



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.

Tasks:

1. Assist with development of a Rails with Trails implementation plan that builds on the results of the costing study, to include prioritization, phasing, funding strategies, outreach, and timeline. Implementation will be ongoing.
2. Collaborate with the Active Transportation Workgroup to include rails with trails in the Regional Pathway Plan.
3. Review and provide feedback on the annual Rails with Trails Report.
4. Assist in integrating the Rails with Trails planning efforts into CIM 2050.

Deliverables, Schedule:

1. Rails with Trails implementation plan. (December 2019)
2. Rails with Trails section in the Regional Pathway Plan. (March 2020)
3. Annual Rails with Trails Report documenting progress. (July 2020)

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, 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: June 4, 2019

Charter approved by COMPASS Board: August 26, 2019

Next planned review of charter by Executive Committee: June 2020

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.