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COMPASS Board Adopts Updated Long-Range Transportation Plan and Establishes 2019 Legislative Session Priorities

Meridian, ID – The Board of Directors of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) adopted an updated long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*, in its Board meeting on December 17, 2018. In the same meeting, the Board also established its priorities for the 2019 Idaho legislative session.

Communities in Motion 2040 2.0 (<http://compassidaho.org/CIM2040-2.0/>) plans to the year 2040 and will be used to guide transportation investments and related land use and other decisions in Ada and Canyon Counties. A long-range transportation plan, such as *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*, is required for the area to receive federal transportation funding. The plan identifies a **\$235 million per year transportation funding shortfall** in Ada and Canyon Counties and prioritizes the unfunded transportation projects that comprise that shortfall.

COMPASS' 2019 Idaho legislative priorities, also approved by the COMPASS Board of Directors on December 17, reflect this funding shortfall:

- Transportation Revenue
The COMPASS Board of Directors supports increasing and diversifying dedicated revenue for state and local transportation systems, including for transit and alternative transportation modes.
- Extend "Surplus Eliminator" Provision for Transportation
The COMPASS Board of Directors supports extending the "surplus eliminator" transportation funding mechanism and maintaining a 60/40 state/local share of those funds. Legislation should also allow such funds to be used for expansion projects to address safety and economic opportunity needs.
- Local Option Sales Tax Authority
The COMPASS Board of Directors strongly supports local option sales tax authority legislation.
- Regional Public Transportation Authority Funding Alternatives
The COMPASS Board of Directors supports a voter-approved property tax funding mechanism for Idaho's Regional Public Transportation Authorities.
- High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes
The COMPASS Board of Directors supports statutory authority to allow utilization of High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on state and local highways.
- Safe Routes to Schools
The COMPASS Board of Directors endorses state support for safe, community-oriented non-motorized transportation.

The full text of COMPASS' state legislative position statements, as well as COMPASS' 2019 federal positions statements, can be found at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/legislative.htm>.

The COMPASS Board of Directors is comprised primarily of local elected officials representing COMPASS member agencies – cities, counties, highway districts, and other government entities in Ada and Canyon Counties.