



News Release

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MEDIA NOTE: The media is invited to observe a "Communities in Conversation" meeting on Monday May 1 at 11:45 a.m. Details are at the bottom of this news release.

Public is Invited to Participate in "Communities in Conversation" for *Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan* New Approach for Gathering Public Comments begins May 3

Meridian – The public is invited to participate in the final opportunity to review, discuss and provide comments on the draft *Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan* for Ada, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem and Payette counties.

This final opportunity is called "Communities in Conversation," and it is a new approach for gathering public comment about transportation issues. Those who are interested are encouraged to host a meeting of their friends, peers and/or colleagues to review and discuss the plan. Meeting hosts pick the date, time and location of their meeting, and invite whom they want.

Meeting hosts do not need to be experts about *Communities in Motion* to hold a meeting. The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) will provide all the necessary materials. A COMPASS staff person will be available by phone if there are any questions during the meeting.

Meetings must be held between May 3 and May 18. All comments must be returned to COMPASS by May 19, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.

Those interested in hosting a meeting can call COMPASS at 855-2558 ext. 222 to reserve meeting materials. Materials will be available for pick up at two locations:

- Wednesday, May 3, 2006 Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho, 315 Stampede Dr. in Nampa from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, May 4, 2006, Idaho Historical Museum, 610 Julia Davis Dr. in Boise from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information about "Communities in Conversation" please visit the project website at www.communitiesinmotion.org/conversation06.html

MEDIA NOTE: The media is invited to review the "Communities in Conversation" meeting materials, talk to project staff and observe a meeting on Monday, May 1 at Hewlett-Packard in the lobby of Building 1 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Directions: Enter HP from Chinden Boulevard. Visitor parking will be in front of you and Building 1 is on the left. The lobby faces the visitor parking lot. Please let the person at the desk know you are there for the "Communities in Conversation" meeting.

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Please arrive by 11:45 a.m. You will need to be checked in and escorted to the meeting location. You don't have to stay for the duration of the meeting

If you plan to attend, please call Terri Schorzman, COMPASS, at 855-2558 ext. 231.

Communities in Motion is a six-county, 20+ year plan that will address issues on the regional transportation system, evaluate the needs for future corridors and address the effects of growth on transportation. *Communities in Motion* involves Ada, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem and Payette counties. The project is being coordinated with the "Blueprint for Good Growth" project for Ada County and results will be shared between the two planning efforts.

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