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Mr. Charlie Rountree, Chair  
Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho  
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Subject: Federal Certification of the COMPASS Transportation Management Area (TMA)  
Planning Process

Dear Mr. Rountree:

Enclosed for your consideration and follow up is the Final Report for the Federal Certification Review of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho's (COMPASS') transportation planning program.

This certification review, which was conducted by a team of Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration planning specialists, reflects a number of activities including the review of recent work products of COMPASS, a field review involving meetings with COMPASS staff and members this past April, and follow up discussions by the review team to prepare our findings.

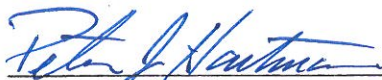
This final report identifies specific findings, commendations, recommendations, and, where judged necessary, corrective actions for COMPASS transportation planning program. You will be pleased to know that the overall assessment of COMPASS's program is quite favorable with no major deficiencies or cause for concern. Furthermore, we identified a number of areas in which COMPASS' work is exceptional and praise worthy for its innovation and progress.

Based on this review, the overall assessment by FHWA and FTA of COMPASS' transportation planning program is that your program is *Certified With Conditions* for a period of four years per 23 CFR 450.334(b)(1)(ii).

In follow up to this letter, a representative from FHWA-Idaho Division Office will make a formal presentation of the enclosed report to your Board at a date of your convenience. In addition, staff representatives from the FHWA Idaho Division and the FTA Region Ten Offices will be working with the COMPASS Director and his staff to guide them in addressing the specific corrective actions noted in the report.

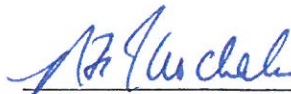
If you have any questions regarding the Certification Review process and/or the *Transportation Planning Certification Review Report*, please contact Mr. Scott Frey, of the FHWA Idaho Division Office (208/334-9180 extension 115) or Mr. Ned Conroy of the FTA Region 10 Office (206/220-4318).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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