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COMPASS Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Transportation Projects

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is seeking public comment on a draft seven-year budget of transportation projects in Ada and Canyon Counties and on a proposed amendment to [Communities in Motion 2040 2.0](#), the regional long-range transportation plan for the two-county area. Comments will be accepted through Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

“The budget, called the regional transportation improvement program, or ‘TIP,’ outlines how federal, state, and, in some cases, local transportation funding will be spent over the next seven years in Ada and Canyon Counties,” explains COMPASS Principal Planner Toni Tisdale. “The funding supports a range of projects from building and maintaining roads, to buying buses and commuter vans, to adding pathways.”

Each project in the TIP includes a brief description, information on costs and funding, and more. It is updated annually, with new projects typically added to the “end” of the budget. Projects then advance through the budget as time passes. The entire list of projects can be found [online](#) (see below); a small sample includes:

- Constructing a new portion of State Highway 16 from US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard) to Interstate 84.
- Replacing public transportation vehicles (buses and vans) in Ada and Canyon Counties.
- Widening portions of US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard) in Ada and Canyon Counties, Cole Road in the City of Boise, and State Highway 55 (Karcher Road) in Canyon County.
- Constructing a multi-use pathway in the City of Boise and a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the north channel of the Boise River in the City of Eagle.

In addition, several changes to the list of “funded” projects in *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* are proposed. Review the proposed changes, located with the TIP project list [online](#) (see below), and let COMPASS know if you agree, or disagree, with them.

COMPASS is also accepting comments on an air quality conformity demonstration for northern Ada County conducted on the draft TIP and changes to *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*. This required demonstration must show that the projects will not cause the area to exceed established air pollution “budgets.”

Learn more and submit comments:

- Online: www.compassidaho.org (follow link to “public comment”)
- By mail or email:
 - Email comments to info@compassidaho.org
 - Mail comments to COMPASS, 700 NE 2nd Street, Suite 200, Meridian, ID 83642
 - Call or email to request materials be mailed to you: 208/475-2232 or info@compassidaho.org
- At one of two open houses; virtual and in-person options:
 - Virtual (Online)
 - Thursday, August 12: 10:00 am
 - Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/pg/COMPASSIdaho
 - In-Person
 - Thursday, August 12: 3:00 – 6:00 pm
 - COMPASS Office: 700 NE 2nd Street, Meridian, ID, 83642

Comments must be submitted in writing and received no later than 11:59 pm, Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

Those needing assistance in submitting comments should contact COMPASS at 208/475-2229.