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**COMPASS**  
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION  
of Southwest Idaho



# FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MATT STOLL**

Matt Stoll joined COMPASS in 2002, and has served as the Executive Director of the organization since 2004. Under his direction, the organization has focused on developing and retaining collaborative and cooperative partnerships with Treasure Valley communities, and with local, state, and federal planning agencies.

# COMPASS

## VISION

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is the forum for regional collaboration in southwest Idaho that helps maintain a healthy and economically vibrant region, offering people choices in how and where they live, work, play, and travel.

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## MISSION

The mission of COMPASS is to conduct regional planning, facilitate coordination and cooperation, serve as a source of information and expertise on issues affecting southwest Idaho, and assist member agencies in accessing funding to accomplish local and regional goals.



# VALUES

INNOVATION

COLLABORATION

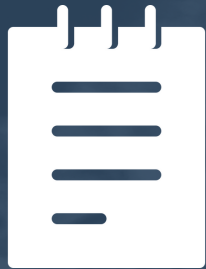
INCLUSIVITY

PROACTIVITY

THE WHOLE PERSON

# ROLES

Fiscal year 2019 accomplishments for each of these agency roles are highlighted on the following pages.



PLANNER



IMPLEMENTER



EXPERT



FACILITATOR

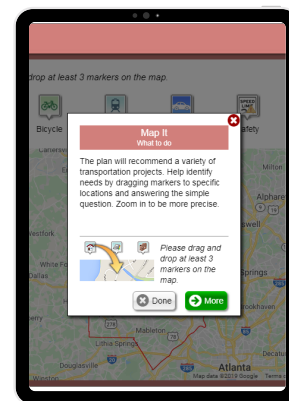
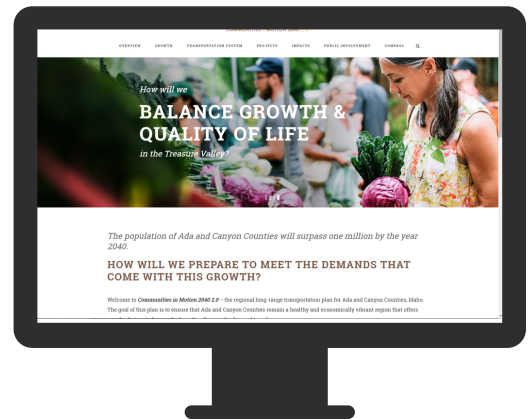


# PLANNER

COMPASS develops executable, multi-faceted plans reflecting elements of a healthy, economically vibrant region. Its primary planning product is the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties, *Communities in Motion*.

## Planning Process

- Completed *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*. This **online plan** looks to the year 2040 to address four transportation system components: bicycle/pedestrian, freight, public transportation, and roadways.
- Began implementing *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* while simultaneously began updating it to look to the year 2050.
- Launched the first public involvement opportunity for ***Communities in Motion 2050*** to get input on future drivers of change in the Treasure Valley.
- Continued to link local and regional planning by analyzing how proposed developments align with *Communities in Motion* and providing that information on easy-to-use Development Review Checklists. Sixty-nine checklists were provided to decision-makers and posted **online** for public access.





# PLANNER

## Transportation Components

### Bicycle/Pedestrian



- Received a federal technology transfer grant to develop and purchase a “data bike,” – proof-of-concept asset-management and pavement-roughness measurement tool for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Maintained 15 **permanent bicycle/pedestrian counters** to track the usage of pathways throughout Ada and Canyon Counties.
- Installed 64 portable bicycle/pedestrian counters around the valley for short time frames to assist COMPASS member agencies in planning bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Completed a consultant-supported **Rails with Trails Study** to analyze potential alignments for a Rail-with-Trail, develop high-level cost estimates, and outline next steps.



### Public Transportation

Completed an analysis of Ada County facilities that are dependent on public transportation and made recommendations to improve access.



### Roadways

Began a process to update 2025 and long-range functional classification maps and National Highway System designations.



### Freight

Requested changes to Idaho’s list of critical freight corridors to reflect most current project needs.



# IMPLEMENTER

COMPASS secures and programs (budgets) financial resources to implement projects that meet regional goals. These efforts address all aspects of the funding process, from project development, to grant research and assistance, to managing federal funds as budgeted in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – the multi-year budget of federally funded and “regionally significant” projects.

## Project Development Program

- Completed project development pre-concept reports for two projects, including cost estimates, purpose and need statements, environmental scans, and public involvement plans, to prepare them for funding applications.

## Grant Assistance

- Funded four projects that fill local needs while helping meet regional goals through the COMPASS *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant program.
- Assisted COMPASS member agencies in applying for over \$68 million in grant funding, resulting in over \$3 million in grant funding received.

