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Long-Range Transportation Plan for Ada and Canyon Counties Adopted by COMPASS Board of Directors

Meridian, ID – The [Board of Directors](#) of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) adopted the next regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties in its Board meeting on Monday, December 19. The newly adopted plan – *Communities in Motion 2050* – replaces the previous plan, which was adopted in 2018.

Communities in Motion 2050 forecasts anticipated growth in the two counties to the year 2050, then plans a transportation system to support that future population. It outlines transportation projects that are anticipated to be funded by 2050 for roadways, public transportation, and regional pathways, and also identifies additional unfunded transportation needs.

“COMPASS anticipates a population of nearly 1.1 million people in Ada and Canyon Counties by 2050,” explains COMPASS Principal Planner and project manager Liisa Itkonen. “While nearly 30 years away, planning for 2050 today is paramount. It can take years, sometimes even decades, to secure funding and plan and design a project before any dirt is turned or equipment is purchased.

“The transportation projects identified in the plan were selected to meet present and future capacity needs, improve safety, adapt to growth and changing demographics, and provide options for getting around; however, there is not enough funding to meet all needs. The region is \$193 million short of meeting transportation needs each year to 2050.”

COMPASS and its [member agencies](#) will now begin work to implement the plan to meet the objectives of the plan’s four goal areas – safety, economic vitality, convenience, and quality of life – while also working to secure additional funding to meet priority unfunded needs.

Communities in Motion 2050 can be found online at <https://cim2050.compassidaho.org/>. The web-based plan provides high-level overviews of the topics covered in the plan, as well as links to technical documents that discuss each topic in detail. To receive a paper copy of the plan, contact COMPASS at 208/855-2558 or info@compassidaho.org.