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**COMPASS to Receive 2015 Grow Smart Award
for *Communities in Motion 2040***

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is proud to announce that *Communities in Motion 2040*, the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties, has been selected as a 2015 Grow Smart award winner by Idaho Smart Growth. The award will be presented at the annual Grow Smart Awards Celebration on Thursday, November 12, 2015.

Each year Idaho Smart Growth celebrates projects from around Idaho that exemplify smart growth principles, such as providing a variety of transportation and housing choices, creating walkable neighborhoods, fostering attractive communities with a distinct sense of place, and encouraging community collaboration.

Communities in Motion 2040 is being honored in the “public policy” category, for supporting smart growth principles and encompassing multiple progressive planning elements.

“It’s an honor to see *Communities in Motion 2040* recognized,” states COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll. “*Communities in Motion 2040* moves beyond being simply a ‘transportation plan’; it addresses many of the elements that affect the health and quality of life of the Treasure Valley and its citizens. Many of these elements, and their related goals, reflect smart growth principles.

“This plan was a collaborative effort with all of our member agencies and the public as a whole. Over 100 individuals worked on the plan and served on advisory committees, and hundreds of members of the public provided input throughout the planning process. Most importantly, the COMPASS Board of Directors provided the vision, commitment, and leadership to take this plan to the next level.

“The true test of a good plan is seeing it implemented. Completing *Communities in Motion 2040* was just a first step. COMPASS is committed to doing our part to implement it, along with our members and others throughout the valley who are working to ‘move the needle’ toward meeting the goals and vision of *Communities in Motion 2040*.”