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Mayor Joe Stear, Chair
Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS)
700 NE 2nd Street, Suite 200
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Subject: COMPASS Federal Transportation Planning Certification Review

Dear Mayor Stear:

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 both the examination of documents and other work products by COMPASS over the past four years and a virtual field review meeting with COMPASS staff and members this past May.

This final report identifies specific findings, commendations, recommendations, and, where judged necessary, corrective actions for COMPASS transportation planning program. The overall assessment of COMPASS's program is favorable with no major deficiencies, however, as is commonly the case, there are some elements of the program which will require follow up actions.

Based on this review, the overall assessment by FHWA and FTA of COMPASS' transportation planning program is that it be **Certified with Conditions** for a period of four years per 23 CFR 450.336(b)(1)(ii).

We look forward to making a formal presentation of the enclosed report to your Board at your August 2022 meeting. In addition, staff representatives from the FHWA Idaho Division and the FTA Region 10 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 Maureen Gresham, FHWA at maureen.gresham@dot.gov or 208-617-2140 or Ned Conroy at FTA at ned.conroy@dot.gov or 206-220-4318.

Sincerely yours,

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