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REGIONAL LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2030

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Public open houses will display preferred growth scenarios for Communities in Motion and Blueprint for Good Growth planning projects

The planning teams for *Communities in Motion* and *Blueprint for Good Growth* will host public open houses to show the two preferred growth scenarios under consideration by the Board of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS).

The open houses will be held in Ada and Canyon counties on March 29-31, 2005.

Tuesday, March 29

4 to 8 p.m.

Boise First Community Center
3852 N. Eagle Road, Boise
(between Ustick and McMillan)

Wednesday, March 30

Noon to 8 p.m.

Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho,
315 Stampede Dr., Nampa

Thursday, March 31

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Idaho Historical Museum
610 N. Julia Davis Drive,
Boise

Using public input from two workshops, one in November 2004 and another in February 2005, the COMPASS Board is considering two growth scenarios titled Mixed-Use Corridors and Blended. Both scenarios represent a different approach to growth than has taken place in the valley thus far, known as "trend" development. These new scenarios consume less land than the trend, preserve the greatest amount of open space, keep jobs and services closer to neighborhoods, and offer more options for alternative transportation. Mixed-Use Corridors and Blended scenarios differ in the amount of land consumed for development, in the possibility of transit options, and in ways that in-fill development takes place. The attached concept sheet illustrates comparisons between the two scenarios.

At the open houses, participants will learn more about the two scenarios and can provide written comments on them. The public may attend any open house and stay as long as they like.

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Concept Sheet

Scenario comparisons:

Concentrated Mixed-Use Corridors	Blended
Less land consumption of new land	Greater consumption of new land
Regional housing split of 50% single-family homes, 50% multi-family homes	Regional housing mix of 65% single-family homes and 35% multi-family homes
Land uses support transit and other travel choices	Less potential for transit
Most intensive development occurs along major transportation corridors	Less intensive development along major transportation corridors
High proportion of multi-family and other types of attached residences	Relatively high proportion of large lot residential development in areas of impact
Highest redevelopment in existing urbanized areas	Additional growth in existing small communities

Communities in Motion is a six-county, 25-year plan that will address issues on the regional transportation system, evaluate the needs for future corridors and address the effects of growth on transportation. *Communities in Motion* is sponsored by COMPASS and the Idaho Transportation Department and involves Ada, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem and Payette counties. Work is coordinated with the *Blueprint for Good Growth* project in Ada County and results are being shared between the two planning efforts.

For more information:

www.communitiesinmotion.org or www.blueprintforgoodgrowth.com

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