

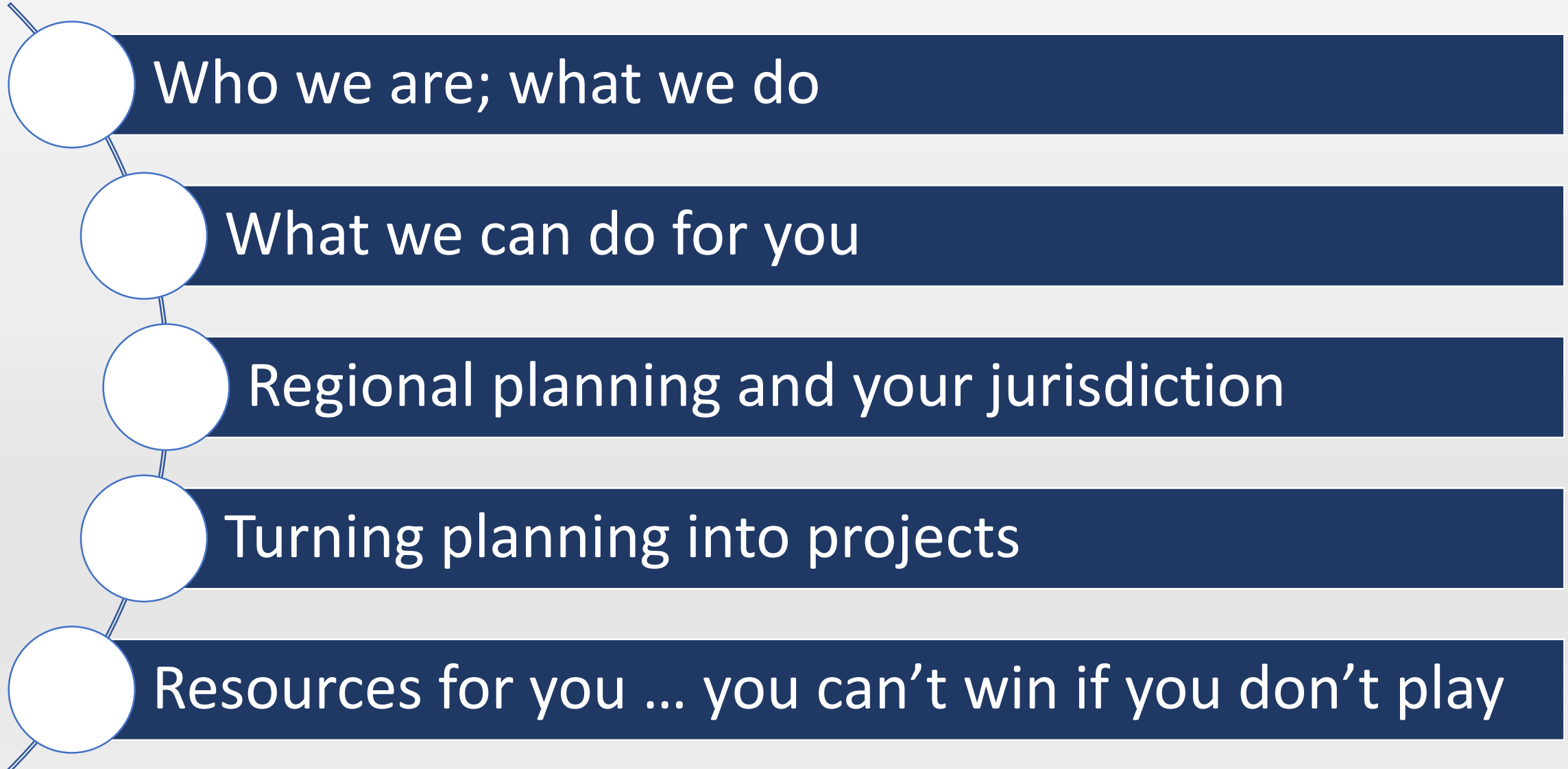
COMPASS:

Your forum for regional collaboration

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Executive Director



Overview



Where I come from...



Who is COMPASS?

...an association of cities, counties,
highway districts, and other agencies
who **plan for the future...**



COMPASS Members

General Members - Cities

- City of Boise
- City of Caldwell
- City of Eagle
- City of Garden City
- City of Greenleaf
- City of Kuna
- City of Merbo
- City of Nampa
- City of Pocatello
- City of Parma
- City of Star
- City of Wilder



