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## **COMPASS Releases FY2016 Annual Report**

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) has just released its annual report for fiscal year 2016, highlighting accomplishments from October 2015 through September 2016. The report recounts the year's activities by highlighting key accomplishments "by the numbers." The report is available online at [www.compassidaho.org/people/annualreports.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/annualreports.htm).

"COMPASS is known as *the* source of regional data for Ada and Canyon Counties — from demographics, to anything that can be mapped, to outputs from COMPASS' computer models. Therefore, it seems only fitting that our FY2016 annual report describes the year 'by the numbers,'" writes COMPASS Executive Director in the report's introduction.

Fiscal year 2016 accomplishments, "by the numbers," include:

- **2** = number of new permanent bicycle and pedestrian counters installed along key pathways, for a total of 14 permanent counters throughout the Treasure Valley. The counters provide information such as the numbers of bicyclists and pedestrians using certain routes, and the days of week and times of day they are using them. This information provides background data to make informed decisions regarding bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- **5** = number of Leadership in Motion awards presented by COMPASS to government agencies, private organizations, and individuals for leadership in support of *Communities in Motion 2040*, the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties.
- **9** = Number of *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant projects completed. These grants provided direct support from COMPASS to local agencies to implement projects that meet the goals of *Communities in Motion*.
- **54** = Number of presentations given by COMPASS staff to local, regional, and national audiences on regional transportation issues, demographic trends, and more.
- **370** = Number of miles of roadways in Ada and Canyon Counties included in the annual travel time data collection process. These data are used to identify and quantify trends in roadway congestion.

The report also showcases new initiatives, such as developing a framework that can be used to compare the costs and benefits of transportation projects against regional goals and hiring a new staff person dedicated to assisting COMPASS member agencies in preparing for and pursuing grant funding to help move locally and regionally important projects from the "concept" to "complete."

More detail on all of these accomplishments can be found by following links throughout the annual report. "While the report provides a snapshot of FY2016 accomplishments, it also serves as a gateway to current and more in-depth information on the same projects," explains COMPASS Communication Coordinator Amy Luft. "Much of COMPASS' work is iterative – projects interrelate and feed into one another and into future work. The annual report provides a snapshot in time, while connecting the reader to COMPASS' ongoing work."