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COMPASS Public Participation Workgroup Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

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The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is an association of cities, counties, highway districts, and other government agencies who plan for the future of Ada and Canyon Counties.

COMPASS shapes the future of the region by developing the regional long-range transportation plan for the two-county area ([Communities in Motion](#)), facilitating regional cooperation, and directing where and how federal transportation funds will be spent in Ada and Canyon Counties. While COMPASS does not own buses or build roads, it is COMPASS' responsibility to ensure that when federal transportation dollars are spent in Ada and Canyon Counties, the projects benefit the region as a whole. Learn more about COMPASS at <https://compassidaho.org/>.

The COMPASS Public Participation Workgroup (PPW) advises COMPASS staff on public participation and outreach activities, serves as a conduit for sharing information from COMPASS with Ada and Canyon County residents, and provides a forum for communication staff from COMPASS member agencies to share information, assist one another in public participation and outreach activities, collaborate on regional projects, and receive input on outreach activities from the general public and interested stakeholders. It is comprised of communication professionals from COMPASS member agencies, up to four members of the public, and one member of the news media.

The workgroup meets on an as-needed basis at the COMPASS office in downtown Meridian, generally three to five times per year. Meetings typically last two hours. Information on PPW and other COMPASS workgroups can be found at <https://compassidaho.org/workgroups/>. The PPW workgroup charter can be found on the same web page.

Persons interested in becoming a public or news media member of the COMPASS PPW are encouraged to review the workgroup charter (see link above) and contact COMPASS to schedule a meeting to discuss COMPASS and the PPW in more detail before submitting an application.

To apply for membership, please respond to the questions on the back of this page and return this application form to the address below. COMPASS will review your application in light of existing PPW membership needs. Vacant spots on the PPW are filled as they become available.

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1. I am applying as a (check one):

Member of the public

Member of the news media (News outlet: _____)

2. Are you employed at a COMPASS member agency? (See <https://compassidaho.org/compass-members/>).

Yes

No

If "yes," in what capacity?

3. Why are you interested in becoming a member of the COMPASS PPW?

4. COMPASS strives to reach out to all residents of Ada and Canyon Counties, but despite these efforts there are certain populations that are frequently underrepresented in participating in COMPASS activities or commenting on COMPASS plans or projects. COMPASS is looking for PPW members who are members of, or advocates for, underrepresented populations to assist us in engaging all residents. **Are you a member of, serve as a representative or advocate for, or have contacts with, any of the following populations? (Please check all that apply)**

- *Individuals with disabilities*
- *Low-income individuals*
- *Youth/young adults (under age 25)*
- *Racial or ethnic minorities*
- *Refugees*
- *Individuals with limited English proficiency*

If "yes," please explain.

5. Similarly, COMPASS strives to reach out to residents living and working throughout all of Ada and Canyon Counties. To help ensure we have representation across the entire geographic area, **please check the statement that best describes where you live and work.**

- I live and work/go to school (if applicable) in Canyon County
- I live and work/go to school (if applicable) in Ada County
- I live in Canyon County and work/go to school (if applicable) in Ada County
- I live in Ada County and work/go to school (if applicable) in Canyon County

6. The workgroup meets on an as-needed basis at the COMPASS office in downtown Meridian — usually three to five times per year. Meetings typically last two hours. While the PPW does not require a significant time commitment, consistent participation is key providing meaningful input to COMPASS.

Yes! I am willing and able to commit the time to being an active workgroup member.
(Please check)

7. If there are no vacancies on the PPW at this time, **do you want COMPASS to hold your application to be considered for future vacancies?**

Yes

No