



**COMPASS**  
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION  
of Southwest Idaho

## News Release

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### How Should Your Transportation Dollars be Spent?

#### COMPASS Seeks Input into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is looking for your input.

Each year, COMPASS creates a budget that shows where funding for regional transportation projects will be spent over the next five years in the Treasure Valley. The budget, called the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), allocates federal transportation funds for projects such as roadways, public transportation (e.g., buses), pathways, rail crossings, vanpooling, and other transportation projects.

**The TIP for fiscal years 2012–2016 is open for comment June 24 – July 25, 2011.** Now is your opportunity to weigh in and tell COMPASS if you think your transportation dollars are being spent on the right projects.

The *Air Quality Conformity Demonstration for Northern Ada County* is also open for comment. The air quality conformity demonstration is required for places such as northern Ada County where air quality did not meet federal standards in the past. The demonstration must show that projects listed in the TIP comply with state air quality plans. Federal approval of the air quality conformity demonstration is necessary to obtain final approval of the TIP for northern Ada County.

COMPASS staff will be available to answer questions and take comments at:

- *Arrive After Five* (I-84 and Garrity Road at the Nampa Gateway Center) Wednesday, July 6; 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- *Meridian Farmers' Market* (Meridian Crossroads Shopping Center, Eagle & Fairview) Saturday, July 9; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- *Capital City Public Market* (8<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Boise) Saturday, July 16; 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

You can also find information and comment online at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/transimprovement.htm> or call 208-855-2558, ext. 228 for additional information. Direct written comments to Toni Tisdale, COMPASS, 800 S. Industry Way, Suite 100, Meridian, Idaho, 83642; [ttisdale@compassidaho.org](mailto:ttisdale@compassidaho.org); or fax to 208-855-2559. All comments must be received by Monday, July 25, 2011.

For special assistance, please call 855-2558, ext. 231 48 hours in advance. Personas que necesitan asistencia especial, favor de llamar al número 855-2558 ext. 231 con 48 horas de aviso.

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