



## ***What's in Store for Your Future Transportation System?*** **Public Comment Period: August 5 – September 4, 2013**

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is seeking comments on transportation projects and plans that will be implemented within one year, the next five years, and the next 25 years. Comment by September 4, 2013, to share your views.

### *Within One Year: 2014*

COMPASS is proposing to amend the current regional long-range transportation plan (***Communities in Motion 2035***) to widen Eagle Road in Meridian and begin designing a project to widen US 20/26 near Caldwell. Both projects are already discussed in *Communities in Motion 2035*, but are listed as “unfunded.” Projects are only officially considered part of the planned transportation system if they are shown as “funded” in the plan. When *Communities in Motion 2035* was adopted by the COMPASS Board in 2010, funding was not identified for these projects, so they were listed as needed, but “unfunded.” If funding becomes available, *Communities in Motion* must be amended to show a project now has funding, which is the case for these two roadway projects. Construction on Eagle Road and design work on US 20/26 would both begin in 2014.

### *Within Five Years: 2014 - 2018*

COMPASS is requesting comment on the DRAFT **Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, which lists projects proposed for federal transportation funding for FY2014 – 2018 and includes the federal program of projects proposed for funding by Valley Regional Transit.

In addition, COMPASS is accepting comments on the DRAFT **air quality conformity demonstration for northern Ada County** for projects in the FY2014 – 2018 TIP. This demonstration is required in areas, such as northern Ada County, where air quality did not meet federal standards in the past, and must show that projects listed in the TIP comply with state air quality plans. The draft air quality conformity demonstration does demonstrate compliance. Federal approval of the air quality conformity demonstration is necessary to obtain final approval of the TIP for northern Ada County.

### *25 Years and Beyond: 2040*

COMPASS has developed a draft list of 33 prioritized transportation corridors and projects for the next regional long-range transportation plan (***Communities in Motion 2040***) that will be key to supporting growth in the region to the year 2040.

The ultimate goal of *Communities in Motion* is to outline the needed future transportation system for Ada and Canyon Counties and how to pay for it. Financial projections indicate that there will not be enough revenue in the future to maintain our current transportation system, much less expand it. Therefore, the COMPASS Board of Directors has chosen to focus all federal transportation funding allocated via CIM 2040 toward maintenance.

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Even though federal transportation funds will be directed toward maintenance, CIM 2040 still needs to contain a list of future transportation needs/priorities. These needs and priorities help the region focus future efforts and serve as a basis for potential future funding opportunities.

COMPASS is looking for your feedback on transportation needs/priorities as shown on a prioritized list of 33 transportation corridors and projects before the COMPASS Board of Directors acts on it in September.

### How to Comment

For complete details on all materials open for comment and to comment online, visit [www.compassidaho.org/whatsnew.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/whatsnew.htm).

COMPASS staff will also be available to answer questions and take comments at two open houses:

- Wednesday, August 14, Hugh Nichols Public Safety Building, 820 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, Nampa, 4 – 8 pm
- Thursday, August 15, Library! at Cole/Ustick, 7557 W. Ustick, Boise, 4 – 8 pm

Comment forms and other written comments must be received no later than 12:00 pm (noon), Wednesday, September 4, 2013. Send comments to A. Luft, COMPASS, 700 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 200, Meridian, ID 83642; [info@compassidaho.org](mailto:info@compassidaho.org); or fax to 208/855-2559.

*For special assistance, call 475-2229 48 hours in advance. Personas que necesitan asistencia especial, llamar al número 475-2229 con 48 horas de aviso.*