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## **COMPASS Seeks Comments on *Communities in Motion 2050* Draft Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan**

*Meridian, ID.* The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is requesting feedback on the draft regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties — *Communities in Motion 2050*.

The draft plan is an update to *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*, adopted in 2018. *Communities in Motion 2050* looks an additional 10 years into the future and is grounded in input received from three public surveys conducted in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Combined, those surveys garnered over 18,500 participants.

"The survey results helped us create a plan based on residents' priorities for the future of the Treasure Valley," states COMPASS Principal Planner Liisa Itkonen. "That input shaped the *Communities in Motion 2050* Vision — what the forecasted growth would look like across the two counties — in addition to informing plan goals. Based on public feedback, the planned transportation system incorporates an increased focus on walking and biking, expanded public transportation, including future high-capacity transit service from Caldwell to Boise, and new and expanded roadways.

"The plan accounts for \$5.7 billion in funded capital projects to the year 2050, from extending State Highway 16 south to Interstate 84 to building new bike paths," explains Itkonen. "In addition, the plan includes funding to maintain and operate the transportation system, for a total investment of \$11.1 billion.

"But, despite that significant investment, we still have a transportation funding shortfall of \$5.2 billion — or \$186 million per year — to 2050," adds Itkonen. "The shortfall will mainly hamper the expansion of public transportation and regional pathways, and meeting maintenance needs of local roads and public transportation infrastructure."

COMPASS has identified and prioritized the most pressing transportation needs, including projects on state and local roads, public transportation services, new pathways, and more. These priorities will be the focus of any new or additional funding that COMPASS is able to secure for the region.

The public is encouraged to review the draft plan and share feedback with COMPASS:

- Read the draft plan and comment online
  - [www.compassidaho.org](http://www.compassidaho.org); click on "public comment"
- Watch a video presentation describing the draft plan:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/COMPASSIdaho>
- Attend an open house to learn about the plan and ask questions in person:
  - Thursday, September 29: Nampa Public Library, 215 12th Ave S, 3:00 – 7:00 pm
  - Wednesday, October 5: Boise Public Library! at Hillcrest, 5246 W. Overland Rd., 3:00 – 7:00 pm
- Pick up paper copies of all materials at your local library or the COMPASS office:
  - Find a list of participating locations on the COMPASS website (above) or contact COMPASS (see below)
- Request public comment materials be mailed to you:
  - Email [info@compassidaho.org](mailto:info@compassidaho.org) or call 208/475-2229

Public comments will be accepted through Sunday, October 16, 2022.

After the public comment period closes, all comments will be provided to COMPASS advisory committees and the COMPASS Board of Directors for consideration before any action is taken to adopt the plan. Adoption is anticipated in December 2022.