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COMPASS Education Series Presents: *Better Transportation for Better Communities*

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) will kick off its annual education series on Thursday, February 5, 2015, with “Better Transportation for Better Communities” by Todd Litman, founder and executive director of the Victoria Transport Policy Institute.

Mr. Litman will explore demographic and economic trends that affect how we use our transportation system, including changes in vehicle use, aging rural populations, increasing urbanization, changing user preferences, and increasing concerns about public health, affordability, and the environment. He will also discuss changes in the way businesses are using our transportation system: many are taking advantage of new technologies and cost saving opportunities to increase their productivity and competitiveness. Mr. Litman will examine how these trends will affect the future of transportation and explore how transportation can better support economic development and foster strong communities.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

- Thursday, February 5, 2015
- COMPASS; 700 NE 2nd Street, Meridian (first floor Board room)
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. reception
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. presentation and discussion
- **FREE!** Please RSVP to ctorkelson@compassidaho.org or 208/475-2232

Mr. Litman will provide a second presentation titled “Creating a Business Case for Transportation” from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Friday, February 5, 2015, at the same location. This presentation is also free and open to the public, but will have a more technical focus. Please RSVP as above.

Todd Litman is founder and executive director of the Victoria Transport Policy Institute, an independent research organization dedicated to developing innovative solutions to transportation problems. His work helps expand the range of impacts and options considered in transportation decision-making, improve evaluation methods, and make specialized technical concepts accessible to a larger audience. His research is used worldwide in transportation planning and policy analysis.

These two presentations are offered by COMPASS as part of its annual education series. For more information on these and future presentations, visit www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents_2015_ed_series.html.