



## COMPASS Highlights 2013 Accomplishments

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) has just released its annual report for fiscal year 2013, highlighting accomplishments from October 2012 through September 2013. The report is available online at [www.compassidaho.org/people/annualreports.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/annualreports.htm).

"This past year has been full of exciting challenges, and COMPASS has risen to the occasion with many notable accomplishments," states COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll. "I'm excited to share these with our Board, stakeholders, and the public, then build on them in 2014."

Fiscal year 2013 accomplishments include:

- Analyzing the new federal transportation law—Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)—to discern what it means to the Treasure Valley, then sharing that information with COMPASS member agencies and modifying COMPASS programs and processes, as necessary, to ensure COMPASS and its members are fully prepared to meet new requirements and take advantage of new opportunities.
- Amending *Communities in Motion 2035*, the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties, three times to add transportation projects that had been "unfunded" when the plan was completed in 2010.
- Continuing the process of updating *Communities in Motion* to look to a horizon year of 2040. The updated plan—*Communities in Motion 2040*—will be complete in 2014.
- Finalizing the *Communities in Motion 2040* Vision, the growth scenario for *Communities in Motion 2040*, then being recognized for the leadership, hard work, and innovation that went into that process with an Esri "Special Achievement in GIS" award, presented at the Esri International Users Conference.

COMPASS also began work on several projects to provide better public access to COMPASS information, data, maps, and reports. These ventures include developing a new look for the COMPASS website, creating new online tools to allow users to access data via a regional data center, and developing an online "dashboard" to enable anyone, at any time, to track progress toward meeting *Communities in Motion 2040* goals. These new tools will launch in 2014.