

**News Release**

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## **Treasure Valley Jurisdictions Receive \$28.6 Million in Federal Transportation Grants**

*Meridian, ID* – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is excited to share that the Cities of Nampa and Boise have been awarded a combined \$28.6 million in competitive federal funding from the BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grant program to address critical transportation challenges and support future growth in the region.

“As the regional transportation planning agency, COMPASS is thrilled that the Cities of Nampa and Boise were successful in securing this significant grant funding,” states COMPASS Executive Director Craig Raborn. “Their two grants – one for construction and one for planning – will help fill the regional transportation funding gap, which we now conservatively estimate at \$300 million per year in Ada and Canyon Counties.”

The City of Nampa received a \$22.99 million grant for construction for its Northside Corridor Community Connectivity and Safety Improvements project, which will replace the Broadmore Way bridge over Indian Creek, and enhance safety through other on-the-ground improvements, including adding new traffic signals, pedestrian crossings, and lighting along the Northside Corridor.

To aid in planning for a future east-west extension of Lake Hazel Road, south of the Boise Airport, the City of Boise received \$5.6 million to help refine the ultimate alignment (location) of the future roadway, conduct an environmental screening, study potential railroad crossings, and prepare a phased implementation plan to prepare the project for future capital investment.

“Working with our member agencies, such as the Cities of Nampa and Boise, to aggressively pursue competitive grants is one of COMPASS’ strategies to help fill our transportation funding gap,” explains Raborn. “Our full-time grant writer helps our members identify grant opportunities, reviews and writes grants, and helps secure letters of support for our members from Idaho’s Congressional delegation and other key leaders.

“COMPASS’ extensive data repository also provides members with the information they need to successfully compete on a national level. For example, the City of Nampa was able to draw on COMPASS’ identified ‘high injury network,’ which highlights corridors with characteristics that make them particularly susceptible to serious injury or fatal crashes, to bolster its case for why safety improvements on the Northside Corridor cannot wait.

“Congratulations again to the Cities of Nampa and Boise; your BUILD projects will benefit not just your individual cities, but the region as a whole” extols Raborn.

COMPASS is the forum for regional collaboration in southwest Idaho that helps maintain a healthy and economically vibrant region, offering people choices in how and where they live, work, play, and travel.

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