

Ada County
Ada County Highway District
City of Boise
Canyon County
Canyon Highway District #4
City of Boise
City of Caldwell
City of Eagle
City of Garden City
City of Kuna
City of Meridian
City of Middleton
City of Nampa
City of Notus
City of Parma
City of Star
Golden Gate Highway District #3
Nampa Highway District #1
Notus-Parma Highway District #2

Special Members

Boise State University
Capital City Development Corporation
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Idaho Transportation Department
Independent School District of Boise City
Joint School District #2
Valley Regional Transit

Ex Officio

Central District Health
Office of the Governor
Greater Boise Auditorium District

Mission Statement

COMPASS produces regional and local transportation plans based on federal and state requirements, and local and regional input, and uses this information to recommend funding and respond to regional needs for information and expertise.



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MEMBER BENEFITS

COMMUNITY PLANNING
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Why Your COMPASS
Membership is Important



- Administers federal funds for local and state agencies
- Develops a long-range transportation plan for the Treasure Valley over the next 20-plus years
- Prepares the Transportation Improvement Program that budgets federal transportation projects over the next five years
- Develops a Congestion Management System to move people and goods more efficiently

Why Membership in COMPASS?

COMPASS plays an important role in making decisions about future long-range transportation needs, taking into consideration environmental and economic factors that may affect our quality of life. Your membership helps join local governments together to plan for the future of Treasure Valley. COMPASS members set priorities for spending federal and state transportation dollars that come to our area over the next twenty years.

Regional Partnership

As a COMPASS member, your agency belongs to a regional forum to make decisions about transportation and air quality planning. Your agency has a voice and a vote in decision-making, and with your involvement, you gain access to the people and technical resources that inform the process.

Transportation Planning

Transportation planning in metropolitan areas is a collaborative process, led by COMPASS and agencies involved with the regional transportation system. As the MPO, COMPASS ensures that existing and future expenditures for transportation projects and programs are based on comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing planning process.

Funding: Members learn about money as it becomes available statewide and the means by which to apply. Also, members' projects are placed in priority and thus given more weight when competing for federal funding.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Members receive full support to place transportation projects on the TIP. This help includes identifying projects, filling out applications, reviewing them before submission to ITD, and troubleshooting when problems arise. COMPASS developed new standard TIP guidelines for member use, which are available on the website.

General Service: Staff provides technical, public involvement, and other assistance to member agencies and committees. Some of these services include preparing technical paperwork, letters of support, and a scope for downtown revitalization.

Air Quality and Modeling

COMPASS offers members a regional voice to state agencies for air quality issues and assists with options that may prevent the region from becoming a non-attainment area. Staff provides air quality conformity analysis for long-range transportation plans and Transportation Improvement Programs, informs members of DEQ policy changes, and reviews grant applications.

GIS and Mapping

COMPASS has the most current up-to-date data in the Treasure Valley, and staff is adept at providing analytical work with geographic data. This would be expensive if members had to buy it from private vendors. Geographic data provided supports functional classification maps, traffic analysis zones, and boundaries for transit, school districts, pathways, police stations, and more. COMPASS makes approximately 100 maps per month; a good portion of these go to Boise. For Canyon County, COMPASS provides general maps, the two-county map, and fire district, commissioner, and functional classification maps.

Demographics

COMPASS updates census data and uses a standard methodology for the two-counties. As a result, COMPASS provides current trends and accurate estimates that compares data from community to community.

Modeling

A travel demand model offers possible traffic impacts associated with proposed transportation projects based on demographic and land use assumptions. Because travel demand models are very expensive to purchase, COMPASS' member dues are leveraged to support a regional travel demand model for the two-county area. The end product is a consistent tool that is updated and maintained regularly. Member dues also provide a staff to maintain and interpret the model's data. As a result, members of COMPASS (and their transportation consultants) are provided with access to the model and modeling staff.

Sample Menu of COMPASS Services

- Building permit information
- Data analysis
- Transportation planning
- Mapping services
- Study coordination and special studies for members
- Public involvement support
- Travel Demand Modeling
- Demographics