

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2008
ADA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
200 W. FRONT STREET, BOISE, IDAHO



****MINUTES****

- ATTENDEES:**
- Rebecca Arnold, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,
Ex officio
 - Nichoel Baird Spencer for Phil Bandy, Mayor, City of Eagle
 - Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise
 - Keith Bird, Councilman, City of Meridian
 - Vernon Bisterfeldt, Councilman, City of Boise
 - Dave Bivens, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District
 - Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa
 - 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
 - Maryanne Jordan, Councilwoman, for Elaine Clegg,
Councilwoman, City of Boise
 - Phil Kushlan, Capital City Development Corporation
 - James Maguire, Boise State University
 - Carol McKee, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District
 - Bryce Millar, Commissioner, Nampa Highway District #1
 - Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Chair-Elect**
 - Derick O'Neill, Independent School District of Boise
 - Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning
Association, Ex officio
 - Pete Wagner, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
 - Rick Yzaguirre, Commissioner, Ada County
- MEMBERS ABSENT:**
- Matt Beebe, Commissioner, Canyon County
 - Jim Blacker, Councilman, City of Caldwell
 - Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian
 - Scott Dowdy, Mayor, City of Kuna
 - Russell Duke, Central District Health, Ex officio
 - Clete Edmunson, Governor's Office, Ex officio
 - Anne Horn, Mayor, City of Notus
 - Nathan Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star
 - Patrick Rice, Greater Boise Auditorium District, Ex officio
 - Steven Rule, Commissioner, Canyon County
 - Jerome Scroggins, Commissioner, Canyon Highway District #4
 - Martin Thorne, Councilman, City of Nampa
 - Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton
 - Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County
 - Mike Vuittonet, Trustee, Joint School District #2
 - Margaret Watson, Mayor, City of Parma
 - Paul Woods, Commissioner, Ada County

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OTHERS: Ross Borden, City of Boise
Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association
Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors
Cali Edson, Citizen
Stephen Freiburger, Nampa Highway District
Sally Goodell, Ada County Highway District
Caleb Hood, City of Meridian
Todd Johnson, Parametrix
Amy Luft, Community Planning Association
Don Matson, Community Planning Association
Carl Miller, Community Planning Association
Patricia Nilsson, City of Boise
Toni Tisdale, Community Planning Association
Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Franden called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Dale announced that Garret Nancolas was elected to the National League of Cities Board of Directors and will be representing the entire northwest.

Matt Stoll reminded the Board that the December 2008 Board meeting at the Nampa Civic Center will start at 12:00 pm with the annual COMPASS Board Holiday Luncheon.

Matt introduced Amy Luft who has joined COMPASS as the Communication Coordinator.

Chair Franden welcomed Derick O'Neill, Independent School District of Boise Trustee, to his first COMPASS Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve October 20, 2008, Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Receive Approved September 16, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tom Dale moved and Phil Kushlan seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve 2009 Idaho Legislative Session Priorities**

Ken Burgess reviewed the 2009 State Legislative Positions in priority order. The COMPASS Executive Committee approved the priorities at its October 2008 meeting with associated sideboards.

1. *Transportation Revenue*

The COMPASS Board of Directors strongly supports increasing and diversifying dedicated revenue for state and local transportation systems including transit and alternative transportation modes. Idaho's current transportation funding level is inadequate to address the state's needs. The Idaho Transportation Board estimates a \$240 million per year shortfall for priority needs in the state. COMPASS has identified a need of \$127 million per year over the next thirty years to meet the transportation needs of the Treasure Valley. A functional transportation system is critical to accommodate the population growth and economic development of the Treasure Valley and the state of Idaho.

Sideboard recommendations:

- A. Maintain current Highway Distribution Account funding split between ITD and local entities (56%/38%). Oppose any effort to reduce local share.***
- B. Support any/all new transportation revenue increases.***
- C. Support/accept multi-year phase-in of revenue increases.***

2. *Local Option Tax Authority Legislation*

The COMPASS Board of Directors strongly supports general local option sales tax authority legislation. Such a tool will provide local units of government the ability to request necessary supplemental infrastructure revenue from citizens through a local option sales tax. The Board supports the concept of allowing such funds to be used for roadway and/or transit projects. The Idaho Constitution currently empowers the legislature to grant local option taxing authority to local units of government.

