



COMPASS Receives “Special Achievement in GIS” Award For *Communities in Motion 2040 Vision*

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) received a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) award for its [Communities in Motion 2040 Vision](#) at the Esri International User Conference in San Diego, CA, on July 10, 2013. This award acknowledges vision, leadership, hard work, and innovative use of Esri's geographic information system (GIS) technology.

COMPASS updates *Communities in Motion* (CIM), the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties, every four years. COMPASS is currently working on an update to plan to the year 2040 (CIM 2040), which will be complete by September 2014.

As part of that process, COMPASS, working with consultants Placeways LLC, EnviroIssues, and Neighborhood Allstars, led a process to develop the CIM 2040 Vision — a view of what residents want the area to look like in 2040. That vision is the foundation for decisions on the future transportation system for CIM 2040.

“We began developing the CIM 2040 Vision in February 2012 with a series of workshops with local leaders, elected officials, citizens, and stakeholders,” explains Carl Miller, COMPASS Principal Planner and project lead for the visioning process. “Those individuals worked in small groups using interactive mapping software to develop future growth scenarios. We then took the results from those workshops and brought them to Ada and Canyon County citizens for public comment, and ultimately refined the scenarios into a final CIM 2040 Vision.”

In addition to soliciting public review and feedback, COMPASS also worked closely with the cities and counties to ensure the CIM 2040 Vision is consistent with their comprehensive plans. The COMPASS Board adopted the CIM 2040 Vision in October 2012 and approved the vision map in April 2013.

“The CIM 2040 Vision represents a multi-disciplinary approach to planning by considering transportation, land use, economic development, housing, community infrastructure, open space, farmland, and health,” explains COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll. “This view is broader than we’ve taken before; we’re pleased to be recognized for it.”

“The SAG awards identify the organizations and people that are using the power of geography to improve our world,” says Esri president Jack Dangermond. “At Esri, we are always deeply inspired by the passion and innovation of our users. They deserve recognition for solving their communities’ challenges.”