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COMPASS Launches Public Survey to Help Guide Regional Safety Action Plan

Meridian, Idaho – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is seeking public feedback on transportation safety in the Treasure Valley as it works with state and local partners to develop the area's first Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP). COMPASS publicly launched efforts to develop the plan this month on the RSAP's dedicated webpage at compassidaho.org/safety.

Community members in the Treasure Valley are invited to learn more about the RSAP and respond to an online survey at <u>compassidaho.org/safety</u>. The survey aims to garner the public's perspective on transportation safety in the region to help identify challenges and trends to be addressed in the plan.

"The Regional Safety Action Plan must reflect the community's concerns and priorities for transportation safety in the Treasure Valley," said Hunter Mulhall, Principal Planner at COMPASS and project manager for the RSAP. "Transportation deaths and serious injuries are preventable, and our goal is that the RSAP be a catalyst to making roadways safer throughout Ada and Canyon Counties. Incorporating the community's feedback into the plan will help deliver a plan that best suits travelers' needs."

COMPASS was awarded a Safe Streets and Roads for All planning grant in 2023 which provided the necessary resources to create a robust regional safety plan in collaboration with COMPASS' member agencies and other local partners.

Over the past several months, COMPASS has been laying the groundwork for development of the plan, including establishing the Safety Working Group – comprised of state agencies, counties, cities, law enforcement, and local highway districts – and analyzing available data to better understand the current transportation safety landscape. Seeking the public's feedback is the next phase of work as the project moves into identifying strategies to mitigate safety risks on streets and roads across southwest Idaho.

To take the survey, please visit <u>compassidaho.org/safety</u> and click the "Take RSAP Safety Survey Here" button. The survey is available in both English and Spanish and will be open through Friday, April 5, 2024.