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COMPASS Awards 2017 Communities in Motion Implementation Grants

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) has just awarded three FY2017 *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grants to local agencies to support implementation of *Communities in Motion 2040*, the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties. The COMPASS Board of Directors approved the grant recipients in its October Board meeting.

The grant program addresses tasks identified to help achieve *Communities in Motion* goals, including:

- Provide better access to public transportation, bike, and pedestrian facilities to offset congestion.
- Invest in town centers, main streets, and existing infrastructure as identified in *Communities in Motion*.
- Develop specific area plans for activity centers consistent with *Communities in Motion* and with planned integration of alternative transportation systems.

The 2017 *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant recipients are:

- City of Kuna
 - Greenbelt paving behind Indian Creek School
- Valley Regional Transit
 - Boise GreenBike system enhancements
- City of Garden City
 - Pathway design / wayfinding signs

This is the fourth year COMPASS has provided grant funding to its members to further the goals of *Communities in Motion* through local projects. Twelve *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grants were awarded in fiscal years 2014, 2015, and 2016 to address needs throughout Ada and Canyon Counties.

"It has been exhilarating to work with our member agencies as they implement *Communities in Motion* in their own communities," states COMPASS Principal Planner for Resource Development Kathy Parker. "These newly funded projects will join the ranks of previously funded grant projects that have successfully helped our region – and our individual communities – become safer, better connected, and more livable."

For more information about the *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant program, including a list of current and past projects, visit www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/reglrtranpl-CIM_implementation_grants.htm.