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## **COMPASS Education Series Presents: High-Capacity Transit in the Treasure Valley ... What Would it Take?**

*Meridian, ID* – Could a high-capacity transit system parallel to I-84 “work” in the Treasure Valley? Where exactly would it go? What would it look like? How much would it cost? What is “high-capacity transit” anyway?

Join the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho, COMPASS, as we welcome AECOM Vice President Bob Post to address questions such as these in COMPASS’ first education series presentation of 2021.

COMPASS is exploring what it would take to provide high-capacity transit service from Caldwell to Nampa, Meridian, and Boise. While a service such as this is still 20 or more years away, the time to plan for it is now. To that end, COMPASS recently commissioned AECOM to update a previous study on high-capacity transit service, focusing on how different types of transit (light rail, commuter rail, or bus rapid transit) and different routes could meet regional goals.

Attend this virtual presentation to learn what future high-capacity transit service in the Treasure Valley could look like, including study results, recommendations, and next steps. Please RSVP to receive a sign-in link.

- Tuesday, January 26, 2021
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- FREE!
- Online only: Please RSVP to [htownsend@compassidaho.org](mailto:htownsend@compassidaho.org) or 208/475-2232 to receive the registration link
- Learn more: Read the 2020 *Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study Update* report; find the link at [www.compassidaho.org](http://www.compassidaho.org).

In addition, COMPASS is asking Ada and Canyon County residents to participate in a survey to share needs and preferences for future high-capacity transit. That input will be used in conjunction with results of the 2020 *Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study* to further refine next steps. Find the survey link at [www.compassidaho.org](http://www.compassidaho.org). Participate by February 27, 2021.

Bob Post, Vice President of AECOM, has over 50 years of experience in the transportation industry. With AECOM, Bob has served as a leader in the firm’s transit practice, leading a wide range of transit planning and design projects. Post has led the study and implementation of a full range of transit alternatives including bus, bus rapid transit, light rail, streetcar, and commuter rail projects.

This presentation is being offered by COMPASS as part of its annual education series. For more information, visit [http://www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents\\_2021\\_ed\\_series.html](http://www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents_2021_ed_series.html).