

## Leadership in Practice, Citizen/Volunteer

### Recipient:

Janie Burns, Chair, Treasure Valley Food Coalition

### Description:

Janie Burns has demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to furthering the goals of the regional long-range transportation plan through her work and volunteer activities.

In her role as the Chair of the Treasure Valley Food Coalition, Janie has helped demonstrate the value of local agriculture and the food economy in the Treasure Valley and thus has supported the *Communities in Motion 2035* goal of minimizing transportation impacts to people, cultural resources, and the environment through preservation of open space and farmland. She is an active community member and volunteer who helps inform citizens and decision-makers about the importance of local agriculture and farmland preservation to the region's economy and well-being.

In addition to Janie's work throughout the community on initiatives such as "20% by the Year 2020" and the Tomato Independence Project, she is also an active member of the COMPASS *Communities in Motion 2040* Planning Team to help develop the next regional long-range transportation plan. Her participation has contributed to more informed discussions about the linkages between transportation planning and farmland preservation. This has helped COMPASS member agencies better coordinate their transportation and land use planning efforts to achieve the goals of the regional long-range transportation plan.