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Where Do We Grow From Here? *COMPASS Online Survey Asks How You Want to See the Valley Grow*

Meridian, ID. The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho, COMPASS, forecasts there will be 1.075 million people living in Ada and Canyon Counties by the year 2050.

Where will those people live, work, and play? Will growth be spread out? Concentrated in certain areas? Some of both? Do we want rail service connecting Caldwell to Boise? Should we widen roads? How will we pay for this growth and everything that comes with it?

COMPASS is looking for input into issues such as these to help shape the future of Ada and Canyon Counties and feed into an update to the regional long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion*.

"Last fall, over 3,700 people participated in a COMPASS survey to share how they see their lives changing over the next 30 years," explains COMPASS Principal Planner Carl Miller. "Building upon those results, and considering a forecasted population of nearly 1.1 million people, COMPASS developed four potential 'growth scenarios' for the year 2050. Each scenario represents a different way the valley could grow, from where new housing and jobs would be, to what types of transportation improvements would be needed.

"We're asking for Ada and Canyon County residents to provide us feedback on the different scenarios. Do these scenarios reflect your vision for the future of the Treasure Valley? What issues are most important to you? Do you support changes that would be needed to make the different scenarios happen?"

Review the scenarios and give your feedback through a quick, interactive survey at www.compassidaho.org. The survey will take less than 10 minutes and will remain open through Saturday, July 11.

"This input will help COMPASS make sure we are planning a transportation system that meets future needs and reflects how residents want to see the region grow," explains Miller. "The more people who respond, the better the information we will have, which means we'll be able to develop a better plan."

Log on to www.compassidaho.org to complete the online survey in English or Spanish. When you have finished, share the survey link with friends and family so everyone's voices are heard. The survey will remain open through Saturday, July 11.

Want to learn more, need assistance, or prefer to stay offline?

- Attend one of two live online presentations at www.facebook.com/COMPASSIdaho, June 11, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, or June 23, 9:00 – 10:00 am. Hear from planners and have your questions answered in real time.
- Watch a pre-recorded presentation anytime through July 11 by linking from www.compassidaho.org. Submit questions online; responses will be posted each weekday.
- Request a paper copy of the survey or ask questions at 208/475-2229 or info@compassidaho.org.

Survey results will be posted after the survey closes at www.compassidaho.org/comm/comments.htm; results from the fall 2019 survey can be found now at the same location.