

## COMPASS to Hold Open Houses on Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan



*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) will be holding three open houses to receive input into the update of the Treasure Valley's regional long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion*.

The current plan, adopted in 2006, plans out to the year 2030. The updated plan will be completed next summer and will look forward to 2035.

The plan helps ensure our transportation system is ready for the future; it affects how and where transportation funds are spent, which will affect Treasure Valley citizens and communities for many years to come.

At this stage in the planning process, COMPASS is seeking input from the public concerning their priorities for the future of the Treasure Valley's transportation system.

"There is not going to be enough money to fund all of the transportation projects in the current *Communities in Motion* plan," explains Charles Trainor, COMPASS Director of Planning. "We are going to have to scale back. What we want to know is how people think we should spend the money we do have."

"We also want to hear from the public what they think about transportation funding," continues Trainor. "Are people willing to pay more to fund a better transportation system? If so, how would they be willing to pay? Are they willing to tax themselves?"

The three open houses are scheduled to discuss these and other issues related to the transportation plan:

- **Meridian:** Thursday, October 15, 2009, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Best Western Rama Inn, 1019 S. Progress Avenue
- **Nampa:** Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Karcher Mall lobby, 1509 Caldwell Boulevard
- **Boise:** Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Boise Senior Activities Center Room E, 690 Robbins Road

The plan is expected to be completed by next August. Watch for additional public involvement opportunities in spring and summer 2010. Learn more about the plan at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2035-update.htm>.

For special assistance, please call 855-2558, ext. 231 forty-eight (48) hours in advance. *Personas que necesitan asistencia especial para la junta, favor de llamar al numero 855-2558 ext. 248 con 48 horas de aviso.*