

Communities in Motion Implementation

Connections

Provide options for safe access and expanded mobility choices in a cost-effective manner in the region.

<i>CIM Task</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Product</i>	<i>Lead Staff</i>
1.1.1	Develop a prioritization system for use in the Transportation Improvement Program to focus federal funds on those projects that best implement the desired outcomes for Communities in Motion in terms of land use patterns, travel choices and community vitality.	Completed. Updated Annually.	<u>FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program</u>	<i>Toni Tisdale</i>
1.2.1	COMPASS will develop criteria for scoring projects for the Transportation Improvement Program with the highest priority for projects that provide for maintenance, safety, existing system efficiency (such as Intelligent Transportation System), or preservation. These priorities are based on the 50% funding levels for operations and maintenance projects.	Completed	<u>Project Prioritization Process</u>	<i>Toni Tisdale</i>
1.2.2	COMPASS will identify major destinations (cities, regional centers, and economic activity centers) that are poorly served by the existing transportation system.	Completed	<u>Major Activity Centers map</u>	<i>Ross Dodge</i>
1.2.3	COMPASS will track conditions on the existing transportation system including maintenance and safety issues based on data from pavement, bridge and safety management systems provided by local agencies.			<i>Toni Tisdale</i>
1.3.1	Member agencies with transportation jurisdiction will identify project elements and designs that promote system connectivity, relieve congestion, and reduce bottlenecks.	Completed	<u>High Volume Intersection Study</u>	<i>Don Matson</i>
1.3.2	Member agencies with transportation jurisdiction will identify project elements and designs that encourage use of high-occupancy vehicles or other alternative modes of transportation.	Ongoing	<u>Transportation & Land Use Integration Plan</u>	<i>Charles Trainor</i>
1.3.3	Member agencies with land use authority will identify development elements and associated policies that encourage use of high-occupancy vehicles and other alternative transportation.			
1.3.4	Member agencies, with COMPASS support, will identify treatments for each regionally important corridor such as: access management, special intersection designs, signal coordination, Intelligent Transportation System, multi-modal opportunities and land use policies.	Completed	<u>Access Management Toolkit</u>	<i>Don Matson</i>
1.3.5	COMPASS will include criteria in the prioritization methodology for the plan and the Transportation Improvement Program to meet this objective.	Completed	<u>Project Prioritization Process</u>	<i>Toni Tisdale</i>
1.3.6	COMPASS, through the long-range plan and subsequent studies, will identify corridors where bus or other high occupancy vehicle treatments or services are desired. This identification process will be coordinated with Valley Regional Transit and appropriate local and state governments.	Ongoing (UPWP 2009)	<u>Mobility Management</u>	<i>Liisa Itkonen</i>
1.3.7	COMPASS, through the long-range plan, will identify corridors where existing or forecasted congestion would impair the effectiveness of high occupancy vehicle treatment or services.			<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
1.3.8	COMPASS will identify gaps in the existing transportation system.			<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
1.3.9	COMPASS will work with transportation agencies in the region to update the Intelligent Transportation System Plan.			<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
1.3.10	COMPASS will include prioritization criteria that promote more efficient use of the transportation system through signal coordination, access management and other	Completed	<u>Project Prioritization Process</u>	<i>Toni Tisdale</i>

