



COMPASS Survey Results: High-Capacity Transit

Meridian, ID – From January 19 through February 27, 2021, over 11,700 people responded to a survey to share their needs and preferences for a potential future high-capacity transit system from Caldwell to Boise. The survey was the third in a series of surveys conducted by the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) to inform an update of Ada and Canyon Counties' regional long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion*.

"The first two surveys indicated that there was interest in a high-capacity transit system for the Treasure Valley," explains COMPASS Associate Planner Rachel Haukkala. "This third survey was designed to dive deeper into what residents would want and need from that type of service to help us narrow potential options as we update the long-range transportation plan to look to the year 2050."

Highlights of survey results include:

- 39% of respondents would use high-capacity transit primarily to get to work or school, while 32% would use it primarily for social events or a night out.
- Stop locations (41%) and schedule (25%) would be the most important factors in a choice to use high-capacity transit.
- 92% would support or use high-capacity transit at least occasionally if it met their needs; 6% would neither use it nor support it. The remaining 2% indicated they would need more information to answer.

"The process to plan and build a high-capacity transit system takes decades," explains Haukkala. "While the survey results were predominantly in favor of high-capacity transit, it will still be many years before final decisions are made or a system is in place. Any future plans would include significant additional public input and would need public support for funding."

The over 11,700 individuals who participated in the survey represent all walks of life and provide a broad spectrum of views and opinions. All quantitative results are provided on the COMPASS website at www.compassidaho.org; follow the link under "Hot Topics." Numerous open-ended comments were also received as part of the survey. They will be posted in the same location shortly.