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### **News Release**

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## **COMPASS Education Series Presents:**

### ***Transportation Funding:***

### ***What happens to my gas tax dollars and why should I care?***

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) will host Frank Tooke, US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, on Thursday, March 5, 2015, to shed light on the complicated process of funding our transportation system and how transportation funding issues really do affect us all.

Mr. Tooke will address many common transportation funding questions, including:

- How does our fuel tax make its way from the gas pump to filling a pothole or building a bridge?
- Who collects the money?
- How is it divvied up?
- Does Idaho get its fair share of federal transportation dollars?
- Are there restrictions on how transportation money can be spent?
- How do federal, state, and local transportation dollars work together?

The presentation is free and open to the public.

- Thursday, March 5, 2015
- COMPASS; 700 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ctorkelson@compassidaho.org) or 208/475-2232

Mr. Tooke will provide a second presentation titled "Are we there yet? Navigating the maze of transportation funding" from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Friday, March 6, 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.

Frank Tooke is the Financial Manager for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Idaho Division. In his twelve years of financial work at FHWA, Mr. Tooke has managed the administration of federal projects for 26 states, and overseen \$270 million of federal aid funding per year in Idaho. In his position, Mr. Tooke is responsible for federal-aid financial management, innovative financing, and program reviews. Mr. Tooke is the third presenter in the spring 2015 COMPASS education series.

These 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](http://www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents_2015_ed_series.html).