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***COMPASS Education Series Presents:***  
**Idaho's Long and Winding Road:**  
**A look at transportation funding in the 2015 Idaho Legislature**

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is proud to host Representative Joe Palmer and Senator Bert Brackett, Chairs of the Idaho House and Senate Transportation Committees, on Thursday, May 28, as part of the COMPASS education series.

The Idaho Legislature passed a bill on April 11, 2015, to increase transportation funding in Idaho to address an ongoing transportation funding shortfall. While most legislators recognized the need for additional transportation funding, the process to craft legislation that both houses could agree on was neither straightforward nor easy. Join COMPASS as we welcome Senator Bert Brackett and Representative Joe Palmer to learn more about the process they undertook, the issues their committees grappled with, and what's next to address transportation policy in Idaho.

This moderated panel discussion is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are requested.

- Thursday, May 28, 2015
- COMPASS; 700 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Meridian (first floor Board room)
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Please RSVP to [ctorkelson@compassidaho.org](mailto:ctorkelson@compassidaho.org) or 208/475-2232
- **FREE!**

Representative Palmer (R) represents District 20 in western Ada County. He is the Chair of the House Transportation and Defense Committee, and a member of both the House Business and State Affairs Committees. Representative Palmer has served in the Idaho House of Representatives since 2008.

Senator Brackett (R) represents District 23, serving portions of Elmore, Owyhee, and Twin Falls Counties. He is currently Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, and a member of the Senate Agricultural Affairs and Resources and Environment Committees. Senator Brackett has served in the Idaho Senate since 2008; prior to which he served two terms in the Idaho House of Representatives.

This presentation is being offered by COMPASS as part of its annual education series. For more information on the future presentations, visit

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