



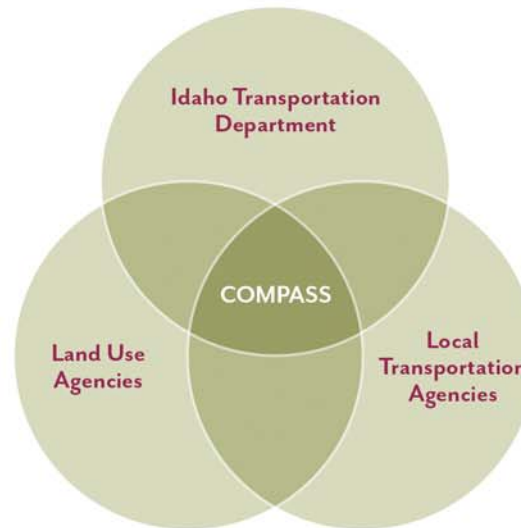
Making the Treasure Valley a great place to live, work, and play

COMPASS Vision

COMPASS is a forum for regional collaboration that helps maintain a healthy and economically vibrant region, offering people choices in how and where they live, work, play, and travel.

Agency Mission

The mission of COMPASS is to conduct regional planning, facilitate regional coordination and cooperation, and serve as a source of information and expertise on issues affecting southwest Idaho. In its role as the metropolitan planning organization for Ada and Canyon Counties, COMPASS fulfills this mission by developing transportation plans and priorities to enable members to access state and federal transportation funds.



Idaho Transportation Department: Manages state roadways

Land Use Agencies (e.g., cities, counties): Manage land use

Local Transportation Agencies: Manage transit and local roads

COMPASS: Facilitates regional cooperation and coordinates federal transportation funds. Develops the regional long-range transportation plan.

Questions? Want to learn more?

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WORKING TOGETHER TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE





What is COMPASS?

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is an association of local governments working together to plan for the future of the Treasure Valley. The agency is a voluntary, member-based organization operating under a Joint Powers Agreement.

COMPASS is governed by a Board of Directors who represent COMPASS member agencies. The Board is comprised mainly of local elected officials, such as mayors, city councilmembers, and county and highway district commissioners.

The Board serves as a regional forum for making decisions about transportation and related planning and sets priorities for spending federal transportation funds. Each member agency has a voice in the decision-making process and has access to the people and technical resources that inform that process.

COMPASS staff use state-of-the-art technology and work closely with member agency staff to collect data, analyze regional trends, and develop recommendations for the COMPASS Board of Directors.



What does COMPASS do?

COMPASS serves as the metropolitan planning organization, or MPO, for Ada and Canyon Counties. An MPO is a regional planning entity responsible for transportation planning and distribution of federal transportation funds for designated urbanized areas. All urbanized areas over 50,000 in population must have an MPO if local or state transportation agencies spend federal money on transportation improvements.

As the MPO, COMPASS shapes the future of the region by developing the regional long-range transportation plan (*Communities in Motion*), facilitating regional cooperation, and directing where and how federal transportation funds will be spent in Ada and Canyon Counties. While COMPASS does not own buses or build roads, it is COMPASS' responsibility to ensure that when federal transportation dollars are spent in Ada and Canyon Counties, the projects benefit the region as a whole.

COMPASS also has the authority and expertise to conduct and coordinate a variety of other planning services, at the discretion of the Board. These planning services may include:

- Air and water quality
- Economic development
- Emergency management
- Land use, mapping, and geographic information systems (GIS)
- Population and employment
- Public services, facilities, and utilities
- Recreation, parks, and open space

Planning for the future, working for you



How does COMPASS impact me?

Decisions made by the COMPASS Board direct how federal transportation dollars will be spent in Ada and Canyon Counties now and over the next 20+ years. These decisions affect your daily commute, your neighborhood, your lifestyle, and even your health.

In addition, COMPASS offers public services and requests public input on COMPASS programs and plans.

Mapping

COMPASS provides orthophotography products and mapping services for a nominal fee.

Public Education

COMPASS offers free public presentations and workshops on a variety of topics related to transportation and land use. Many of these are also available on the COMPASS YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/COMPASSIdaho.

Public Input

All citizens have a right, *and a responsibility*, to educate themselves on local transportation issues and to be involved in local transportation decisions. COMPASS Board members represent you. When you comment on a COMPASS plan or project, those comments are provided to the COMPASS Board to consider before they make decisions. You can contact COMPASS any time to ask questions, share your opinions, or request to be added to an email list. COMPASS also holds public comment periods to gain input on specific issues.