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COMPASS Launches Resilience Improvement Plan to Strengthen Transportation Infrastructure

Meridian, Idaho – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is launching a project to develop a regional Resilience Improvement Plan aimed at making the region's transportation infrastructure more resilient to natural hazards and extreme weather events.

To develop the plan, the project team will analyze the vulnerability and criticality of the region's roads, bridges, and other key components of the transportation system. The vulnerability analysis will evaluate the transportation system to determine which portions are most likely to be impacted by natural hazards such as wildfire, flooding, and landslides. The criticality portion will assess the level of impact an extreme event may have on different portions of the transportation system by considering factors such as average traffic counts, freight volumes, and access to key destinations, among others.

The project is expected to be completed by March 2026, delivering an implementation plan that identifies and prioritizes the most vulnerable and critical parts of the transportation system so these components can be designed or improved to better withstand natural disasters and recover faster. The plan will then be used by local agencies, municipalities, and regional transportation partners in planning, design, and maintenance efforts. The project team will also host a public-facing website to present findings, share key takeaways, and visually communicate challenges and strategies.

"Severe weather and natural disasters are a reality we face in southwest Idaho," said Austin Miller, Principal Planner at COMPASS and project manager for the plan. "The Resilience Improvement Plan is about making sure that our transportation system remains safe and accessible when our communities need it the most."

To guide the process, COMPASS recently convened the Resilience Working Group, comprising a diverse set of experts from municipalities, emergency response, transportation, law enforcement, resource management, and other agencies.

For more information on the COMPASS Resilience Improvement Plan or to contact the project team, visit compassidaho.org/resilience.

COMPASS is the forum for regional collaboration in southwest Idaho that helps maintain a healthy and economically vibrant region, offering people choices in how and where they live, work, play, and travel. Among other programs, COMPASS conducts regional transportation planning and budgets federal transportation funding for Ada and Canyon Counties.

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