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Communities in Motion 2040 **Youth Art Contest**

Meridian, ID – What do you think your community will look like in 25 years? That is the question being asked of elementary age children in the Treasure Valley as part of the *Communities in Motion 2040* Youth Art Contest.

COMPASS develops, or updates, a regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties every four years. These plans look 20+ years into the future to help ensure our roads, bridges, and transportation services (buses, etc.), and other infrastructure are ready by helping prioritize projects based on public input and how the region is likely to grow.

[Communities in Motion 2035](#) is the current regional-long range transportation plan. The next version of the plan, *Communities in Motion 2040*, is underway and is scheduled to be complete by September 2014.

COMPASS strives to include individuals throughout the valley in its planning process. However, typically, most people that choose to become involved are not the ones who will be most affected by a long-range plan. Someone who is 50 years old now will be 79 in 2040—part of the community, but likely not part of the workforce. On the other hand, someone who is 10 years old now will be 39 in 2040. It is today's children who will be our commuters, homeowners, and business-people when *Communities in Motion 2040* reaches maturity.

To engage those youth and encourage them to think about the future of our valley, COMPASS is holding an art contest in which elementary age students are asked to draw or paint what they think their neighborhood, community, or city will look like in 25 years.

Entries are being accepted now and are due no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, December 16. Entries should be scanned and emailed to jwilson@compassidaho.org.

First, second, and third place winners will be selected in three age categories: grades K – 1, 2 – 3, and 4 -6. Prizes include passes to the Discover Center of Idaho and Treasure Valley Family YMCA, and gift certificates to Wahooz Family Fun Zone.

Winners will be announced in early January. Winning entries will be displayed at the COMPASS office, at COMPASS and community events throughout the valley, and on the COMPASS web site at www.compassidaho.org.

Visit www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm and scroll down to "Public Participation and Outreach" for a link to complete rules, submission details, and prizes.

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