COMPASS 101

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Overview

What and who is the Community Planning Association of SW Idaho -- COMPASS?

What does COMPASS do?

What is a metropolitan planning organization (MPO)?

What are our regional needs?

How does COMPASS work toward meeting those needs?
What prompted you to attend today? (check all that apply)

A. I’m new to COMPASS
B. A colleague suggested I come
C. It’s always good to learn more...
D. Nothing better to do on a Tuesday morning
E. None of the above

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What are your burning questions about COMPASS? (check all that apply)

A. What does COMPASS do?
B. Why does COMPASS exist?
C. What is my role with COMPASS?
D. What can COMPASS do for my agency or constituents?
E. Something else
What is COMPASS?

...An association of cities, counties, highway districts, and other agencies who plan for the future of Ada and Canyon Counties.
Who is COMPASS?

Local governments
- Cities
- Counties
- Highway districts

Other agencies
- Idaho Transportation Department
- Valley Regional Transit
- Boise State University
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Capital City Development Corporation
Who do you represent?

A. A city
B. A county
C. A highway district
D. Another COMPASS member agency
E. Another agency or business
F. Myself
What is your role?

A. Elected official
B. Staff
C. Other
Board of Directors

Provide policy direction for the future of Ada and Canyon Counties

Mainly elected officials

• Represent all member agencies

31 voting members

• 4 ex-officio (non-voting) members
COMPASS Committees

Provide policy and technical recommendations to the COMPASS Board

Policy Committees: COMPASS Board members
- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee

Technical Committee: Member agency staff
- Regional Transportation Advisory Committee
COMPASS Workgroups

Provide issue-specific technical recommendations to the COMPASS Board

Membership varies
- Member agency staff
- Public
- Private and public sector experts

Range of topics
- Demographics
- Public participation
- Freight
- More!
Do you serve on...? (check all that apply)

A. COMPASS Board
B. COMPASS Regional Transportation Advisory Committee
C. A COMPASS workgroup
D. None of the above
E. I’m not sure
How long have you been involved with COMPASS? (in any capacity)

A. I’m brand new
B. Less than 1 year
C. 1 – 5 years
D. 5 – 10 years
E. More than 10 years (I could give this presentation)
F. I’m not involved with COMPASS at all
COMPASS Staff

Implement Board policies and direction

3 directors
11 planning staff
2 communication staff
2 financial staff
1 executive assistant
Joint Powers Agreement

To conduct and/or coordinate various planning services, activities and functions...related to planning and regulatory responsibilities for...
Joint Powers Agreement (Cont.)

1. **Air** and water **quality**
2. Economic development
3. Emergency management
4. **Land use, mapping, and geographic information systems**
5. **Population and employment**
Joint Powers Agreement (Cont.)

6. Public services, facilities and utilities
7. Recreation, parks and open space
8. **Transportation**
9. Such other purposes and authority as are consistent with the conduct of planning services for members...
Core Services

Provide a forum for regional collaboration

Serve as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Ada and Canyon Counties
Core Services (cont.)

- Provide outreach and public involvement opportunities
- Serve as a regional technical resource
- Assist member agencies in securing resources to meet regional needs
COMPASS as a Forum...

**ITD** - Manages state roadways

**COMPASS** - Facilitates regional cooperation and coordinates federal transportation funds

**Land use agencies** (e.g., cities, counties) - Manage land use

**Local transportation agencies** - Manage public transportation and local roads
COMPASS as an MPO...

A metropolitan planning organization (MPO) is a regional planning entity that...

- Serves urbanized areas (over 50,000)
- Conducts transportation planning
- Distributes federal transportation dollars
Idaho’s MPOs

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO)

Lewis-Clark Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (LCVMPO)

Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS)

Bonneville Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO)

Bannock Planning Organization (BPO)
COMPASS is Unique

Nampa Urbanized Area
- 1 of 5 small urbanized areas in Idaho
- Shares funding

Boise Urbanized Area
- Transportation Management Area (TMA)
- Over 200,000 population
- Dedicated funding
- Additional requirements
What Does an MPO Do?

**Develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

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<th>Short-term budget</th>
<th>Primarily federally funded transportation projects</th>
<th>Funds projects to meet goals in long-range plan</th>
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![Symbols representing budget, goals, and planning calendar and mirror.]
What Does an MPO Do? (cont.)

Develops a long-range transportation plan: *Communities in Motion 2040*

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*Communities in Motion 2040* Adopted in 2014; implementation underway. Plans future transportation system based on *Communities in Motion 2040* Vision for growth.
Communities in Motion 2040 Vision

The Communities in Motion 2040 Vision illustrates a preferred growth scenario for the Treasure Valley, specifically Ada and Canyon Counties. Defined by local stakeholders, including the public, the Vision will help guide development of the Communities in Motion 2040 regional long-range transportation plan.

Vision Statement

The Communities in Motion 2040 Vision provides new locations and jobs along major corridors, ensuring a region with strong ties to maintaining the region's economic growth is able to meet the needs of the future. This scenario aimed to maintain growth at a rate commensurate with the area's growth patterns, ensuring the region's economic growth is able to meet the needs of the future. This scenario aimed to maintain growth at a rate commensurate with the area's growth patterns.

Vision Map

The Vision map illustrates the potential development areas and corridors for the Treasure Valley. The map shows areas that are currently developed and areas that are planned for development in the future.

Vision Areas

Below are potential interpretations of how the land uses types included in Communities in Motion 2040 may be distributed.

Employment Centers

A variety of employment centers, including business districts, retail centers, and transportation hubs, are included in the Vision areas.

Small Towns

Small towns are included in the Vision areas to ensure a balance of development and preservation of rural character.

Existing Neighborhoods

Existing neighborhoods are included in the Vision areas to ensure the preservation of existing communities.

New Neighborhoods

New neighborhoods are included in the Vision areas to ensure a balance of development and preservation of rural character.

Unique Areas

Unique areas are included in the Vision areas to ensure the preservation of natural and cultural resources.

Legend

- Downtown
- Mixed Use
- Employment Center
- Transit-Oriented Development
- Small Town
- Future Neighborhood
- Existing Neighborhood
- Prime Farmland
- Forests
- Rural
- Regional Parks
- Regional Parkway
- State Highways
- High Capacity Transit
- Unique Areas
- Large Unique Areas
- Hospital
- Airport
- University
- Prison

The Communities in Motion 2040 Vision includes over 260 Unique Areas captured by the COMPASS model. This is a snapshot of a broader regional framework.
Communities in Motion 2040

- Identifies regional needs
- Incorporates eight planning elements
- Establishes goals, performance measures, and targets
## Regional Needs and Funding

### Average Annual Transportation Funding

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<td>Federal</td>
<td>$25 million</td>
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<td>State*</td>
<td>$34 million</td>
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<td>Local</td>
<td>$141 million</td>
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<td><strong>New! (As of July 2015)</strong></td>
<td><strong>$9 million</strong></td>
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<td>Increase in state gas tax and registration fees (maintenance only; Ada/Canyon local agency share)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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(*includes federal funds spent by ITD)

### Regional Needs, Funding, and Shortfall

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<td><strong>Total (2014 – 2040)</strong></td>
<td>$9.7 billion</td>
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<td><strong>Annual</strong></td>
<td>$359 million</td>
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Unfunded Priorities

