



## *Working together to plan for the future*

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### **COMPASS Survey Results: *A Lot Can Change in 30 Years***

*Meridian, ID* – From September 11 through November 3, 2019, the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) asked Ada and Canyon County residents about their views of the future, from housing and neighborhood preferences, to work arrangements, to thoughts on new technologies.

Over 3,700 individuals from all walks of life participated in the five-minute survey, providing a broad spectrum of views and opinions.

Highlights of survey results include:

- ✓ 55% of respondents see themselves living in a “house on a larger lot” in the future; more than all other housing types (house on a smaller lot, apartment/condo, or shared housing) combined.
- ✓ When asked about innovations they would like to see more of, 60% of respondents said they would like to see farming methods that grow more food on less land, dwarfing other choices of telehealth (22%), automation (10%), and 3D printing (8%).
- ✓ Over 50% of respondents said it was “likely” or “very likely” that in the future their profession would allow for flexible work arrangements, such as compressed work weeks, telecommuting, or alternative work schedules.
- ✓ 32% of respondents said they would be “likely” or “very likely” to use autonomous vehicles or personal rideable technology (e.g., e-scooters) in the future; conversely, 52% of respondents said they would be “unlikely” or “very unlikely” to use them.

“We know a lot will change in the next 30 years,” explains COMPASS Principal Planner Carl Miller. “These survey results will help us better understand what those changes may look like.

“We will use them as we develop a handful of plausible alternative ‘scenarios’ of how the valley may grow and change by 2050. We will then go to the public again to ask for input on those different scenarios. That input will help inform the assumptions we will use as the basis for the next long-range transportation plan. Public input is key to ensuring that the future we are planning for truly aligns with the future that residents see for themselves.”

All quantitative results are provided on the COMPASS website at [www.compassidaho.org](http://www.compassidaho.org); follow the link under “Hot Topics.” Over 5,600 open-ended comments were received as part of the survey. They will be posted in the same location shortly.

Watch for the follow-up survey on alternative “scenarios” in spring 2020.