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## **COMPASS Education Series Presents: Utah's Road Usage Charge Story**

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) has identified a \$193 million annual shortfall in transportation funding for Ada and Canyon Counties to the year 2050.

Multiple issues contribute to this extreme funding gap; one of them is the decreasing buying power of the fuel tax. The fuel tax was designed to be an “user pay” means of funding the transportation system, but as vehicles become increasingly fuel efficient – or use electric power instead of traditional “fuel” – this system is failing to keep up with funding needs.

To help address this challenge, in 2020, Utah implemented a road usage charge program to help offset its declining transportation funding. In Utah’s program, drivers of alternative fuel vehicles, such as electric vehicles, have the option to pay a mileage-based road usage charge in lieu of an additional alternative fuel vehicle fee, similar to Idaho’s additional registration fee of \$140 for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Could something similar work in Idaho? To better understand why Utah chose to implement this program, and how it works, COMPASS is hosting Utah’s Road Usage Charge Program Manager Daryl Ballantyne to share Utah’s road usage charge story. All are invited.

- Monday, February 3, 2025
- COMPASS; 700 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Meridian (first floor Board room)
- 5:30 pm reception
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm presentation
- **FREE!** Please RSVP to [jgallup@compassidaho.org](mailto:jgallup@compassidaho.org) or 208/475-2226

COMPASS will also host Mr. Ballantyne for a more technical presentation, “The Nuts and Bolts of Utah’s Road Usage Charge Program,” on Tuesday, February 4, from 9:00 am – 10:30 am at the same location. This presentation is also free and open to the public.

This presentation is being offered by COMPASS as part of its annual education series. For more information, visit <https://compassidaho.org/public-events/#EdSeries>.

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