently collecting 2007 Travel Time Data, which should be completed the first week of June 2007.

Matt Ellsworth commented that Eagle Road from Saint Luke's to Franklin experienced almost a 50% decrease in congestion. Were travel times gathered before or after the medians were constructed?

MaryAnn replied that a back-check will have to be done.

Treasure Valley Truck Freight Travel Data Collection Project

MaryAnn Waldinger stated a grant was created to collect truck freight data. Approximately \$300,000 was received in STP-TMA funds. Work did not begin on this project until spring 2007 due to the delays in the FY 2007 obligation authority. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been posted to the COMPASS website: <http://www.compassidaho.org/people/jobs-tvtf.htm>, for the Treasure Valley Truck Freight Travel Data Collection Project. A broad distribution of the RFQ was made after looking at agencies around the country that have had experience in these data collection projects.

The deadline for submittal of the RFQs is 3:00 p.m. MDT, Wednesday, May 9, 2007. The RFQs will be reviewed and a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be requested from the RFQs selected. It is anticipated that consultant selection will be announced in July or August 2007.

COMPASS staff will form a workgroup to review the RFQs and RFPs and possibly participate in an interview process. The workgroup would consist of two members from TMAC and possibly the Regional Technical Advisory Committee. If members are interested in this process, please contact MaryAnn.

B. Travel Model Improvement Peer Review Status

MaryAnn Waldinger stated the Application for the Travel Model Improvement Program (TMIP) Peer Review was accepted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The TMIP Peer Review is scheduled for June 5 (all day) and June 6 (half day), 2007. Travel arrangements are being made by FHWA's travel center. An agenda will be drafted.

The review committee consists of:

- Frank Spielberg, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Vienna, VA (Panel Moderator)
- Jennifer John, Tri-County Metropolitan Transit District (Tri-Met), Portland, OR

- Mick Crandall, Utah Transit Authority, Salt Lake City, UT
- Karl Quackenbush, Central Transportation Planning Staff, Boston, MA
- Mark Schlappi, Consultant, Phoenix, AZ

The Peer Review will be recorded and documented and a report will be available approximately 2 to 3 months thereafter.

A request was made to forward the Application to the Committee.

C. Presentation on ACHD's Typology Study

Brent Turley presented a PowerPoint presentation of Ada County Highway District's Transportation Land Use Integration Plan.

D. Update on RTAC Traffic Impact Study Subcommittee

MaryAnn Waldinger stated that at a previous meeting, TMAC was given an update regarding the challenges with traffic impact studies. Charles Trainor presented this discussion to the Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) and in February, a 3 ½ hour meeting was held with a subcommittee made up of RTAC members. A topic of discussion was the review of various travel impact study guidelines. The subcommittee agreed that Bannock County's guidelines are a good example and a good starting point for COMPASS. It is anticipated that a joint workshop meeting will be scheduled with the various COMPASS' technical committees to discuss how everything is integrated and flows through the process.

MaryAnn commented a discussion regarding studies coordination will be presented at RTAC's April 25 meeting and a Transportation Studies Coordination for Ada and Canyon Counties map will be distributed. An electronic copy of the map will be forwarded to TMAC.

After continued discussion, Jay Witt suggested text be added to the COMPASS website which indicates that the planning threshold numbers are not appropriate for traffic impact studies.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kendall Kemmer introduced Amar Pillai who will replace him as ACHD's representative on TMAC. Kendall will advise the Committee as to when that will happen.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 24, 2007, 9:00 a.m., at COMPASS.

Suggested Agenda Items:

- Peer Review
- Planning Thresholds
- Status report TVFT Study
- Traffic Impact Studies
- Cumulative Impact Analysis

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.