



## COMPASS BOARD of DIRECTORS POSITION STATEMENT (Approved November 20, 2006)

### 2007 State Legislative Positions

1.) ***Public Transportation Local Option Tax Authority Legislation***

The COMPASS Board of Directors strongly supports legislation providing regional public transportation authorities within the State of Idaho with the ability to request necessary revenue from the citizens through a local option sales tax. The proposed legislation is the recommendation of the Coalition for Regional Public Transportation, a coalition of business and elected leaders of the Treasure Valley.

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

The COMPASS Board of Directors strongly 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. Construction of the transportation corridors in Ada and Canyon Counties as originally identified in the Connecting Idaho program need to remain a priority for GARVEE funding.

3.) ***Transportation Revenue***

The COMPASS Board of Directors strongly supports the introduction of legislation increasing revenue for the transportation system including transit and alternative transportation modes in the State of Idaho. The Forum on Transportation Investment identified a \$200 million per year shortfall for critical local and state transportation projects over the next 30 years. A functional transportation system is critical to accommodate the population growth and economic development of the Treasure Valley and State of Idaho.

4.) ***Treasure Valley Air Quality Council Recommendations***

The COMPASS Board of Directors supports locally based proactive measures to protect the Treasure Valley's air quality. COMPASS will monitor recommendations from the Treasure Valley Air Quality Council to the Idaho Legislature. COMPASS will support and advocate for proactive strategies having the best potential to significantly reduce overall emissions and, thus, improve and protect air quality in the region.

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