



COMPASS BOARD of DIRECTORS POSITION STATEMENT (Approved January 23, 2006)

2006 State Legislative Positions

1.) ***10% Ethanol Blended Fuel Requirement***

The COMPASS Board of Directors supports the concept of requiring a 10% ethanol blend as a means to promote further development of renewable fuels. The Highway Distribution Account must be held harmless by immediately eliminating the existing exemption for ethanol or offsetting lost revenue through other state revenues. It is critical that the Idaho Farm Bureau coordinate with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in the implementation of the legislation to ensure Treasure Valley air quality is not harmed.

2.) ***First Year Funding Approval of GARVEE Bonding Program***

The COMPASS Board of Directors supports the Idaho Transportation Department's proposed GARVEE-related project and funding package. The GARVEE program is a critical tool in Idaho's efforts to meet the challenges and demands of a growing economy and population. While the GARVEE program is not the solution to all of Idaho's transportation needs, it does allow the Idaho Transportation Department to expedite critical projects in a cost efficient manner with limited available revenue.

3.) ***Property Tax Legislation***

The COMPASS Board of Directors supports legislative action that would provide property tax reform to Treasure Valley citizens while ensuring sufficient revenue to fund the transportation infrastructure needs of a rapidly growing state and region.

4.) ***Public Transportation Policy***

The COMPASS Board of Directors supports the addition of language in Idaho Code expressing support for public transportation services in Idaho. The Board also encourages the legislature to support local funding options, excluding property tax, needed by public transportation providers across the state.

5.) ***Eminent Domain***

The COMPASS Board of Directors will monitor proposed eminent domain legislation to ensure local governments will retain this critical tool in providing necessary transportation infrastructure within their jurisdictions.

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