



## ***Countywide Land Use and Transportation Guide Plan Meeting Minutes***

**Technical and Steering Committee Meeting – Ada County Highway District  
Thursday, April 5, 2007 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** See attached

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **b. Approval of the March 1, 2007 Meeting Notes**

The minutes were approved.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **a. Transportation Adequate Public Facilities Status**

Karen Doherty summarized the status of transportation adequate public facilities. The Consortium met with Michael Lauer on March 15 to discuss this item. Michael outlined the intended use of transportation adequate public facilities (APF) along with unintended consequences of non-uniform adoption of the requirements. The Consortium moved to recommend adoption to their respective councils/commissions with a request to pass a resolution supporting the transportation adequate public facilities study for Blueprint. Steve Price is drafting the sample resolution and should have it to the various jurisdictions soon. Anna Canning noted that APF ordinances are critical to Meridian's continued participation in Blueprint. Karen Doherty will call Eagle to discuss their status.

Discussion occurred regarding a request to review ACHD's traffic impact fees. Clay Carley noted that the current impact fee structure seems to be counter to Blueprint for Good Growth principles. He provided an example of a mixed use development whose impact fees were significantly larger when located as an infill project in downtown Boise as compared to "across the street" in Southeast Boise. Other Steering Committee members expressed that the impact fee structure should be providing incentives for growth which supports the Blueprint for Good Growth principles instead of punishing that type of development. Committee members agreed that this should be part of the work done in Phase II. Karen to inquire if this review is part of Michael's APF scope; if not, the Steering/Technical Committee recommends the Consortium add a Traffic Impact Fee review to Michael's Phase II work. This item will appear on the next Steering/Technical Meeting agenda for further discussion when Michael is present at the April 25 meeting. Attendees agreed that ULI participation in this review will be critical. Review of other impact fees, including park and sewer, may need to occur. Tricia suggested a six-month reporting timeframe for this analysis.

#### **b. Update of Area of City Impact Modifications Subcommittee**

Various members of this committee provided reports. Tricia began by reiterating the three-step process. Anna summarized the key points in the sub-area planning process. She indicated that this step is essentially a “mini-comprehensive plan” for the sub area. The adjacent jurisdictions and public will be involved in this process; the key is to depoliticize the impact area modification process. Don suggested that transit be included in the sub-area plan; VRT must be involved in this process. Other attendees suggested that ACHD and COMPASS be involved regarding the transportation aspects of the sub-area plan. Dean discussed the fiscal analysis necessary in the sub-area planning process. Anna cautioned that detailed capital facilities analysis requirements may be too extensive at this level.

The subcommittee will not meet prior to the next Steering/Technical Committee meeting, so there will not be an update at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Steering/Technical Meeting. Tricia will provide a verbal update to the Consortium on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The subcommittee will continue to meet in May and provide a working document for review prior to the June Steering/Technical Meeting.

#### **c. Update of Area from the Open Space Subcommittee**

Deanna Smith began the discussion by stressing that Blueprint did not want to create a duplicative effort with Ada County. Deanna is a member of Ada County’s new Open Space Task Force. She discussed that one meeting of the task force has been held to date; this was essentially a start-up meeting with staff presentations. Deanna will monitor the progress of the Task Force and report back to Blueprint. Two areas where Blueprint could provide assistance were identified as 1) Canyon County participation and 2) Blueprint could provide technical assistance to the Task Force as well as inventory the items that have been studied to date. Gerry Armstrong to discuss Canyon County inclusion with Commissioner Woods. Gerry will also discuss technical assistance with Commissioner Woods; he thought their expertise could be added to the Ada County Task Force as necessary.

Attendees determined that this subcommittee will be inactive until such time that tasks can be allocated which don’t duplicate the Ada County Open Space Task Force. Deanna will provide a verbal update to both the Steering/Technical Committees and Consortium at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meetings. Questions about the process can be directed to Deanna.

#### **d. Update of the Mixed Use Compact Development Subcommittee**

John Cunningham provided the update of the committee. He indicated the committee is excited to embark on an educational process with various stakeholder groups about Mixed Use Compact Development opportunities in the Treasure Valley. ULI coordination is a focus of this educational forum; the format will be further discussed at the next subcommittee meeting on April 13. Feedback to the committee members included outreach to financial lending institutions about these developments; review of the barriers report from Treasure Valley Futures; review of Harris Ranch and Garden City “templates”; and inclusion of design examples within the educational presentation which reflect densities necessary to support the planned transit from Communities in Motion and Valley Regional Transit.

Updates about the April 13 subcommittee meeting are anticipated at the next Steering/Technical Committee and Consortium meetings.

**e. Update of the Access Management and Corridor Preservation Subcommittee**

Dean Gunderson provided the update of the committee. The committee members are working in coordination with the Transportation and Land Use Integration (TLIP) project and COMPASS' access management toolkit in an effort to compliment and not duplicate these two efforts. Items of discussion suggested by the other Steering/Technical Committee members included: integrating wildlife issues in corridor preservation (i.e. wildlife mitigation corridors); speedy tools to assist in immediate access management needs; and coordination with the US 20/26 study project.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Recommendation of Steering Committee Membership for Phase II**

Karen Doherty summarized the need to appoint new members to the Steering Committee to replace some positions that are currently vacant. Vacancies are sought to represent the following interest groups: Affordable Housing, Agriculture; Chambers; Environmental; Large Employers; and Urban Redevelopment. Confirmation of the suggested replacements willingness to serve is still being sought so the item was tabled until the next meeting.

**b. "Catch Phrases"/"Sound Bites"**

Mayor de Weerd requested sound bites similar to those the Valley's delegation heard during their recent Austin, Texas trip. Attendees suggested that many of these are marketing driven and not integrated with the Blueprint process. Discussion occurred that Blueprint could provide "factoids" like lane cost per mile. Suggestions to Karen are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

