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COMPASS Releases FY2011 Online Annual Report

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) has just released its first ever online annual report. The report highlights accomplishments from fiscal year 2011 (October 2010 – September 2011) and provides links to more in-depth information about COMPASS programs.

Highlights from FY2011 include:

- In April 2011, construction began on a two-condo office building in downtown Meridian that COMPASS will co-own with Valley Regional Transit. The new location is consistent with the Community Choices land use scenario in *Communities in Motion* and will help COMPASS better collaborate with Valley Regional Transit. Construction is nearly complete.
- *Communities in Motion 2035*, the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties, was adopted by the COMPASS Board at the very end of fiscal year 2010.
- *Communities in Motion 2040* is already underway. The planning scope has been expanded to become a long-range transportation and sustainability plan. This is a major step forward in holistic planning for the valley.
- COMPASS, along with 24 partnering agencies, applied for a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Challenge grant to develop a corridor livability plan and transit oriented development designs for the State Street/Highway 44 corridor. COMPASS expects to hear if it received the grant later this fall.
- Following the 2010 Census, COMPASS staff compiled, mapped, and distributed Census data, allowing COMPASS and local agencies easier access to population and housing information.
- 2011 travel time data collection efforts covered nearly 360 miles of primary roadways throughout Ada and Canyon Counties — an increase of over 200 miles since the start of the program in 2003. These data are collected each spring by COMPASS staff who drive specific routes and record actual travel times along those routes. The data are used in planning and prioritizing transportation projects.

Access the report online at
<http://www.compassidaho.org/people/annualreports.htm>.

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