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COMPASS Board of Directors Establishes 2022 Legislative Session Priorities

Meridian, ID – The Board of Directors of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) established its priorities for the 2022 Idaho legislative session in its December 2021 Board meeting.

COMPASS' 2022 Idaho legislative position statements focus on transportation funding and policy:

- **Transportation Funding**
 - Increase the state motor fuels excise tax
 - Index the state motor fuels excise tax to the rate of inflation
 - Consider alternative user-charge concepts
 - Support local option sales tax authority
 - Support dedicated funding for public transportation
 - Support dedicated funding for safe, community-oriented bicycle and pedestrian options
- **Transportation Policy**
 - Support removing the new property tax cap, which limits agencies' ability to meet local infrastructure needs
 - Support statutory authority to implement high-occupancy vehicle lanes
 - Support the formation of, and Idaho's participation in, an interstate rail commission
 - Support changes to impact fee statutes to allow for additional flexibility

The full text of COMPASS' state legislative position statements, as well as COMPASS' 2022 federal position statements, can be found at www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/legislative.htm.

In other business, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the regional long-range transportation plan and the FY2021-2027 and FY2022-2028 Regional Transportation Improvement Programs, adopted a Complete Network Policy, and recognized 2021 Leadership in Motion award recipients.

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.