

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
JUNE 16, 2008
CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT
110 S. 5TH AVENUE, CALDWELL, IDAHO



****MINUTES****

- ATTENDEES:**
- Rebecca Arnold, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District, Ex officio
 - A.J. Balukoff, Trustee, Independent School District of Boise City
 - Phil Bandy, Mayor, City of Eagle
 - Matt Beebe, Commissioner, Canyon County
 - Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise
 - Keith Bird, Councilman, City of Meridian
 - Dave Bivens, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District
 - Brad Broker for Pete Wagner, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
 - Elaine Clegg, Councilwoman, City of Boise
 - Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian
 - John Evans, Mayor, City of Garden City
 - Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit
 - David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,
Secretary/Treasurer
 - John Franden, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,
Chair
 - Dave Jones, Idaho Transportation Department
 - Carol McKee, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District
 - Bryce Millar, Commissioner, Nampa Highway District #1
 - Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Chair-Elect**
 - Patricia Nilsson for Councilman Vernon Bisterfeldt, City of Boise
 - Steven Rule, Commissioner, Canyon County
 - Jerome Scroggins, Commissioner, Canyon Highway District #4
 - Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning Association, Ex officio
 - Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton
 - Cindy Trail for Russell Duke, Central District Health, Ex officio
 - Mike Vuittonet, Trustee, Joint School District #2
 - Paul Woods, Commissioner, Ada County
 - Rick Yzaguirre, Commissioner, Ada County
- MEMBERS ABSENT:**
- Jim Blacker, Councilman, City of Caldwell
 - Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa
 - Scott Dowdy, Mayor, City of Kuna
 - Clete Edmunson, Governor's Office, Ex officio
 - Anne Horn, Mayor, City of Notus
 - Phil Kushlan, Capital City Development Corporation
 - James Maguire, Boise State University
 - Nathan Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star
 - Patrick Rice, Greater Boise Auditorium District, Ex officio
 - Martin Thorne, Councilman, City of Nampa
 - Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County
 - Margaret Watson, Mayor, City of Parma

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OTHERS: Keith Allred, Allred Solutions
Ross Borden, City of Boise
Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association
Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors
Ross Dodge, Community Planning Association
Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian
Sally Goodell, Ada County Highway District
Keith Holmes, Community Planning Association
Don Matson, Community Planning Association
Carl Miller, Community Planning Association
Toni Tisdale, Community Planning Association
Charles Trainor, Community Planning Association
Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association
Mary Ann Waldinger, Community Planning Association

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Franden called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Matt Stoll requested to amend Consent Agenda Item C, adding approval of Brad Broker as a Department of Environmental Quality non-elected COMPASS Board alternate.

Chair Franden asked for any objection to amending Consent Agenda Item C, adding approval of Brad Broker as a Department of Environmental Quality non-elected COMPASS Board alternate. Hearing none, Chair Franden so ordered.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Burgess recapped the agendas, meeting dates and locations for the Governor's Transportation Conferences scheduled around the state in July 2008.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve April 21, 2008, Board Meeting Minutes***
- B. Receive Approved March 18, 2008 and April 15, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes***
- C. Approve Sally Goodell as the ACHD Non-Elected COMPASS Board Alternate and Brad Broker as Non-Elected Department of Environmental Quality Board Alternate***

David Ferdinand moved and Carol McKee seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Adopt Resolution 09-2008 Amending the Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program***

Toni Tisdale presented Resolution 09-2008 amending the Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program.

After discussion, ***Garret Nancolas moved and Carol McKee seconded adoption of Resolution 09-2008 amending the Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Motion passed unanimously.***

B. Approve Release of Draft FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program and Associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration for Public Comment

Toni Tisdale presented the draft FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program and associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration for release for public comment June 23-July 22, 2008. An open house will be held at COMPASS on Wednesday, July 16, 2008.

After discussion, ***Chair Franden directed staff to determine when an appropriate time would be, either the July or August 2008 Board meeting, for a Board discussion of how the Kuna-Mora/Bowmont Road connection is referenced in Communities in Motion and the impact of the current funding shortfall.***

After discussion, ***Bryce Millar moved and David Ferdinand seconded approval of the release of the draft FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program and Associated Air Quality Conformity Demonstration for public comment. Motion passed unanimously.***

C. Authorize a Letter of Support for the Preferred Multimodal Center Site in Downtown Boise

Charles Trainor recapped the progress to date of the Multimodal Center and Circulator concepts. He stated the preferred site for the Multimodal Center has been identified as Candidate Site H, a ½ block site bounded by Idaho, 11th and Bannock Streets, and requested Board concurrence.

