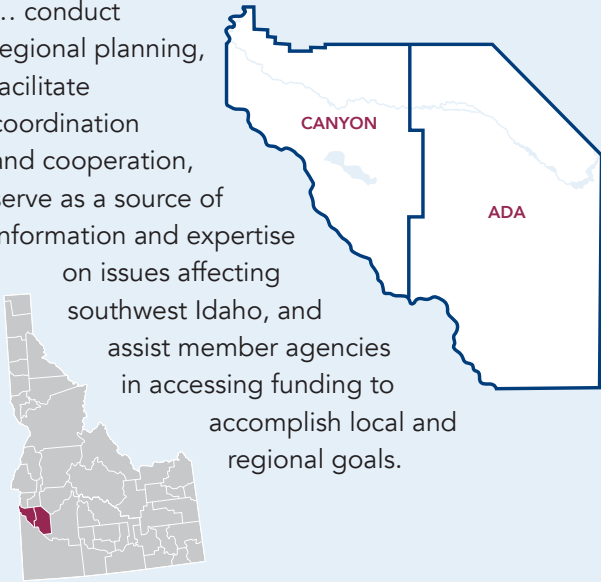


What, and who, is COMPASS?

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is an association of local governments working together to plan for the future of the Treasure Valley.

COMPASS' mission 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.



The agency serves as the metropolitan planning organization—MPO—for Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho, and is a voluntary, member-based organization.

The COMPASS Board of Directors, representing COMPASS member agencies and comprised mainly of local elected officials, shapes the future of the region, sets long-term regional goals and priorities, and budgets federal transportation funds to meet those goals.

How do I request COMPASS assistance?

- Look up your topic on the COMPASS website (compassidaho.org) and contact the person listed under “Contact Us About This Topic.”
- Use the staff directory (compassidaho.org/staff/) to find the appropriate staff member.
- Call 208-855-2558 or email info@compassidaho.org to be connected to a staff member who can assist you.

Have a big project?

Assistance of more than five days of COMPASS staff time requires a formal request.

Requests for assistance for the next fiscal year are solicited annually, then prioritized and budgeted. Contact info@compassidaho.org for more information.

Learn more: compassidaho.org/request-for-information-and-services/

Not a member?

For a fee, COMPASS can provide you many of the same services we provide our members.

If you represent a public agency in Ada or Canyon Counties, consider joining COMPASS to avail yourself of these member services at no additional cost.

Contact COMPASS to learn more.



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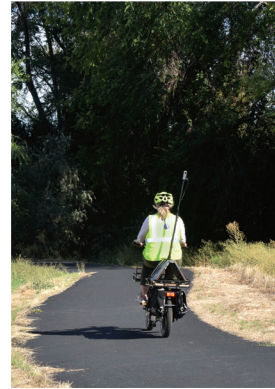


Why Belong to COMPASS?

Be Part of the Conversation

COMPASS is *the* forum for regional collaboration in southwest Idaho that helps maintain a healthy and economically vibrant region and is the only entity in southwest Idaho where membership is open to all public agencies.

As the region's metropolitan planning organization, COMPASS shapes the future by directing where and how federal transportation funds will be spent in Ada and Canyon Counties.



Enjoy a Seat at the Table

The COMPASS Board of Directors makes decisions that affect the entire region. Each dues-paying member agency has a seat at the table—a voice and a vote—ensuring that their jurisdiction's needs and concerns are considered.

Choosing not to participate leaves important regional decisions in the hands of others.

In addition to a seat on the COMPASS Board, COMPASS membership provides member agencies an opportunity to participate in technical deliberations and recommendations that lead to key regional decisions.



Access Member Services

Member agencies have access to most COMPASS services and data at no additional cost. The same state-of-the-art technology used by COMPASS for regional projects is available as a resource to members for individual projects, saving member agencies money, time, and resources.

Membership provides access to:

- Grant writing assistance and letters of support
- Traffic volume and congestion data
- Interactive and static custom mapping and GIS data, analysis, and visualization tools
- Meeting facilitation services
- Orthophotography
- Analysis of the fiscal impact of proposed developments on public agencies
- Bicycle and pedestrian counts
- Demographic data, estimates, and forecasts
- Travel demand modeling, including benefit/cost analyses
- Pathway condition data
- More!



COMPASS also has an in-house Government Affairs Coordinator who shares regional needs and priorities with Idaho's legislators and congressional delegation and keeps COMPASS Board members up-to-date on key legislative issues.



While COMPASS is mainly known for its role in transportation planning, policy, and funding, it also has the authority and expertise to conduct and coordinate a variety of other planning services at the discretion of the COMPASS Board of Directors.