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COMPASS to Hold Open Houses on Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) will hold three open houses to receive comment on the update of the Treasure Valley's regional long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion*. The current plan, adopted in August 2006, must be updated every four years, so an updated version must be adopted no later than August 2010.

"*Communities in Motion* looks at how the valley is forecasted to grow between now and 2035 and establishes a planned transportation system based upon that forecasted growth," explains COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll.

"While financial issues dominate the headlines and people's daily thoughts, they are also the issue that dominates this update of *Communities in Motion*," explains Stoll. "By law, the plan must be 'fiscally constrained,' meaning we can't plan for anything we don't have a way to pay for. Since costs have risen and revenues have not, many projects that we thought were feasible when the current plan was developed in 2006 are not feasible anymore, so they have to be removed from the planned transportation system."

The open houses will provide the public with the opportunity to learn about, discuss, and comment on changes to the plan, including projects that have been removed and changes in the "functional classification" of some roads (the type and amount of use a road is designed for).

The three open houses are:

- **Boise:** Monday, May 10, 2010, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Boise Senior Activities Center, Room E, 690 Robbins Road
- **Meridian:** Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Joint School District #2, District Service Center, 1303 E. Central Drive
- **Nampa:** Thursday, May 13, 2010, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Karcher Mall lobby, 1509 Caldwell Boulevard

"I strongly encourage everyone to attend an open house or go online to view and comment on the plan. While our future transportation system may not seem like a pressing issue at the moment, while growth is down, it is something that will impact all citizens of the Treasure Valley and the time to be involved is now," concludes Stoll.

View the plan, make comments, and find additional opportunities for involvement online at www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2035-update.htm.

For assistance at the open houses, please call 855-2558, ext. 231 48 hours in advance. *Personas que necesitan asistencia para la junta, favor de llamar al número 855-2558 ext. 231 con 48 horas de aviso.*

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