



# Working together to plan for the future

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## What will Ada and Canyon Counties look like in 2050? **COMPASS Needs Your Help to Plan for the Future**

*Meridian, ID.* Planning for the future by looking through the rear view mirror only works as long as the road is straight. And...we all know the road is anything but straight.

Many, many things will change in the next 5, 10, or even 30 years that will significantly impact life in the Treasure Valley – rapid growth, changing household dynamics, new technologies, and changes in how we travel between home, work, shopping, and recreation...or if we even need to leave home at all.

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho, COMPASS, is updating its long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion*, so that the region is prepared for a future that is markedly different from today. The updated plan will look to the year 2050.

“We know life will be dramatically different in 2050 than it is today, and we need to account for those differences as we plan,” explains COMPASS Principal Planner Carl Miller. “To do that, we need help to know what those differences may be.

“We can look at nationwide trends, but the Treasure Valley is unique. We need to hear from Treasure Valley residents about how they see their own lives changing in light of new technologies, opportunities, preferences, and more,” continues Miller.

COMPASS asks that everyone who lives in Ada or Canyon Counties take five minutes to take a quick, easy, and fun interactive survey to share how they see their lives, jobs, and preferences changing in the future.

“This input from Treasure Valley residents will help COMPASS make sure we hit the mark when we are planning the future transportation system,” explains Miller.

“The only way to truly understand what the Treasure Valley may look like in the future is to ask the experts – Treasure Valley residents themselves. The more people 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](http://www.compassidaho.org) to complete the online survey, in English or Spanish, by Sunday, November 3.** When you have finished, share the survey link with your friends and family so everyone’s voices are heard.

Don’t have internet access, need assistance, or want to talk to a planner?

- Visit the COMPASS office from 8 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday, to ask questions or complete the survey
- Attend an open house to ask questions, talk to planners, and complete the survey
  - Thursday, September 26, 2019, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
  - COMPASS, 700 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Meridian
- Call COMPASS at 208/855-2558 or email [info@compassidaho.org](mailto:info@compassidaho.org) for additional assistance or questions