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***Communities in Motion* Implementation Guidebook Available to Help Plan for Growth**

Meridian, ID – A guide to implementing strategies to achieve goals set in southwest Idaho's regional long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion*, is now available.

Communities in Motion describes how our region may develop over the next 30 years based upon projected population and employment growth, current and future transportation needs, safety, financial capacity, and preservation of the human and natural environment.

Using input from public workshops, local governments, stakeholders, and elected officials, Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) developed the growth scenario — "Community Choices" — upon which the plan is based.

"Through the Community Choices growth scenario, the Treasure Valley can grow in a way that improves quality of life and maintains a competitive advantage for the region," explains COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll. The Board of Directors of COMPASS adopted *Communities in Motion* in 2006. "The plan, through its adoption by the COMPASS Board, provides a common vision for growth in the valley," states Stoll. "However," Stoll continues, "as is stated in the plan, 'a plan is not a solution.'"

The *Communities in Motion* Implementation Guidebook was developed to help bridge the gap between the "plan" and a "solution." The guidebook highlights the interaction between land use and transportation and provides specific strategies to move the plan and the vision into action. It provides local examples that illustrate different development strategies being used in the Treasure Valley and includes examples of different transit types.

Developers, local and regional planners, elected officials, and other decision-makers are encouraged to use the guidebook to assist in planning for the future of the Treasure Valley.

The guidebook is available online at www.communitiesinmotion.org/plandocuments.html.

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