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## A Glimpse into the Future: *Communities in Motion 2040 Vision*

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is pleased to announce the release of the *Communities in Motion 2040 Vision* – a depiction of Ada and Canyon Counties in the year 2040. The vision will be used as the basis for *Communities in Motion 2040*, the next regional long-range transportation plan for the two-county area.

The vision was developed by Treasure Valley residents, through an intensive process involving hundreds of stakeholders over more than a year. It accommodates a two-county population in 2040 of 1,022,000 (422,000 more than today) and 463,000 jobs (187,000 more than today).

It is a true “vision” of how Treasure Valley residents and local elected officials have said they want to see their valley grow and change. The vision has been mapped to show where growth would occur and what types of housing and jobs would be associated with that growth. Accompanying the map are sketches and descriptions to help users picture what the types of growth shown on the map might look like. The vision map can be found online at [www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/Map\\_Final.pdf](http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/Map_Final.pdf).

However, the vision is more than simply a map showing growth; the vision describes the Treasure Valley residents’ and local elected officials’ preference for future growth and change in a vision statement:

*The Communities in Motion 2040 Vision provides new housing and jobs along transit corridors and in major activity centers with a strong focus on maintaining the region’s recreation and open space areas. New growth would be comprised of a variety of housing types, served by infrastructure, nearby services, and outside of prime farmland or environmental constraints. This vision supports local comprehensive plan goals and densities, and includes entitled developments as of July 2012. This vision would support high capacity transit for State Street (Highway 44) and a route parallel to Interstate-84, as well as multimodal infrastructure and services throughout the region. Key goals include walkability, preserving farmland, minimizing congestion, increasing transportation options, improving jobs-housing balance, better access to parks, and maintaining environmental resources. (Adopted by the COMPASS Board October 15, 2012)*

“I’m excited about this vision for the future of the Treasure Valley, and especially about the process used to develop it. Stakeholders, including business owners, elected officials, educators, and the general public, worked with COMPASS to develop, and then refine, this vision for the Treasure Valley,” states Matt Stoll, COMPASS Executive Director. “The vision will be used to guide future transportation investments in *Communities in Motion 2040*. We’ll be asking for more stakeholder input as we develop a list of potential transportation investments this summer.”

*Communities in Motion 2040* is expected to be complete by September 2014. To learn more about the process for developing the vision, *Communities in Motion 2040* in general, and future public involvement opportunities, visit <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm>.

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