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COMPASS Executive Director Matt Stoll Announces Retirement

Meridian, ID — Matt Stoll, the Executive Director of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS), has announced he will be retiring in February 2025 after 23 years of service to the agency.

Stoll joined COMPASS as Director of Transportation and Air Quality in 2002 and has served as Executive Director since 2004. Under his leadership, COMPASS has focused on developing and retaining collaborative and cooperative partnerships with communities throughout Ada and Canyon Counties, and with local, state, and federal planning agencies. He is widely respected for his ability to facilitate solutions that benefit the entire region.

Stoll's collaborative leadership has helped the Treasure Valley maintain a high quality of life through explosive growth. He leads with a thoughtful balance of taking a long view and staying the course through both "booms" and "busts," while also anticipating and proactively responding to the changing needs of the region. Through Stoll's vision, COMPASS has evolved to better serve the residents of Ada and Canyon Counties, including:

- Adding a full-time grant writer to help bring additional financial resources into the region – resulting in a \$90 million grant to widen I-84 in Canyon County
- Installing and managing a system of bicycle and pedestrian counters and a "data bike" program to measure the level of use and quality of regional pathways
- Implementing a fiscal impact tool to evaluate the public costs and benefits of proposed developments
- Developing a Regional Safety Action Plan to help move the region toward a goal of zero transportation-related deaths
- Planning for future high-capacity transit between Caldwell and Boise

Moreover, Stoll has working tirelessly to improve safety and meet the transportation needs of current and future residents by overseeing the completion of five regional long-range transportation plans and tirelessly advocating for sufficient funding for all transportation modes.

In addition, under Stoll's leadership, COMPASS took on the management and administrative functions for the Ada County Air Quality Board in 2019. Stoll served as the Executive Director through 2023, guiding the agency to a smooth dissolution after legal requirements for its existence had been met.

"COMPASS' accomplishments and successes over the years are the result of partnerships with, and the hard work of, our member agencies, state and national leaders, and COMPASS staff," states Stoll. "No one person can, nor should, claim credit for the efforts of all of our partners. I am confident my successor will have tremendous support through the strength of the COMPASS management team, staff, and Board of Directors.

"It is time for me to embark on my next adventure in life. My wife, Silvana, will be retiring from the Boise School District at the end of the 2024/2025 school year, and we have many long-deferred trips planned together. In between those trips you will find me breaking clays on a skeet field, casting a fly on a river, or following my bird dog in the chukar hills while I contemplate the next phase of my professional career."

Prior to COMPASS, Stoll worked in the air quality program at the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for nine years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography from the State University of New York, College at Geneseo and a Master of Arts degree in geography from Arizona State University.

"Matt effectively and efficiently manages all aspects of planning for the future of the Treasure Valley," states COMPASS Board Chair Star Mayor Trevor Chadwick. "He will be missed, but his leadership will reverberate throughout the region for decades to come."