

Keeping Up With COMPASS

May 2021

A newsletter for COMPASS members to keep abreast of COMPASS Board, committee, and workgroup actions.

Board of Directors – April 19, 2021

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/boardmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: June 21, 2021

April Action Items:

- 2021 Population Estimates. Accepted the 2021 [population estimates](#) for Ada and Canyon Counties.
- Member Dues. Approved general and special member dues for FY2022.

April Information/Discussion Items:

- Legislative Issues. Received a status report on state and federal legislative issues.
- Communities in Motion 2050. Received an overview of the process for developing *Communities in Motion 2050* (CIM 2050) and an update on progress.
- High-Capacity Transit. Received an overview of the results of the “All Aboard!” survey on high-capacity transit options and discussed next steps.
- Park and Ride. Received an overview of results of a recent COMPASS park and ride study and discussed next steps.

Executive Committee – April 13, 2021

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Next meeting date: May 11, 2021

April Action Items:

- CIM 2040 2.0. Adopted a resolution amending *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* (CIM 2040 2.0) to add two new funded projects on State Highway 44 (State Street) between the City of Eagle and downtown Boise to improve transit service. This action was brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for ratification in its April 19, 2021, meeting (above).

- FY2021-2027 TIP. Adopted a resolution amending the FY2021-2027 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the same two funded projects on State Highway 44 (State Street) as above and to modify the configuration of the State Highway 44 and State Highway 55 intersection improvement project from a half Continuous Flow Intersection to a conventional intersection. This action was brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for ratification in its April 19, 2021, meeting (above).
- Legislative Issues. Received a status report on state legislative issues. No action was taken.

Regional Transportation Advisory Committee – April 28, 2021

More information: www.compassidaho.org/people/rtacmeetings.htm

Next meeting date: May 26, 2021

April Action Items:

- Performance Measures. Reviewed proposed performance measures for CIM 2050 and established a subcommittee to review the proposed measures in more detail and work with COMPASS staff to develop corresponding targets.
- TMA Balancing. Recommended actions to balance the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) in the Transportation Management Area (TMA) to cover shortfalls of formula funding due to limited obligation authority and allocate additional new funding. This item will be brought to the COMPASS Board of Directors for action in its June 21, 2021, meeting.

April Information/Discussion Item:

- Survey Results. Reviewed a summary of “All Aboard” transit survey results and primary themes, discussed which transit modes and alignments would best meet regional needs as demonstrated in survey results, and discussed next steps. RTAC will be asked to recommend a “locally favored” alignment and mode to the COMPASS Board of Directors in its May 26, 2021, RTAC meeting.
- Performance Measures. Reviewed and discussed recommendations from an RTAC subcommittee that examined under-performing CIM 2040 2.0 performance measures.
- Resilience. Received a report on research into resilience practices and their application to transportation in the Treasure Valley and discussed recommendations of how resilience can be addressed in CIM 2050.
- STBG-Urban Funds. Discussed research conducted by the City of Nampa and COMPASS staff into the allocation of STBG-Urban funds in Idaho and discussed proposed steps to work with the Idaho Transportation Department to update its policy to more equitably allocate funding to urban areas.

Workgroups

Freight Advisory Workgroup

Meeting date: April 1, 2021

Highlights:

- Reviewed the draft COMPASS Participation Plan and provided input into preferred participation methods.
- Provided feedback on the freight portion of the Complete Network Policy.
- Received a recap of the "Advancing Freight Programs for MPOs in Idaho and Wyoming" workshop.

Next meeting date: May/June 2021

Active Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: April 12, 2021

Highlights:

- Recommended the addition of five routes to the 2050 Regional Pathways and Bikeways route list.
- Provided feedback on the 2050 Regional Pathways and Bikeways development prioritization process.
- Provided feedback on the bicycle and pedestrian portions of the Complete Network Policy.

Next meeting date: May 10, 2021

Public Participation Workgroup

Meeting date: April 20, 2021

Highlights:

- Reviewed results from the high-capacity transit survey; conducted a debrief of outreach strategies and discussed ways to improve participation.
- Reviewed the draft updated participation plan prior to release for public comment in May.
- Reviewed and provided feedback on the outreach plan for the draft participation plan.

Next meeting date: May 4, 2021

Environmental Review Workgroup

Meeting date: April 2, 2021

Highlights:

- Received an overview of the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) process, and an example of its use in eastern Idaho.
- Received an update on the process for developing CIM 2050.
- Reviewed the results of the "All Aboard!" survey on high-capacity transit.
- Reviewed the draft COMPASS Participation Plan and provided input into preferred participation methods.

Next meeting date: May/June 2021

Public Transportation Workgroup

Meeting date: April 16, 2021

Highlights:

- Discussed the "All Aboard!" high-capacity transit survey results, an initial best fit recommendation, and next steps.
- Provided feedback on the public transportation portion of the Complete Network Policy.
- Reviewed next steps for the workgroup and public transportation planning in CIM 2050.

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