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COMPASS Public Participation Workgroup Membership Request Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is an association of cities, counties, highway districts, and other government agencies who plan for the future of Ada and Canyon Counties.

COMPASS serves as the metropolitan planning organization, or MPO, for Ada and Canyon Counties. An MPO is a regional planning entity responsible for transportation planning and distribution of federal transportation funds for designated urbanized areas. All urbanized areas over 50,000 in population must have an MPO if local or state transportation agencies spend federal money on transportation improvements.

As the MPO, COMPASS shapes the future of the region by developing the regional long-range transportation plan ([Communities in Motion](#)), facilitating regional cooperation, and directing where and how federal transportation funds will be spent in Ada and Canyon Counties. While COMPASS does not own buses or build roads, it is COMPASS' responsibility to ensure that when federal transportation dollars are spent in Ada and Canyon Counties, the projects benefit the region as a whole.

The Public Participation Workgroup (PPW) is comprised of local residents who assist and advise COMPASS staff on COMPASS public involvement and outreach activities, from the perspective of the general public and interested stakeholders. No specific expertise is required. COMPASS strives to include a broad cross-section of the population of Ada and Canyon Counties, including populations who are frequently underrepresented in planning activities and individuals with an interest in communications and/or topics typically addressed by COMPASS (See Questions #3 and #4 on reverse).

The workgroup meets on an as-needed basis at the COMPASS office in downtown Meridian, generally three to five times per year. Meetings typically last two hours. Information on PPW and other COMPASS workgroups can be found on the COMPASS website at www.compassidaho.org/people/workgroups.htm. The PPW workgroup charter can be found on the same web page.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the COMPASS PPW, please respond to the questions on the back of this page and return the form to:

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Mail: 700 NE 2nd Street, Suite 200, Meridian, ID 83642

Questions: 475-2229

COMPASS staff will review your request form in light of existing PPW membership needs and will respond to your request for membership shortly.

1. Are you familiar with COMPASS? If so, how?

2. Why are you interested in becoming a member of the COMPASS Public Participation Workgroup (PPW)?

3. COMPASS is looking for PPW members with a variety of interests and areas of expertise, such as outreach, communication, or related expertise (e.g., photography, web design, journalism) and/or interest or expertise in issues addressed by COMPASS, such as the topics listed below.

- Roadways
- Public transportation
- Open space
- Health
- Freight
- Farmland
- Bicycling
- Housing
- Walking/pedestrian transportation
- Economic development
- Community infrastructure
- Land use (e.g., development)

What personal and professional interests, perspectives, and/or areas of expertise could you bring to PPW, including, but not limited to, the examples above?

4. COMPASS strives to reach out to all residents of Ada and Canyon Counties, but despite these efforts there are certain populations that are frequently underrepresented in participating in COMPASS activities or commenting on COMPASS plans or projects. COMPASS is looking for PPW members who are members of, or advocates for, underrepresented populations to assist us in engaging all residents. **Are you a member of, serve as a representative or advocate for, or have contacts with, any of the following populations?**

- Individuals with disabilities
- Youth (under age 18)
- Low income
- Racial or ethnic minorities
- Refugees
- Individuals with limited English proficiency

If "yes," please explain.

5. Similarly, COMPASS strives to reach out to residents living and working throughout all of Ada and Canyon Counties. To help ensure we have representation across the entire geographic area, **please check the statements that best describe where you live and work.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | I live <u>and</u> work/go to school (if applicable) in Canyon County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I live <u>and</u> work/go to school (if applicable) in Ada County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I live in Canyon County and work/go to school in Ada County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I live in Ada County and work/go to school in Canyon County |

6. The workgroup meets on an as-needed basis at the COMPASS office in downtown Meridian – usually three to five times per year. Meetings typically last two hours. In addition, workgroup members are occasionally asked to assist with COMPASS events, such as open houses. **Are you willing and able to commit the time to being an active workgroup member?**