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COMPASS Highlights 2015 Accomplishments

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) has just released its annual report for fiscal year 2015, highlighting accomplishments from October 2014 through September 2015. The report is available online at www.compassidaho.org/people/annualreports.htm.

"I am proud of what COMPASS achieved this past year," states COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll. "While our accomplishments were varied, as I look back on the year I see one theme woven throughout: funding. From educating the public on the need for increased transportation funding, to assisting members in seeking grant funding, to both giving and receiving grant funds, COMPASS worked tirelessly to find innovative ways to address regional funding needs."

Fiscal year 2015 accomplishments included:

- Initiating the "Don't Let the Treasure Valley Fall through the Cracks" outreach campaign to raise awareness of the need for increased transportation funding. COMPASS will continue to educate the public and decision-makers on this important issue in 2016.
- Assisting member agencies in pursuing additional transportation funding, including working with the Idaho Transportation Department to prepare a federal TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant application for a \$45 million project to improve a section of Interstate 84 in Canyon County. Recipients of this grant funding have not yet been announced.
- Awarding five *Communities in Motion* implementation grants to member agencies to assist with local projects that support the goals of *Communities in Motion 2040*.
- Receiving grant funding to better incorporate freight into the next update of *Communities in Motion*, assist in developing a platform to use performance measures to guide decision-making, and purchase automated bicycle counters.

"While we are proud of our 2015 accomplishments, we are always looking ahead and focusing our energies on what we are doing today and can do tomorrow to serve our members and our region," concludes Stoll. Learn more about COMPASS' current projects and programs at www.compassidaho.org.