



## News Release

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### Speaker to Address Benefits and Challenges of Walkable Communities

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) will host Jim Charlier, of Charlier Associates, Inc. of Boulder, Colorado, as part of the COMPASS 2010 Education Series on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

Charlier will speak on “The Pedestrian Opportunity: Solving the Challenges and Reaping the Benefits of Walkable Places.” He will shine a spotlight on the importance of pedestrian environments in creating thriving cities and towns.

Charlier will describe key features of walkable places and the role of community walkability in supporting mobility, economic vitality, and public health. Special issues such as elder mobility, safety, access to transit, and mixed use development will be examined in the context of the unique characteristics of southwest Idaho.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

- Tuesday, January 19, 2010
- Library! at Cole and Ustick; 7557 West Ustick Road, Boise
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. reception
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. presentation and discussion
- **FREE!** Please RSVP to [jjohnson@compassidaho.org](mailto:jjohnson@compassidaho.org) or 855-2558 x 222

COMPASS offers presentations through its education series throughout the year to address issues such as growth, land use, transportation planning, and funding. For more information on this and future presentations, visit: <http://www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents.htm>.

Those needing assistance please call 208/855-2558, ext. 231 48 hours in advance. Personas que necesitan asistencia especial, favor de llamar al número 208/855-2558, ext. 248 con 48 horas de aviso.

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