



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 Monday, September 14, 2020.

“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 widening the interstate, to buying buses and commuter vans, to building pathways. In addition, much of the funding is budgeted specifically to maintain the existing transportation system.”

Each project in the TIP includes a brief description, costs and funding, and information on how it relates to regional goals and performance targets. It is updated each year, with new projects typically added to the “end” of the budget – several years before they are expected to be constructed, to allow ample time for planning, design, and other preparation. Projects advance through the budget as time passes. A small sample of projects in the FY2021-2027 TIP includes:

- Widening portions of US 20/26 (Chinden Boulevard) in Ada and Canyon Counties, Cole Road in the City of Boise, and Eagle Road in the City of Meridian.
- Replacing public transportation vehicles (buses and vans) in Ada and Canyon Counties.
- Constructing a multi-use pathway in the City of Meridian and a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the north channel of the Boise River in the City of Eagle.

The entire list of projects in the TIP can be found on the COMPASS website at www.compassidaho.org.

In addition, several changes to the list of “funded” projects in *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* are proposed as an amendment to the plan; details can be found with public comment materials on COMPASS’ website. Review the proposed projects and changes in either or both documents and let COMPASS know if you agree, or disagree, with them.

COMPASS is also accepting comments on an air quality conformity demonstration 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, find the lists of projects and proposed changes, and submit comments:

- Find information online: www.compassidaho.org (follow link to “public comment”)
- Request to have materials mailed to you: 208/475-2229 or info@compassidaho.org
- Watch a pre-recorded presentation: www.facebook.com/COMPASSIdaho
- Attend one of two online public open houses with live presentations and question and answer sessions:
 - August 26, 2020
 - 12:00 pm AND 6:30 pm
 - www.facebook.com/COMPASSIdaho/

Comments must be submitted in writing and received no later than 11:59 pm, Monday, September 14, 2020. Comment online at www.compassidaho.org or direct comments and questions to COMPASS, 700 NE 2nd Street, Suite 200, Meridian, ID 83642 or info@compassidaho.org. Those needing assistance in submitting comments should contact COMPASS at 208/475-2229.