Sideboard recommendations:

- A. Authorize legislation only (without a Constitutional Amendment).***
 - Accept authorizing legislation with 66 2/3% or lower voting requirement.***
- B. Constitutional Amendment***
 - Be willing to consider Constitutional Amendment at 60% voting requirement.***
- C. General Local Option Tax Authority versus for transportation only***
 - Be willing to support transportation only.***

After discussion, ***Dave Bieter moved and Garret Nancolas seconded to amend Sideboard A. to read, "Authorize legislation with a 60% voting requirement with no Constitutional Amendment. Delete Sideboard B., and amend Sideboard C. to read, "General Local Option Taxation at 60%. " Motion passed with Vern Bisterfeldt, Dave Bivens, Keith Bird, and Rick Yzaguirre voting no, and Pete Wagner and James Maguire abstaining.***

3. *Fourth Year Funding Approval of GARVEE Bonding Program*

The COMPASS Board of Directors strongly supports continuation of the Idaho Transportation Board's proposed GARVEE-related project and funding package. The GARVEE program is a critical tool in Idaho's efforts to meet the challenges and demands of a growing economy and population. The GARVEE program allows the Idaho Transportation Department to expedite critical projects in a cost efficient manner. Construction of the transportation corridors in Ada and Canyon Counties, as originally identified in the Connecting Idaho program should remain a priority for GARVEE funding.

4. *State Tax Anticipation Revenue (STAR) Financing*

The COMPASS Board of Directors supports amending the State Tax Anticipation Revenue financing mechanism to provide a more broadly applicable transportation project financing tool. The Board applauds the 2007 Idaho Legislature for creating the STAR tool as an additional, creative option for funding state highway improvements.

5. *Transportation Access Plan Legislation*

The COMPASS Board of Directors strongly supports legislation providing a mechanism for the Idaho Transportation Board, in cooperation with local planning entities, to define the access control standards for a given highway corridor. This concept will allow transportation planning agencies to protect the safety and mobility of the traveling public by entering into agreements to control and manage access on state highways. This authority would help solve traffic flow challenges on state highways, particularly in high-growth areas like Ada and Canyon Counties.

6. *Air Quality Improvement*

The COMPASS Board of Directors supports legislation and agency rules designed to address air quality challenges in the Treasure Valley. The Treasure Valley airshed faces potential non-attainment of EPA air quality standards for ozone. Non-attainment status could have a drastic negative impact on the Treasure Valley economy and the ability to develop badly needed transportation projects in Ada and Canyon Counties.

After discussion, ***Tom Dale moved and Carol McKee seconded approval of the 2009 Legislative Positions and Sideboards as amended. Motion passed with Keith Bird, Rick Yzaguirre voting no and James Maguire and Pete Wagner abstaining.***

B. *Accept 2008 Annual Performance Monitoring Report*

Carl Miller presented the 2008 Annual Performance Monitoring Report, the third in a series that will evaluate factors of achieving ***Communities in Motion*** goals and meets policy requirements to address growth and related issue in Ada and Canyon Counties.

After discussion, ***Carol McKee moved and John Evans seconded to accept the 2008 Annual Performance Monitoring Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.***

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. *Review Access Management Plan for US 20/26*

Don Matson presented the Corridor Preservation Committee recommendations and the draft Access Management Plan for US 20/26, which addresses the roadway design, right of way width, and alignment. The study includes an Environmental Assessment.

B. *Update on Planning Efforts along the Kuna-Mora/Bowmont Corridor and the Western Canyon Corridors*

Sally Goodell and Stephen Freiburger presented an update on current planning efforts along Kuna-Mora/Bowmont Road and the Western Canyon Counties and the connection issues with McDermott Road. The identification and preservation of these corridors are consistent with ***Communities in Motion***.

C. *Status Report – Priorities for Upcoming Urban Balancing Committee Meeting*

Toni Tisdale provided a Status Report on priorities for the upcoming Urban Balancing Committee Meeting. The COMPASS Executive Committee approved the changes at its October 21, 2008 meeting:

- Key Number 9515 – North Middleton Road, SH 44 (Main Street) North Across Mill Slough – advance from FY2010 to FY2009
- Key Number 11233 – 21st Avenue and Franklin Road Intersection, Phase III, Caldwell – advance from FY2010 to FY2009

- Key Number 09990 – Airport Road, from Kings Road to Happy Valley Road – remove this project and move funds to other priorities in Nampa.
- New – Airport Road Corridor Study, Nampa - The City of Nampa became aware of a study initiated by ACHD to extend Overland Road in the summer 2008, which could change the function of the Airport Road corridor. Add this project using funds from Key Number 09990 in FY2010. Advance to FY2009 if possible.
- New – Karcher Road and Middleton Road Intersection – This intersection has become a major safety issue for the City of Nampa and is a joint intersection with ITD. The ITD District Office has agreed to pursue this project jointly with the city. Add this project using funds from Key Number 09990 in FY2011 and PD. Advance construction from PD to FY2012 if possible.

Toni said that other changes more minor in nature will also be pursued through the Urban Balancing Committee. Results will be shared with the COMPASS Board at the December 15, 2008 meeting via an amendment to the FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program.

D. Status Report – Studies Coordination

Toni Tisdale provided a Status Report on the Studies Coordination process and reviewed the website at <http://www.compassidaho.org/planning/studies.htm>.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Bivens moved and Carol McKee seconded adjournment at 3:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated this 15th day of December 2008.

APPROVED:

***BY: _____
John Franden, Chair
Community Planning Association***

ATTEST:

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