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COMPASS Releases FY2017 Annual Report

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) has just released its annual report for fiscal year 2017, showcasing its role as the forum for regional collaboration in southwest Idaho that helps maintain a healthy and economically vibrant region, offering people choices in how and where they live, work, play, and travel. The report can be found online at www.compassidaho.org (click on “annual report”).

The report includes highlights from FY2017 in COMPASS’ regional role as planner, implementer, expert, and facilitator, including:

- Amended the region’s long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion 2040*, to widen Interstate 84 in Nampa and to conduct an environmental study on I-84 to prepare for widening between Nampa and Caldwell. Widening Interstate 84 in Canyon County is the #1 priority in *Communities in Motion 2040*.
- Developed a tool to identify return on investment of potential transportation projects to help decision-makers as they make difficult choices regarding how we spend our limited transportation dollars.
- Assisted COMPASS member agencies in applying for over \$59 million in grant funding for projects that further the goals of *Communities in Motion 2040*.
- Installed two new permanent bicycle and pedestrian counters, to bring the total to 12, and used portable counters to collect bicycle and pedestrian data at 29 different locations. These data are used when making decisions on potential improvements to bicycle and pedestrian networks.
- Shared expertise and key information on our transportation system and funding shortfall through public service announcements, presentations, hands-on training, and more.

“As can be seen through these projects, COMPASS continues to focus our efforts on meeting our regional transportation needs and finding ways to confront the transportation funding shortfall,” explains COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll. “From seeking grant funding from non-traditional sources to developing tools to assist with decision-making, COMPASS is thinking ‘outside the box’ to address regional needs.”

Brief descriptions of COMPASS’ FY2017 accomplishments can be found in COMPASS’ online annual report at www.compassidaho.org. Links throughout the report lead the reader to additional details. “An annual report, by definition, showcases a snapshot in time,” explains Stoll. “However, the majority of COMPASS’ work is long term and feeds into other projects. COMPASS’ online annual report provides the reader a chance to quickly see the years’ accomplishments while providing access to the most up-to-date information on the same projects.”