



COMPASS Awards Implementation Grants

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) has awarded 10 grants to local agencies to provide support in implementing *Communities in Motion 2040*, the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties.

The grant program assists COMPASS member agencies in implementing *Communities in Motion* by supporting locally important projects that reinforce the plan's regional goals. The program addresses three specific tasks:

- Provide better access to public transportation, bike, and pedestrian facilities to offset congestion.
- Invest in town centers, main streets, and existing infrastructure.
- Develop area plans for activity centers, integrating alternative transportation options.

COMPASS awarded its first round of grants in 2014 to the Cities of Kuna, Middleton, and Wilder. "The 2014 grants helped fund diverse, high-quality projects. Their success not only moves the region forward in implementing *Communities in Motion*, but also demonstrates to other agencies how communities can use these grants to reach both local and regional goals," explains COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll.

"Many of the grant recipients – across all three years – have used or plan to use their *Communities in Motion* implementation grant in conjunction with other grants to complete portions of larger projects, thus creating an ever greater impact," continues Stoll. "We're very excited about these projects and all the work COMPASS member agencies are doing to implement *Communities in Motion*."

Five of the grants will be funded in the current fiscal year (2015) and five will be funded in fiscal year 2016, which begins October 1, 2015.

Fiscal Year 2015 *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant Recipients

- City of Eagle, Plaza Street Extension Design Project
- City of Nampa, Library Block Bike Corral
- City of Parma, Grove Avenue Sidewalk Repair
- City of Parma, Grove Avenue (Downtown) Plan
- City of Wilder, 3rd Street Improvements

Fiscal Year 2016 *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant Recipients

- Ada County, Boise River Greenbelt Bollards and Striping
- Boise State University, Bike Pump Station
- Boise State University, Contraflow Bike Lane, Cesar Chavez Blvd
- Boise State University, Covered Bike Parking
- City of Kuna, Downtown Revitalization Plan

Learn more about *Communities in Motion 2040* at www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm.