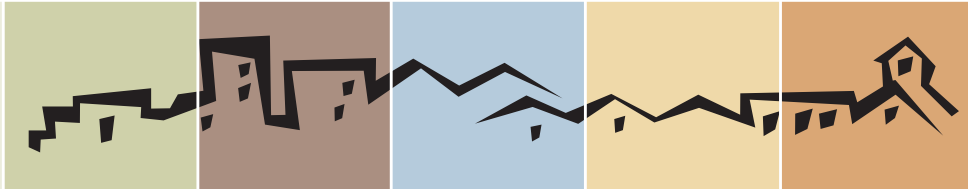


# COMMUNITIES IN MOTION 2035



REGIONAL LONG - RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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**RESOLUTION NO. 15-2010**

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING  
THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY FINDING  
AND ADOPTING *Communities in Motion* AS THE REGIONAL  
LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Community Planning Association has been designated by the Governor of Idaho as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for transportation planning in Northern Ada County and the Nampa Urbanized Area;

**WHEREAS**, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and Title 23 Part 450 and Title 49 Part 5303 of the Code of Federal Regulations require MPOs to prepare Regional Long-Range Transportation Plans covering a period of at least 20 years;

**WHEREAS**, the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendment requires all Regional Long-Range Transportation Plans in nonattainment areas demonstrate conformity to applicable state implementation plans for air quality improvements;

**WHEREAS**, the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho has performed an Air Quality Conformity Demonstration and has concluded the recommended plan does meet budget limits specified in the State Implementation Plan for particulate matter, volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides;

**WHEREAS**, the SAFETEA-LU and 23 United States Code Section 134 require the projects contained in the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plans to be financially constrained, which condition has been demonstrated in *Communities in Motion*; and

**WHEREAS**, a public comment period was held for *Communities in Motion* meeting the requirements of SAFETEA-LU.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Community Planning Association Board approves the finding that *Communities in Motion* conforms to relevant provisions of the State Implementation Plan for Idaho and hereby adopts *Communities in Motion*, dated September 20, 2010, as the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho Board of Directors authorizes the submittal of this amended plan to the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies for their consideration.

**Dated** this 20th day of September 2010.

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- Abstract: *Communities in Motion (CIM)* is the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho, and provides regional transportation solutions for the next twenty-plus years. *Communities in Motion* evaluates projected population and employment growth, current and future transportation needs, safety, financial capacity, and preservation of the human and natural environment. *Communities in Motion* offers a vision for land use, known as “Community Choices” and addresses the way land use affects transportation, how investments in transportation influence growth, what and ideal transportation system can achieve, how transportation projects are selected, and how transportation projects serve regional needs.



# Preface

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is an association of local governments working together to plan for the future of Treasure Valley. COMPASS members set priorities for spending federal and state transportation dollars that come to southwest Idaho and play an important role in making decisions about future long-range transportation needs. They take into consideration environmental and economic factors that may affect our quality of life. COMPASS is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning, which is required when an urbanized area reaches 50,000 people. COMPASS has served as the MPO for the Northern Ada County Urbanized Area since 1977 and for the Nampa Urbanized Area since early 2003. Members include two counties, eleven cities, three highway districts, the state department of transportation, and special and ex officio members. The full list is located in the Introduction.

COMPASS is responsible for producing the regional long-range transportation plan and the Transportation Improvement Programs for Ada County and Canyon County. COMPASS also manages corridors studies, monitors growth, and provides demographic, modeling, and geographic information services.

## *Vision for COMPASS*

*COMPASS is a respected forum that helps establish a healthy, economically vibrant region, offering people choices in how and where they live, work, play, and travel through the planning and support of a comprehensive multi-modal transportation system.*

## *Vision for Communities in Motion*

*We envision a Treasure Valley where quality of life is enhanced and communities are connected by an innovative, effective, multi-modal transportation system.*

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