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COMPASS Endorses ACHD's Local Option Registration Fee Renewal

Meridian – The Board of Directors of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) has endorsed Ada County Highway District's (ACHD) local option registration fee renewal that will be decided during the November 4th general election. The current local option registration fee sunsets in 2010.

The Board, which is made up of representatives of Ada and Canyon Counties, on Monday, agreed that a sustainable transportation system is critical to the region. The renewal of the registration fee is necessary, especially during a time of funding crisis for the transportation system.

If passed, the renewed registration fee generates approximately \$8 million per year. ACHD plans to use the funds for improvements such as enhanced signal timing, new signals at stop-controlled intersections, and projects that increase safety on key routes to schools.

The Board also approved minor changes to the FY2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program and recommended practices for transportation impact studies.

COMPASS is made up of officials and special members in Ada and Canyon Counties, and serves as the metropolitan planning organization for the two counties. More information is available about the organization at www.compassidaho.org.

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