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Mr. Robert Flowers, Chair
COMPASS Board of Directors
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RE: COMPASS Transportation Planning Certification Review – Final Report

Dear Mr. Flowers:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are pleased to provide you with the final report on our Planning Certification Review of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS).

The 2000 Census established that the Boise urbanized area had exceeded a population of 200,000 people. As a result, the associated planning area was designated as a transportation management area (TMA).

This designation brought with it the requirement that the FHWA and the FTA jointly review the transportation planning process of the area's metropolitan planning organization (MPO) on a three year cycle.

The enclosed final report presents the results of the first such review of COMPASS' transportation planning process.

The outcome of this review process is that FHWA and FTA are jointly certifying COMPASS' transportation planning process, subject to one corrective action. This certification will remain in effect for three years from the date of this letter.

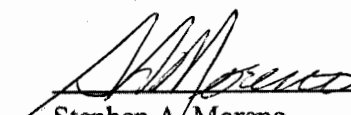
While the final report does include one corrective action and several recommendations for improvements, our overall assessment of COMPASS' transportation planning process is very favorable. In particular, we commend the MPO and the State for their exceptional efforts thus far in the development of their new transportation plan, Communities In Motion. There is a significant and strategic opportunity for the COMPASS Board to influence the long term sustainability of the Valley's quality of life through the adoption of a far reaching and visionary plan.

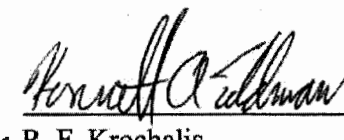
We also would like to acknowledge the excellent work that COMPASS has done in refining its Public Outreach Program and in developing and implementing its Congestion Management System.

Finally, we greatly appreciate the time and assistance that your staff has provided to us throughout the course of this review. Please convey our sincere thanks for their outstanding support and professionalism.

For follow up concerning this final report, please contact Scott Frey of the FHWA Idaho Division at (208) 334-1843, and/or Rick Krochalis of FTA Region 10 at (206) 220-7957.

Sincerely,

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