	transportation system management strategies.			
1.3.11	COMPASS will coordinate with the Ada County Highway District and local governments in Ada County and Canyon County to evaluate roadway functional classifications and typologies as part of the "Transportation & Land Use Integration Plan."	Ongoing	<u>Transportation & Land Use Integration Plan</u>	<i>Charles Trainor</i>
1.4.1	Member agencies will provide to COMPASS the status of adoption of comprehensive plans, particularly the transportation element of those plans, and new ordinances proposed through Blueprint for Good Growth in Ada County or in Canyon County, new ordinances that support the use of public transportation alternatives through land use and transportation decisions.	Ongoing.	<u>Member Agency ordinances and comprehensive plans.</u>	<i>Charles Trainor</i>
1.4.2	COMPASS will support Valley Regional Transit and member agencies in planning for alternative transportation options.	Ongoing.		<i>Charles Trainor</i>
1.4.3	COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit will plan and implement --when dedicated funding is available--a transit system with travel times on bus routes no more than twice the travel times for comparable automobile travel times.	Completed.	<u>Treasure Valley in Transit Plan</u>	<i>Charles Trainor</i>
1.4.4	COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit will plan and implement when dedicated funding is made available a transit system with travel times on fixed-guideway (rail and Bus Rapid Transit) facilities during peak hours with no more than one and a half times the travel time of an automobile during off-peak hours.	Ongoing.	<u>High Capacity Transit Study</u>	<i>Charles Trainor</i>
1.4.5	COMPASS will continue to update the bike path map in cooperation with local agencies. This pathway map will be expanded to include Canyon County.	Ongoing.	<u>GIS Data</u>	<i>Ross Dodge</i>
1.4.6	When dedicated funding for public transportation is available, all flexible federal funding sources will be evaluated to determine the distribution of such funds to roadway and public transportation projects. This will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the Annual Monitoring Report and in consideration of progress made toward Communities in Motion goals.	Ongoing.	<u>2008 draft legislation</u>	<i>Matt Stoll</i>
1.5.1	Member agencies will aid the efforts to obtain funding sources by evaluating their use of existing funding sources, developing innovative methods of funding and supporting regional efforts.	Ongoing.	<u>2008 draft legislation</u>	<i>Matt Stoll</i>
1.5.2	COMPASS and member agencies will work with state and federal elected officials and other sources to provide funding for transportation projects identified in the plan, including expanded transit services.	Ongoing.	<u>2008 draft legislation</u>	<i>Matt Stoll</i>
1.5.3	COMPASS will develop a plan for developing new efforts to seek additional funding sources, including existing funding tools currently not being used.	Ongoing.	<u>2008 draft legislation</u>	<i>Matt Stoll</i>
1.5.4	COMPASS will compile information on the efficiency/effectiveness of existing transportation expenditures to use in reporting to citizens and/or federal, state, and local elected officials.	Completed. Updated Annually.	<u>2007 Financial Statements</u>	<i>Liisa Itkonen</i>
1.5.5	COMPASS will make seeking dedicated funding for public transportation a priority in its work program.	Ongoing.	<u>2008 draft legislation</u>	<i>Matt Stoll</i>
1.6.1	COMPASS will continue improvements to the transportation model to include better information on peak-hour travel with multiple modes for better analysis of transportation system needs.			<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
1.7.1	Member agencies will consider automobile, mass transit, walking, bicycling, environmental and aesthetic issues.	Ongoing Study (UPWP 2009)	<u>Complete Streets policy</u>	<i>Carl Miller</i>
1.7.2	COMPASS will develop a guidebook on context sensitive design to aid land use and transportation decision makers and create a "regional vocabulary" on context sensitive design.	Ongoing Study (UPWP 2009)	<u>Complete Streets policy</u>	<i>Carl Miller</i>
1.8.1	COMPASS will conduct a study to identify freight issues in the Treasure Valley.	Completed	<u>Freight Study</u>	<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>

1.8.2	COMPASS will work with ITD to identify and inventory regional and statewide freight flows.	Completed	<u>Freight Study</u>	<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
1.8.3	COMPASS will convene a work group of freight interests to assist in these activities.	Completed	<u>Freight Study</u>	<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
1.8.4	COMPASS will identify key freight origins and destinations to create a set of data for use in future plans and projects.	Completed	<u>Freight Study</u>	<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
1.8.5	COMPASS will research ways that freight data ties with economic development for use in future plans and projects.	Completed	<u>Freight Study</u>	<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
1.9.1	COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit will identify destinations that are more critical to the specified population groups.	Ongoing Study (UPWP 2009)	<u>Mobility Management</u>	<i>Liisa Itkonen</i>
1.9.2	COMPASS and Valley Regional Transit will conduct a study to learn the overall responsiveness of the transportation network to the needs of minority and low-income populations	Ongoing Study (UPWP 2009)	<u>Mobility Management</u>	<i>Liisa Itkonen</i>
1.9.3	COMPASS will work with federal, state and local agencies to improve information on the residential location of specified population groups.	Ongoing Study (UPWP 2009)	<u>Mobility Management</u>	<i>Liisa Itkonen</i>
1.9.4	COMPASS will incorporate forecasts of populations in future demographic forecasts.	Proposed in UPWP 2010	<u>Population Forecast</u>	<i>Carl Miller</i>

Coordination

Achieve better inter-jurisdictional coordination of transportation and land use planning.