After discussion, ***A.J. Balukoff and Elaine Clegg seconded to authorize a letter of support from the COMPASS Board of Site H as the preferred Multimodal Center site. Motion passed unanimously.***

D. Accept Recommendation of the High Volume Intersection Study

Don Matson said staff reviewed Volumes I and II of the recommendations for the High Volume Intersection Study at the April 2008 Board meeting. He reviewed a new Volume III, a matrix showing urban form and functional class and how those relate generally to different intersection types as far as innovative intersections are concerned. He requested Board acceptance of the recommendations as presented and to refer the Study results to the Idaho Transportation Department, municipalities, and highway districts for their consideration.

After discussion, ***Carol McKee moved and Bryce Millar seconded to accept the recommendations of the High Volume Intersection Study as presented. Motion passed unanimously.***

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review COMPASS Building Fund and Associated Location Strategy

Matt Stoll provided an update on the current COMPASS Building Fund and associated location strategy.

After discussion, ***Elaine Clegg moved and Garret Nancolas seconded to direct staff to explore a downtown Meridian location near transit and to explore a co-location with Valley Regional Transit for a new facility. Motion passed unanimously.***

B. Status Report – Finance Committee

A.J. Balukoff, Finance Committee Chair, provided a recap of the May 15, 2008 Finance Committee meeting.

C. Review May 19, 2008 COMPASS/VRT Board Retreat

Keith Allred recapped the two main items discussed at the Retreat:

1. 2009 Legislative Strategy

- how does the COMPASS and VRT Boards generally engage the legislature; what could be done differently; and
- specific legislative issues and positions.

Matt Stoll stated that, as an outcome of the Retreat, he has directed Ken Burgess to develop a proposed legislative strategy to engage the public more, utilizing the local elected officials' ability to motivate the public on the local option sales tax issue and funding in general, to support what the governor, state legislators and the Idaho Transportation Board will be talking about in the 2009 session. There will be an effort to engage a broader based group of the legislature as opposed to just targeting House and Senate leadership and the Governor's Office, to try and change the positions of the House and Senate leadership group on a local option sales tax. The focus will be on making the case to the Legislature and the public that we have one of the tools to help solve the transportation funding shortfall, and let the overall need speak for itself. Regardless if it happens in 2009, 2010 or 2011, the message to the legislators is that the various coalitions in support of the local option tax are not going away.

2. Proposed merger of COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit

Keith stated the Retreat was not a venue in which formal decisions were to be made, but to get a sense of where the Boards were on the idea of a merger. He presented three options to the members:

1. Yes, I think a merger is absolutely clearly a good idea and we should proceed as quickly as possible.
2. I think it probably has some merit, but we need more details fleshed out to be able to make a decision as to whether it is appropriate.
3. I know enough now and it is clearly a bad idea. Let's drop the discussion of it.

Keith said a sizeable majority of members voted for Option 2 and particularly wanted the efficiencies fleshed out further: what would the reporting structure be, what would the tasks be, what would the budget and staff look like. He stated the next step will be fleshing out those details so the respective Boards can make an informed decision about the merger question.

Elaine Clegg asked if there was discussion about who would play the role of transit advocate for the State of Idaho if the merger takes place, which is a role Valley Regional Transit has played quite well. Keith responded discussion had taken place and the broadest consensus was more details need to be fleshed out in order to make a determination.

After discussion, it was agreed the direction is to move forward with continued discussion regarding the legislative strategy and the proposed merger at the July 2008 Board meetings with a Board Retreat in September 2008. State legislators will be invited to the Retreat luncheon.

OTHER

Matt Stoll stated that he is engaging in conversation with Sage Community Resources and Valley Regional Transit to talk about opportunities for partnerships to try and lower the costs for our mutual members, either by using staff or entering into mutual contracts.

ADJOURNMENT

Carol McKee moved and Garret Nancolas seconded adjournment at 3:35 p.m.

Dated this 21st day of July 2008.

APPROVED:

*BY: _____
Garret Nancolas, Chair Elect
Community Planning Association*

ATTEST:

*BY: _____
Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director
Community Planning Association*

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