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COMPASS Board of Directors Appoints New Executive Director

Meridian, ID – The Board of Directors of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) announced the appointment of Craig Raborn as the new COMPASS Executive Director in a special Board meeting on January 13, 2025, following a nationwide search.

“We are pleased to welcome Craig to COMPASS and the Treasure Valley,” states COMPASS Immediate Past Chair Trevor Chadwick, who led the search. “Craig brings a breadth of experience in regional planning and public policy and will provide new perspectives to COMPASS leadership.”

Raborn comes to the Treasure Valley from Houston, TX, where he served as the Director of the Houston-Galveston Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Prior to Houston, Raborn was the Director of the Las Vegas, NV, MPO and worked at the Kingman, AZ, Council of Governments as the Transportation Program Manager. Raborn has also served as a policy researcher and analyst across multiple planning disciplines. He is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners and is a graduate of Kansas State University and the University of Texas at Austin.

Raborn will lead a staff of 19 and oversee the agency’s policies and programs as it plans for the future of the Treasure Valley at the direction of the Board of Directors. He will take the reins on February 17, 2025, following the retirement of Executive Director Matt Stoll, who will retire on February 14, after nearly 23 years with the agency.

“Matt will be leaving big shoes to fill, but I am confident that Craig will be up to the challenge,” states COMPASS Board Chair Jay Gibbons. “I look forward to working with him as COMPASS, and the Treasure Valley, look toward the future.”

“I am grateful to the COMPASS Board for this opportunity and humbled by the trust they have placed in me. I’m eager to get settled in the region, get to know my Board members and staff, and hit the ground running on February 17,” shares Raborn.

COMPASS serves as the MPO for Ada and Canyon Counties and 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. Led by a Board of Directors comprised of local elected officials, COMPASS conducts regional transportation planning, budgets federal transportation funds, and assists its member agencies in implementing developed plans.

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