<i>CIM Task</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Product</i>	<i>Lead Staff</i>
2.1.1	Member agencies will assess and modify their comprehensive plans and ordinances to support and be consistent with the preferred growth and transportation scenario envisioned under "Community Choices."	Ongoing.	<u>Member Agency ordinances and comprehensive plans.</u>	<i>Charles Trainor</i>
2.1.2	COMPASS will develop scoring criteria for the Transportation Improvement Program that provides for higher priorities for transportation projects and programs serving needs of the cities, especially mixed-use regional centers, regionally important corridors and economic activity centers and lower priorities for transportation projects and programs elsewhere. Transportation Improvement Program funds will be programmed for projects that support "Community Choices" growth scenario.	Completed	<u>Project Prioritization Process</u>	<i>Toni Tisdale</i>
2.1.3	Member agencies will develop their ordinances and comprehensive plans, particularly the transportation element of those plans, in coordination with COMPASS and local transportation agencies, as well as provide draft amendments of their comprehensive plans to COMPASS and local transportation agencies for analysis and recommendation.	Ongoing.	<u>Member Agency ordinances and comprehensive plans.</u>	<i>Charles Trainor</i>
2.1.4	COMPASS staff will evaluate comprehensive plan amendments for their consistency with the vision of <i>Communities in Motion</i> and Blueprint for Good Growth in Ada county and provide a recommendation to the land use agency for consideration. These evaluations will be reviewed by the Regional Technical Advisory Committee.	Ongoing.	<u>Member Agency ordinances and comprehensive plans.</u>	<i>Charles Trainor</i>
2.2.1	Member agencies will share transportation financial data, as requested, on an annual basis in order for COMPASS to maintain an accurate and up-to-date financial report for future updates to the regional long-range transportation plan.	Completed. Updated Annually.	<u>2007 Financial Statements</u>	<i>Liisa Itkonen</i>
2.2.2	COMPASS will continue to develop and monitor the Congestion Management System. Traffic count and travel time will be monitored and reported on an annual basis.	Completed. Updated Annually.	<u>Treasure Valley Annual Congestion Management System</u>	<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
2.2.3	COMPASS will track the cumulative transportation demand based on existing, approved and preliminary development and compare the cumulative growth patterns with those called for under Community Choices.	Ongoing.		<i>Carl Miller</i>
2.2.4	Member agencies will be responsible for tracking the cumulative demand of development on all other infrastructure facilities in their jurisdictions.	Ongoing.	<u>Member Agency reports.</u>	<i>Charles Trainor</i>

Environment

Minimize transportation impacts to people, cultural resources, and the environment.

<i>CIM Task</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Product</i>	<i>Lead Staff</i>
3.1.1	COMPASS will research ways that environmental issues, including cultural and historical resources, can be discovered during the planning phase of projects for use in assessing future plans and corridors.			<i>Charles Trainor</i>
3.1.2	COMPASS will develop a strategy to coordinate with environmental agencies on future planning efforts.			<i>Charles Trainor</i>
3.1.3	COMPASS will work with area governments to improve the consideration of environmental issues and mitigation as part of the transportation planning and implementation process.			<i>Charles Trainor</i>
3.1.4	COMPASS will support including mitigation costs as part of an adequate public facilities ordinance.			<i>Charles Trainor</i>
3.1.5	COMPASS will include environmental considerations in its prioritization process.	Completed	<u>Completed</u>	<i>Toni Tisdale</i>
3.2.1	COMPASS will research and recommend air quality management strategies to the COMPASS Board.			<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
3.2.2	COMPASS will consider the Treasure Valley Air Quality Council's recommendations as related to the transportation system.			<i>MaryAnn Waldinger</i>
3.3.1	COMPASS will develop a policy to provide meaningful input regarding environmental justice into the planning process.			<i>Charles Trainor</i>
3.4.1	COMPASS will work with member agencies to develop definitions of farmland and open spaces.			<i>Charles Trainor</i>
3.4.2	COMPASS will inventory farmland and open space on an annual basis and report as part of the Annual Monitoring Report.	Completed. Updated Annually.	<u>Completed. Updated Annually.</u>	<i>Carl Miller</i>
3.5.1	COMPASS will provide technical support to local governments' efforts to develop and implement a coordinated regional open space plan.			<i>Charles Trainor</i>

