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Notice to Seek Public Comment: Amendment to FY2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Northern Ada County and Nampa Urbanized Area

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) seeks public comment on proposed amendments to the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) for Northern Ada County, the Nampa Urbanized Area, and the applicable Air Quality Conformity Demonstration for Northern Ada County. The comment period is open from November 1 – November 15, 2006.

Amendments include changes to the GARVEE-funded highway program and new transit projects for Valley Regional Transit.

The changes will be posted for review at www.compassidaho.org beginning November 1, 2006, or can be obtained by contacting T. Tisdale, 800 S. Industry Way, Suite 100, Meridian, ID 83642, or ttisdale@compassidaho.org, 855-2558, ext 228. Submit comments to the same address.

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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

COMPASS prepares and adopts the TIP every year in cooperation with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), local highway districts, local governments, and other project sponsors. What is the TIP?

- 1) The TIP is a five-year schedule and cost estimate of federally-funded and regionally significant transportation projects within Ada and Canyon Counties.

- 2) The TIP is an extension of the long-range transportation plan. The long-range plan suggests transportation improvements needed in the region over the next 25 years. The TIP illustrates those projects listed for funding and construction in the short-term. A project cannot be in the TIP without first appearing in the long-range plan.

- 3) The TIP is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation so that our region can receive money from the federal government for transportation projects. A transportation improvement is not eligible for federal funding unless it is listed in the TIP.

- 4) The TIP is a plan for improving the transportation system that must also meet air quality improvement standards for Northern Ada County, where air quality has been a concern.

What is COMPASS?

COMPASS is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Ada and Canyon Counties, with responsibility for transportation planning and allocation of federal transportation funding. The COMPASS Board consists of elected officials representing cities, counties, the transit authority, highway districts, and special districts in the two-county region.

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