As the popularity of bicycling and walking grows, so do the number of bicycle and pedestrian crashes, according to a press release from the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS). However, in some communities that is not the case: crashes are going down as use goes up. How can the Treasure Valley replicate that trend?

To tackle that question, COMPASS has invited Peter Lagerwey of the Toole Design Group to share best practices from around the country for reducing bicycle and pedestrian crashes, focusing on how better planning, engineering, education, and enforcement all work together to create a safer environment for cycling and walking.
Lagerway will present Tuesday in Meridian. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. with a reception, followed by the presentation and discussion from 6 to 8 p.m. at COMPASS' first-floor board room, 700 NE Second St., Meridian. Guests are asked to RSVP to ctorkelson@compassidaho.org or (208) 475-2232

Lagerwey will also teach a technical workshop on producing and implementing a bicycle and pedestrian master plan from 8 a.m. to noon May 4 at the same location. This workshop is also free and open to the public, but will have a technical focus. Please RSVP as above. Space is limited to 30 attendees for the Wednesday workshop.

Lagerwey is the regional office director for Toole Design Group in Seattle. He has over 30 years managing pedestrian and bicycle projects and programs with the City of Seattle and as a private consultant.

This presentation is being offered by COMPASS as part of its annual education series. For more information, visit www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents_2016_ed_series.htm.