



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.

How can I be involved?

- Find what you need online, including watching COMPASS Board and committee meetings: <https://compassidaho.org/>
- Subscribe to our email list through the link on our homepage (above) or by emailing info@compassidaho.org
- Follow us on social media and your favorite podcast app; @COMPASSIdaho



- Participate in COMPASS surveys and submit comments
- Attend presentations, open houses, and public meetings
- Email, call, or stop by to...
 - Schedule a COMPASS presentation or booth at your event
 - Ask questions, send comments, or request materials



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Why and how you can help shape the future of the Treasure Valley



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of Southwest Idaho

Discover why you should be informed and how you can be involved in shaping the future of transportation in the Treasure Valley, then jump in and make your voice heard.



Your Voice Matters!

Get involved with COMPASS to help shape the future of Ada and Canyon Counties.

Who is COMPASS?

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho — COMPASS — is an association of cities, counties, highway districts, and other government agencies that plans for the future of Ada and Canyon Counties.

What does COMPASS do?

COMPASS forecasts how the Treasure Valley will grow over the next 20-30 years, then identifies the transportation system improvements needed to accommodate that growth. COMPASS then budgets federal transportation dollars to pay for those transportation improvements.

Ultimately, we want everyone to have options that let them get from here to there, in the way that works best for them, today and tomorrow.

What does COMPASS need from me?

From time to time, we ask for your input to help in our planning. We'll let you know about opportunities to participate via email, social media, our website, advertisements, and more. But...you don't need to wait for us to ask you. You can reach out any time to ask questions or tell us what you think.



Why should I be involved?

The transportation system impacts everything you do — from how long it takes to get to work, to your child's ability to safely walk to school, to whether or not your pizza is still hot when it arrives at your doorstep.

The Treasure Valley is constantly growing and changing; your input shapes how we plan for those changes.

Our goal is to serve you, but we can't do that if you don't tell us what you're thinking.

What if I don't know anything about transportation?

That's OK. You are the expert on your commute, where you see safety issues, and your needs and preferences. That expertise helps shape:

- The long-range transportation plan—what improvements we need in the next 20 - 30 years
- Specific transportation improvements planned for the next 5 - 7 years
- Other plans and studies that impact the future of the Treasure Valley

Does COMPASS really care what I think?

Yes! We really do want your input and we really do use it.

While every comment may not result in a specific action, what you want and **why** help paint a more complete picture of the direction you want to see your valley moving.

We also share your comments with our regional partners to ensure your input is heard by all agencies working on a project.



How do you use my input?

How we use your input depends on the type of plan, study, or budget and where COMPASS is in the planning process.

At the beginning:

Why? Public input shapes the direction of a plan, study, or budget. You tell us what you are most concerned about, what your needs are, or how you see the future. This information helps shape the outcomes of the project.

How? We often use surveys to understand your needs and priorities. This is the easiest and quickest type of involvement; we are just asking you to tell us what you think.

In the middle:

Why? Typically, this type of input is requested with longer-term plans or studies, to provide a chance to “check in” to share what we’ve done so far and to see if you think we are going the right direction. If we are not, we have the chance to make changes before getting too far down the road.

How? This often involves one-on-one conversations and/or a comment form. We may host open houses, or you may find us at public events or giving presentations to community groups.

At the end:

Why? We want your feedback on a nearly complete draft of a final plan, study, or budget. At this stage, input received during previous stages has been incorporated. Changes made at this point in the planning process are usually the most nuanced or specific.

How? This normally involves COMPASS sharing a draft plan or document and asking you to review it and share your feedback. This type of involvement usually requires more time and effort on your part.

But wait! There's more...

Despite the best of planning, things change. When that happens, we ask for your opinion before we update something that has already been adopted.