Information

Coordinate data gathering and dispense better information.

<i>CIM Task</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Product</i>	<i>Lead Staff</i>
4.1.1	COMPASS will use the Public Participation Committee to develop and improve public involvement methods in transportation planning. Provide a method to present the transportation model in a way that citizens can understand the analysis.	Ongoing.	<u>Public Participation Committee</u>	<i>Amy Luft</i>
4.2.1	COMPASS will work with the Public Participation Committee to develop materials that present the model, its inputs, uses and limitations.	Ongoing.	<u>Public Participation Committee</u>	<i>Amy Luft</i>
4.3.1	COMPASS will work with Valley Regional Transit, ACHD Commuteride, and member agencies to design a program to educate residents and employers about alternative transportation options and their relationship to land use.	Ongoing.	<u>May in Motion</u>	<i>Amy Luft</i>
4.3.2	COMPASS will continue to sponsor an educational series to the general public on planning, growth and transportation issues.	Completed. Updated Annually.	<u>2009 Public Education Series</u>	<i>Amy Luft</i>
4.4.1	Member agencies will provide annual maintenance, safety (including accident reports and security information), and system expansions for reporting purposes and well develop a system to record and monitor data. The system will include data for transit and pathways.			
4.4.2	COMPASS will produce an annual monitoring report that provides information on maintenance and connections issues across the region.			
4.4.3	COMPASS will prepare an annual monitoring report that also summarizes progress toward achieving alternative transportation and desired land use objectives. The report will provide information relevant to determining the need to amend or update the plan. Progress will be measured by various factors including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Residential numbers and densities along key transit routes and within a quarter to a half mile of potential fixed-guideway stations. b. Total numbers and percentages of housing built at transit-supportive densities (eight plus units per acre) by jurisdiction. c. Transit supply (service miles and hours) normalized by population. d. Vanpool supply (number of routes and service miles). e. Number and percentage of housing units built within walking distance of major attractors (job sites, service/retail centers, recreation sites, etc.) f. Employment numbers and percentages within a quarter to a half mile of potential fixedguideway 	Completed. Updated Annually.	<u>Communities in Motion Performance Monitoring Report</u>	<i>Carl Miller</i>

	<p>stations and transit routes.</p> <p>g. Miles of roadway with sidewalks (0, 1, 2 sides) and bike paths. Inventories of sidewalks and bike paths will be a priority for future funding.</p> <p>h. Expenditures by mode (roadway, transit, bike/walking).</p> <p>i. Status of actions to seek funding.</p> <p>j. Usage factors (vehicle miles of travel, congestion indices, transit rider ship, carpool/vanpool rider ship, and park and ride lots) were available.</p> <p>k. Local government amendments to comprehensive plans and land use ordinances in support of the desired land use pattern.</p>			
4.4.4	COMPASS will maintain the "Trend" scenario for annual comparisons as part of the Development Monitoring Report.	Completed. Updated Annually.	<u>Development Monitoring Report</u>	<i>Carl Miller</i>
4.4.5	COMPASS will prepare informational materials that compare the recommendations of <i>Communities in Motion</i> with previous regional transportation plans and with plans and programs of member agencies.	Partially Completed.	<u>Communities in Motion Performance Monitoring Report</u>	<i>Carl Miller</i>