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COMPASS Board Accepts Annual Population Estimates: City of Nampa Tops 100,000

Meridian, ID – The Board of Directors of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) accepted the 2019 population estimates for Ada and Canyon Counties in its Board meeting on April 15, 2019.

The 2019 estimates shows the City of Nampa has surpassed 100,000 – with a current estimated population of 102,030. It is only the third city in Idaho to reach this milestone. The City of Meridian, with a current estimated population of 114,680 surpassed 100,000 just last year. The City of Boise’s 2019 estimated population is 236,310, while the total population for Ada and Canyon Counties combined is estimated at 712,200.

“The City of Nampa has nearly doubled in size since the 2000 Census,” states COMPASS Principal Planner and demographer Carl Miller. “In 2000 — only 19 years ago — the City of Nampa had a population of just under 52,000.”

COMPASS updates its population estimates as of April 1 of each year using the most recent decennial Census count (2010) as the base. Building from this, COMPASS updates the information using local building construction permits, revised household sizes and vacancy rates, and recent annexations (expansions of city limits). COMPASS will update its “baseline” data again following the 2020 Census.

“A complete count in the 2020 Census will be a key factor in ensuring our annual population estimates continue to be accurate as well,” explains Miller. “COMPASS is already working with local agencies and organizations throughout the Treasure Valley, as well as the US Census Bureau, to help ensure everyone is counted in 2020.”

The 2019 population estimates can be found on the COMPASS website at www.compassidaho.org; follow link under “Hot Topics.”