



Working together to plan for the future

Work Group: Rails with Trails Workgroup (RTWG)
Staff Liaison: Rachel Haukkala

Purpose:

The purpose of the Rails with Trails Workgroup is to develop a unified strategy among member agencies for the development of a continuous rails with trails system within the Union Pacific corridor in Ada and Canyon Counties.

Tasks:

1. Participate in planning for funding, negotiation strategies, agreements, and other necessary tasks which will feed into the implementation plan.
2. Support development of a rails with trails implementation plan that builds on the results of the *Rails with Trails Feasibility and Probable Cost Study*. Implementation will be ongoing.
3. Collaborate with the Active Transportation Workgroup to include rails with trails in the *2050 Pathways & Bikeways Plan*.
4. Assist with integrating rails with trails planning efforts into *Communities in Motion 2050*.
5. Review and provide feedback on the annual rails with trails report for FY2021.

Deliverables, Schedule:

1. Rails with Trails Implementation Plan (December 2020).
2. Rails with Trails incorporated into the *2050 Pathways & Bikeways Plan* (September 2021).
3. Rails with trails incorporated into *Communities in Motion 2050* (September 2021).
4. Annual Rails with Trails Report for FY2021 (September 2021).

Membership:

Membership in the RTWG will be drawn from member agencies interested in rails with trails efforts, including but not limited to: City of Boise, City of Caldwell, City of Meridian, City of Nampa, Ada County, Canyon County, and ACHD. Membership will also include a member of the COMPASS Active Transportation Workgroup and a member representing the Foundation for Ada and Canyon Trails System (FACTS), ITD, health partners, members of the business community, and user or advocacy groups. Other members may include the cities of Greenleaf, Kuna, Middleton, Notus, Parma, and Wilder, pending future examination of spur routes and the ultimate desired regional system.

Charter recommended by Executive Committee: July 14, 2020

Charter approved by COMPASS Board: August 17, 2020

Next planned review of charter by Executive Committee: June 2021

All decisions and recommendations of COMPASS workgroups are reached through consensus and there are no quorum requirements for workgroups. All workgroup meetings are open to anyone interested in attending. Individuals interested in attending should contact the staff liaison to obtain the scheduled meeting dates and planned agendas.