

NEWS RELEASE

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Community invited to

"Putting Communities in Motion into Action"

*COMPASS hosts event to thank public for support during planning process and to distribute copies of
Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030*

Meridian – COMPASS will host "Putting *Communities in Motion* into Action," a transportation planning fair to thank the public for their participation in the *Communities in Motion* planning process, to distribute Executive Summaries, maps, and CD-ROMs containing the full plan, and to share implementation strategies.

Local and state organizations will share their work and offer presentations on transportation and planning issues throughout the day (see below). As presentations are confirmed, COMPASS will post schedules, speakers and topics at www.communitiesinmotion.org/publicevents

WHERE AND WHEN?

Saturday, February 24, 2007

Anytime between 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Best Western Vista Inn at the Airport, Conference Center

2645 Airport Way, Boise

The event is free and open to the public.

For event information call COMPASS at 855-2558, ext. 231 or check the project website as it is updated, www.communitiesinmotion.org/publicevents

Exhibitors and presentations are listed below, and are subject to change.

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FACT SHEET

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EXHIBITORS

Ada County Highway District and Commuteride

Ada County Development Services

Blueprint for Good Growth project

Boise State University

Capital City Development Corporation

Central District Health

City of Boise

City of Calwell

City of Garden City

City of Meridian

City of Nampa

Community Planning Association (COMPASS)

Idaho Department of Environment Quality

Idaho Smart Growth

Idaho Transportation Department

Treasure Valley Clean Cities Coalition

Valley Regional Transit

PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

10:30 am

Sierra Room — “Communities in Motion” – Overview of the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030, Charles Trainor, COMPASS

11:00 am

Sierra Room — “Strategic Mobility: Land Use & Transport System”

Moderator: John Cunningham, COMPASS

Speakers to be confirmed.

Owyhee Room — “Open Space, Agriculture and Development”

Moderator: Ross Dodge, COMPASS

Tim Breuer, Land Trust of the Treasure Valley

Leon Jensen, Canyon County Development Services

Robert Taunton, SunCor Idaho

12:00 Noon

Sierra Room — “Transportation Funding”

Moderator: Matt Stoll, COMPASS

Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit

Katey Levhin, Ada County Highway District

Julie Pipal, Idaho Transportation Department

John Revier, Office of Representative Mike Simpson

Chuck Winder, Coalition for Public Transportation

1:00 pm

Sierra Room— “Communities in Motion” – Overview of the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030, Charles Trainor, COMPASS

Owyhee Room— “Treasure Valley Air Quality”

Leonard Herr, Department of Environmental Quality

1:30 pm

Sierra Room— “Complete Streets”

Moderator: Charles Trainor, COMPASS

Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District

Kristin Lundstrom, Ada County Highway District

Dave Selvage, Boise Parks & Recreation

2:00 pm

Owyhee Room— “Preserving Corridors for Future Transportation Needs”

Moderator: Don Matson, COMPASS

Terry Little, Ada County Highway District

Sue Sullivan, Idaho Transportation Department

2:30 pm

Sierra Room— “Communities in Motion” – Overview of the Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030, Charles Trainor, COMPASS

3:00 pm

Sierra Room— “The Changing Face of the Treasure Valley”

Moderator: Charles Trainor, COMPASS

Allan Porter, Idaho Department of Commerce

Susan Mason, Boise State University

4:00 pm

Sierra Room— “Politics and Reality”

Moderator: Matt Stoll, COMPASS

Elaine Clegg, Councilwoman, City of Boise

Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa

Matt Beebe, Commissioner, Canyon County

Rick Yzaguirre, Commissioner, Ada County

What is *Communities in Motion*?

The COMPASS Board of Directors adopted *Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030* on August 17, 2006. *Communities in Motion (CIM)* is the regional long-range transportation plan for Southwest Idaho and provides regional transportation solutions for the next twenty-plus years for Ada, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, and Payette counties. *Communities in Motion* evaluates projected population and employment growth, current and future transportation needs, safety, financial capacity, and preservation of the human and natural environment.

Communities in Motion offers a vision for land use, known as “Community Choices” and addresses:

- How land use affects transportation
- How investments in transportation influence growth
- What the transportation system supposed to achieve
- How transportation projects are selected
- How transportation projects serve regional needs

The CIM planning process identified a broad vision, community goals, objectives, and measurable tasks. This was accomplished by engaging people early in the process. Over 2000 residents, stakeholders, and elected officials participated in developing the plan. Of those who reviewed and commented on the plan in April and May, 2006, 72 percent were in support.

What steps do we take for implementation?

- Search and ensure funding streams
- Protect corridors for future needs
- Develop guidelines for how transportation routes function, look, and feel
- Refine how projects are selected
- Track changes in plans and ordinances
- Work with local governments to encourage a more compact and diverse pattern of development where appropriate
- Citizen involvement

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