Priority Corridor
1. Interstate 84
2. State Highway 44/State Street High Capacity Corridor
3. US Highway 205/E (Chinden Boulevard)
4. State Hwy 55
5. Regional Park and Ride lots (near term improvements, not mapped)
6. Lindar Road
7. Franklin Road Bottleneck
8. Caldwell/Nampa Boulevard
9. Ustick Road
10. Regional Park and Ride lots (medium term improvements, not mapped)
11. Valley Connect near term (capital/operaing, not mapped)
12. Treasure Valley High Capacity Corridor Study (not mapped)
13. State Hwy 45/45B corridor (in Nampa)
14. State Hwy 15
15. Boise Downtown Corridor (not mapped)
16. Valley Connect medium term (capital/operaing, not mapped)
17. State Hwy 55 (State Hwy 44 to Idaho/Boise County line)
18. Bitter Valley Road
19. Overland Road (multi-modal corridor plan)
20. North/South Kuna Corridor (railroad crossing, pending location preference)
21. Cherry Lane
22. Averill Road (as a corridor with Lake Hazel)
23. South Hazel Road (as a corridor with Amy Road)
24. State Hwy 55/Boise corridor Bottleneck
25. State Hwy 48
26. Victory Road (in eastern Canyon County)
27. US Hwy 205 (Caldwell to Parma)
28. Three Cities River Crossing
29. CMX 2040 transit, long term (not mapped)
30. Greenhill Road
31. Hays Valley Road
32. Powerline Road to Kuna More Road (new connection)
33. Beacon Light/Purple Sage (new connection - preserving land for a future project)

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Features available as descriptions only:
- Regional Park and Ride (near term)
- Regional Park and Ride (short term)
- Valley Connect near-term
- Valley Connect medium term
- CMX 2040 transit, long term
Communities in Motion 2040

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Planning Elements

1. Transportation
2. Land Use
3. Housing
4. Farmland
5. Open Space
6. Health
7. Community Infrastructure
8. Economic Development
Goals, Performance Measures, and Targets
Communities in Motion 2040 2.0

Update to Communities in Motion 2040

- Maintains horizon year of 2040
- Retains Communities in Motion 2040 Vision
- Will use a performance measure framework to guide investment decisions
Communities in Motion 2040 2.0
Core Services (cont.)

- Provide outreach and public involvement opportunities
- Serve as a regional technical resource
- Assist member agencies in securing resources to meet regional needs
COMPASS as a Provider of Outreach, Education, and Public Involvement
COMPASS as a Resource…

- Demographic projections
- Mapping / GIS
- Air quality conformity
- Congestion management
- Resource development
So, What Do We Do?

- Maintain what we have
- Increase funding
- Secure resources
Maintain What We Have

- Not enough revenue in the future to maintain the transportation system, much less expand it
- COMPASS Board has chosen to focus federal transportation funding on maintenance

What is “maintenance”?
Anything that “protects and preserves existing transportation systems and opportunities”
Increase Funding
Increase Funding
Secure Resources

The Big Picture
Questions for Me?

• Implementing Regional Solutions
  • Sabrina Minshall, AICP
Regional Solutions

☐ Problem
☑ Solution
How Do We Do That?

The Big Picture
How Do We Do That?

The Big Picture

- Capital and Maintenance Needs
- Unfunded Application Portfolio
- Project Development Program
- Federally Funded Projects
- Other Funded Projects
- CJM 2040 Implementation Grants
- Grant Research and Assistance

COMPASS Application Process

Types of Funding

- Funded
- Unfunded
How Do We Do That?

The Big Picture
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- Start: Capital and Maintenance Needs
- COMPASS Application Process
- Grant, Research, and Assistance
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Flow directions:
- Unfunded
- Funded
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    - Unfunded Application Portfolio
    - Grant Research and Assistance
  - Funded
What’s In It For Me?

Let’s look at these programs in action...
TIGER Grant Application
Meridian Five-Mile Pathway

Proposed Five Mile Creek Pathway
Connecting Black Cat to Ten Mile/Ustick

Five Mile Creek/Drain

Existing Multi-Use Pathway
Connects Ten Mile & Ustick Roads

Ownership:
City of Meridian
WW Treatment

Pedestrian Bridge Required
Crossing Five Mile Creek/Drain

2016 FIVE MILE PATHWAY CONNECTION PROJECT
SEGMENT D
Eagle Road Bike/Ped Bridge
Parma Storm Drain Improvements
Kuna Downtown Plan
Caldwell – Ustick Road
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It’s just the beginning
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*COOPERATION*
Questions for us?
Questions for you...

What do you understand now that you didn’t before?

What question(s) do you still have?

Did today’s discussion shed light on something COMPASS could do for you that you hadn’t thought of before?
Thank you

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