## Federally Funded Projects

- Programmed (budgeted) 143 projects over a six-year period in the FY2020-2026 Regional TIP, resulting in an investment of \$618 million.
- Increased analysis and reporting and how projects in the TIP help meet federally required performance measures in the areas of:

Safety

Transit Asset  
Management

Pavement  
Condition

Bridge  
Condition

Travel Time  
Reliability

Truck Travel  
Time





# EXPERT

COMPASS serves as the regional source for demographic and transportation data and state-of-the-art technical expertise.

## Modeling and Data

- Completed travel demand and benefit cost analyses to support the Idaho Transportation Department's (ITD's) INFRA (Infrastructure for Rebuilding America) and BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grant applications, and ITD District 3 Safety and Capacity Program applications.
- Completed **travel demand forecast model** runs in support of multiple state, local, and private (development-related) projects, including:
  - I-84 Environmental Study
  - Linder Road Overpass Technical Evaluation
  - State Highway 16 Environmental Impact Statement
  - State Highway 55 (Karcher Road) Environmental Study
  - State Highway 69 Corridor Study
  - US 20/26 Widening

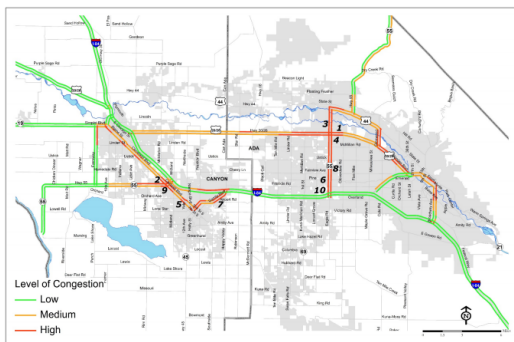
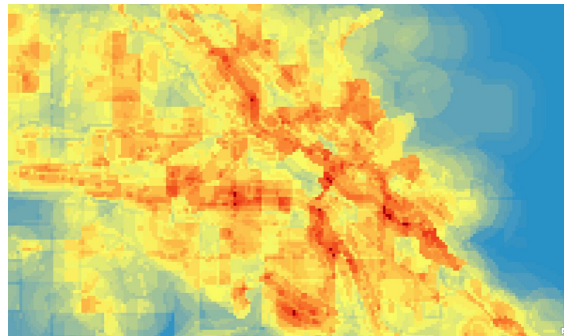


Figure 6: Top Ten Congested Roadways > 0.5 miles (Peak hour, 2017, roadways with NPHRDS data only)



- Developed a “Latent Demand Analysis Model,” to measure where bicycle and pedestrian demand exists in the Treasure Valley.
- Completed the **2017 Congestion Management Annual Report**.
- Conducted an **air quality conformity analysis** for the FY2020-2026 TIP.



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## Demographics and Growth

- Completed the **2018 Development Monitoring Report** to track growth trends in the region.
- Updated the **Communities in Motion 2040 demographic forecast** to reflect approved and/or entitled developments.
- Conducted technical work on behalf of COMPASS members in preparation for the **2020 Census**, including updating city boundary information and recommending geographic boundaries for reporting 2020 Census data.



## Orthophotography and GIS

- Acquired up-to-date **orthophotography**, lidar, contour, and oblique imagery for Ada and Canyon Counties.
- Continued to add datasets to the COMPASS-hosted Regional Data Center and ensured existing data in the Regional Data Center were continually kept up to date.
- Provided ongoing and one-time **GIS** analysis and support for COMPASS and member agency-led projects.



# FACILITATOR

COMPASS brings stakeholders together to share ideas and information, identify common goals, and collaborate on strategies to maintain a healthy and economically vibrant region.

## Public Events and Presentations

- Hosted 12 **public events** including public comment open houses, nationally recognized speakers, training opportunities, and opportunities for in-depth discussions on issues important to the Treasure Valley.
- Gave 47 public and technical presentations to over 1,000 people.
- Presented the annual COMPASS **Leadership in Motion** awards to seven recipients that exemplify the highest standards in working to implement *Communities in Motion*.



## Public Input

- Solicited feedback on transportation plans and projects through eight **public comment periods**.

## Outreach and Awareness

- Promoted safety for all by sponsoring the Boise Police Department's Look! Save a Life! television campaign, sharing safety messages on bus billboards, and hosting Joel Feldman of End Distracted Driving as part of the COMPASS education series.



- Began raising awareness of the upcoming 2020 Census through conducting **regional outreach**, assisting agencies in planning for local outreach, and supporting a 2020 Census Regional Complete Count Committee.
- 500 total social media posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.