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COMPASS Education Series Presents: **Passenger Rail: Lessons from the Salt Lake Valley**

Meridian, ID – Will Treasure Valley residents be able to ride a train to work someday? What would it take to make that happen?

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is tackling that issue and has invited Steve Meyer, Interim Executive Director of the Utah Transit Authority, to share Utah's experiences in developing the Salt Lake Valley's rail system.

Mr. Meyer will present on lessons learned from the Salt Lake Valley on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, as part of the 2018 COMPASS education series. All are invited to attend this presentation and participate in a lively discussion on the future of passenger rail in the Treasure Valley.

- Wednesday, June 6, 2018
- COMPASS; 700 NE 2nd Street, Meridian (first floor Board room)
- 5:30 pm reception
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm presentation
- **FREE!** Please RSVP to htownsend@compassidaho.org or 208/475-2232

Mr. Meyer will also lead a technical workshop, "Creating a Multi-Modal Transportation System: Applying Lessons from the Salt Lake Valley," on Thursday, June 7, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the same location. This workshop is also free and open to the public, but will have a more technical focus. Please RSVP as above.

Steve Meyer has over 35 years of experience in the transportation industry and has been with the Utah Transit Authority since 2002. Steve oversaw the completion of the Salt Lake Valley's FrontLines 2015 program, which added 70 miles of new rail transit. The program was completed for \$2.5 billion; \$300 million under budget and two years ahead of schedule.

Mr. Meyer has a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Idaho and is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Utah. Prior to his career at the Utah Transit Authority, he spent three years with a construction contractor, five years with state and local transportation agencies, and 12 years with transportation consulting firms.

This presentation is being offered by COMPASS as part of its annual education series. For more information, visit www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents_2018_ed_series.html.