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Public Comment Opportunity: COMPASS Public Involvement Plan

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) solicits and encourages public participation and feedback into its plans and planning processes, from *Communities in Motion*, the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties, to the five-year transportation budget, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Now, COMPASS is looking for feedback on its public involvement plan – a guide that describes how COMPASS will engage with the public on those plans and planning processes. “The public involvement plan is designed to assist members of the public in understanding what to expect from COMPASS public involvement efforts,” states COMPASS Communication Coordinator Amy Luft. “In addition, the plan will serve as a guide for COMPASS staff to ensure we are providing opportunities for everyone to be involved.”

The public involvement plan is part of a larger *COMPASS Integrated Communication Plan*. “While we welcome comments on any portion of the overall communication plan,” explains Luft, “we are particularly seeking feedback on the public involvement plan section.”

There are several ways to review the plan and submit comments. The draft plan, comment forms, and other comment materials are available:

- Online at www.compassidaho.org. Follow the link from the home page.
- At the COMPASS office at 700 NE 2nd Street, Suite 200, Meridian, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday.
- At public libraries throughout the valley. Visit the website above or call 208/475-2229 for a list of participating libraries.
- By mail. Contact COMPASS at 208/475-2229 or aluft@compassidaho.org if you would like comment materials mailed to you or need assistance in submitting comments.

Public comments will be accepted April 17 – May 31, 2015. Comment materials are available in English and Spanish.

Public comments will be compiled and provided to the COMPASS Board of Directors, along with any recommended changes to the draft plan based on public comment. The COMPASS Board will be asked to consider the plan for adoption in June. The final plan, with comments, will be posted on the COMPASS website following Board adoption.

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