



MAKING CONNECTIONS:

A CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, LAND USE AND POLITICS

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 13, 2008**

*Boise State University
Jordan Ballroom*

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TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The transportation system in the United States and more specifically Idaho is at a crossroads as we progress into the 21st century. State and local governments are pressed to maintain existing roadways, address public safety issues, provide transit services, and expand or build new roadways in the face of decreasing revenue streams and escalating construction costs. Population growth and high gas prices in our urbanized areas, particularly in the Intermountain West, are changing our land use patterns, challenging our environment, straining our existing roadway infrastructure, and requiring expansion of public transportation systems. Federal, state, and local leaders are considering how our transportation policies and funding mechanisms need to change to meet the challenges and needs of our nation and state to compete in the global economy of the 21st century. Join us at the conference to learn more.

EXHIBIT ROOM

8:00 am - 8:00 pm Exhibit Room

Local agencies, cities, counties, and organizations will share their plans and activities. The exhibit hall will be open from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm in the Jordan Ballroom A & B. Agencies represented include:

- COMPASS and Blueprint for Good Growth
- Idaho Transportation Department
- Valley Regional Transit
- Ada County Highway District and Commuteride
- Boise State University
- Local Cities
- Urban Land Institute
- Idaho Smart Growth

REGISTRATION

There is no cost to attend the conference, but please register for the conference by contacting: msampson@compassidaho.org or 855-2558, ext 222. This helps with planning for materials, refreshments, and seating.

The conference program is posted at: www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents.htm. You may register for the entire event or individual sessions .

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION 6:30 - 8:00 pm A NEW TRANSPORTATION AGENDA



ROBERT PUENTES

will discuss the urgency of transportation accessibility, connectivity, and mobility issues that are affecting the prosperity and vitality of the nation and its metropolitan areas. He will highlight several critical flaws in current U.S. transportation policy today and offer

a broad framework for a new transportation agenda.

Robert Puentes is a fellow with the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program, which is redefining the challenges facing cities and suburbs in America and promoting innovative solutions to help communities grow in more inclusive, competitive, and sustainable ways. Mr. Puentes' work focuses on the broad array of policies and issues related to metropolitan growth and development. His recent publications include: *One-Fifth of America: A Comprehensive Guide to America's First Suburbs*, with David Warren (2006), and *Taking the High Road: A Metropolitan Agenda for Transportation Reform*, with Bruce Katz (2005), among many others. He is a frequent speaker to a variety of groups, including business, civic and political leaders, a regular contributor in newspapers and other media, and has testified before Congressional committees. Prior to joining Brookings, he was the director of infrastructure programs at the Intelligent Transportation Society of America. Robert holds a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Virginia.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Speaker biographies will be available at the conference.

9:00 - 10:00 am – Welcome: *The State of Transportation*

- John Franden, COMPASS Chairman and ACHD Commissioner
- Stephanie Witt, Boise State University Professor and Director of the Public Policy Center
- Matt Stoll, COMPASS Executive Director

BREAK

10:15 am - 12:00 pm – *Funding/Financial*, Moderator: David Bieter, COMPASS Vice Chair and Mayor of Boise

- *The State of Transportation Funding in Idaho*, Pam Lowe, Executive Director, Idaho Transportation Department
- *Transportation Funding Options*, Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, Denver Regional Council of Governments
- *Public Investment as Community-Building*, Charlie Hales, Senior Vice President, HDR Corporation, Portland
- *Public-Private Partnerships*, Councilor, Carlotta Collette, Portland METRO

LUNCH on your own – Noon - 1:30

1:45 - 3:15 pm – *Land Use/Transportation*, Moderator: Susan Mason, Boise State University

- *Economics of Transportation Land Use*, Rachel Weinberger, University of Pennsylvania, Department of City and Regional Planning
- *Climate Change and Adaptive Strategies for Transportation Decision-Making*, Eric Lindquist, Texas A&M George Bush School of Government and Public Service
- *Applied Strategies in Development Practice*, Derick O'Neill, O'Neill Enterprises, Boise

3:30 - 5:00 pm – *Politics/Decision-Making*, Moderator: Jim Weatherby

- *Emerging Political Trends*, Jim Weatherby
- Clete Edmunson, Special Assistant for Transportation, Office of the Governor
- U.S. Representative Mike Simpson
- State Senator John McGee
- State Representative Mike Moyle, *invited*

5:00 - 6:15 pm – *Reception in Jordan Ballroom A-B* Sponsored by the Idaho District Council of the Urban Land Institute

Appetizers and refreshments in the exhibit hall

6:30 - 8:00 pm - *Keynote Address, A New Transportation Agenda*, and Q&A with Robert Puentes

AICP continuing education credit may be available. COMPASS has submitted an application to APA for CEU.

All sessions, exhibits, and reception are located at Boise State University in the Student Union Building, Jordan Ballroom A, B, C, and D. Free parking is available in parking garage #2; enter from Belmont Street.