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COMPASS Board of Directors Establishes 2023 Legislative Session Priorities

Meridian, ID – The Board of Directors of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) established its priorities for the 2023 Idaho legislative session in its December 2022 Board meeting.

COMPASS' 2023 Idaho legislative position statements focus on transportation funding and policy:

- Transportation Funding
 - Increase the state motor fuels excise tax
 - Explore 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 property tax cap that limits agencies' ability to meet local infrastructure needs
 - Support statutory authority to allow the consideration of high-occupancy vehicle lanes where appropriate
 - Encourage Idaho's participation in activities in support of restoring passenger rail service to the state
 - Support changes to impact fee statutes to allow for additional flexibility
 - Support improved coordination and cooperation between the Idaho Transportation Department and local governments regarding speed limits on state highways

The full text of COMPASS' state legislative position statements, as well as COMPASS' 2023 federal position statements, can be found at 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.

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