Ex Officio Members Not Mapped

Ex Officio Members *

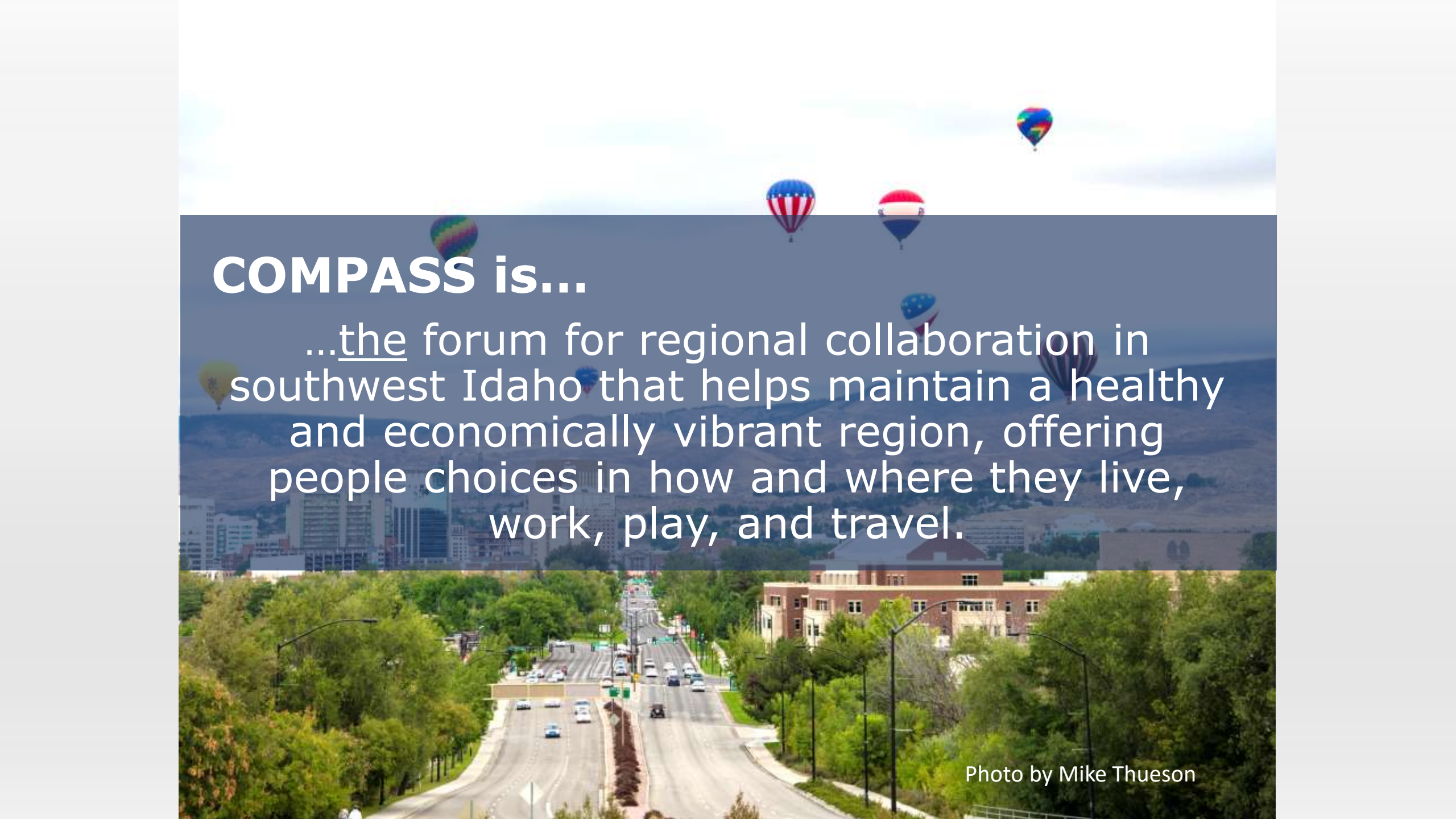
Central District Health / Southwest District Health
Office of the Governor
Greater Boise Auditorium District

Special Members *

Boise State University
Capital City Development Corporation
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Idaho Transportation Department
Valley Regional Transit
West Ada School District



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of Southwest Idaho



COMPASS is...

...the forum for regional collaboration in southwest Idaho that helps maintain a healthy and economically vibrant region, offering people choices in how and where they live, work, play, and travel.

Photo by Mike Thueson

A grayscale photograph of a large group of people seated in rows, likely at a conference or meeting. The image is semi-transparent, serving as a background for the text.

The mission of COMPASS is to

- **conduct regional planning, facilitate coordination and cooperation,**
- serve as a **source of information and expertise** on issues affecting southwest Idaho, and
- assist member agencies in **accessing funding to accomplish local and regional goals.**

Board of Directors

- **Provides policy direction for the future of Ada and Canyon Counties**
- Mostly local elected officials
- 37 voting members
- *Everyone living in Ada and Canyon Counties has multiple representatives*



COMPASS committees

**Provide policy and technical
recommendations
to the COMPASS Board**

Policy Committees

- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee

Technical Committees

- Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)
- *Working Groups*

What does COMPASS do?



Conduct transportation
planning



Distribute federal
transportation dollars



Provide Technical
Expertise

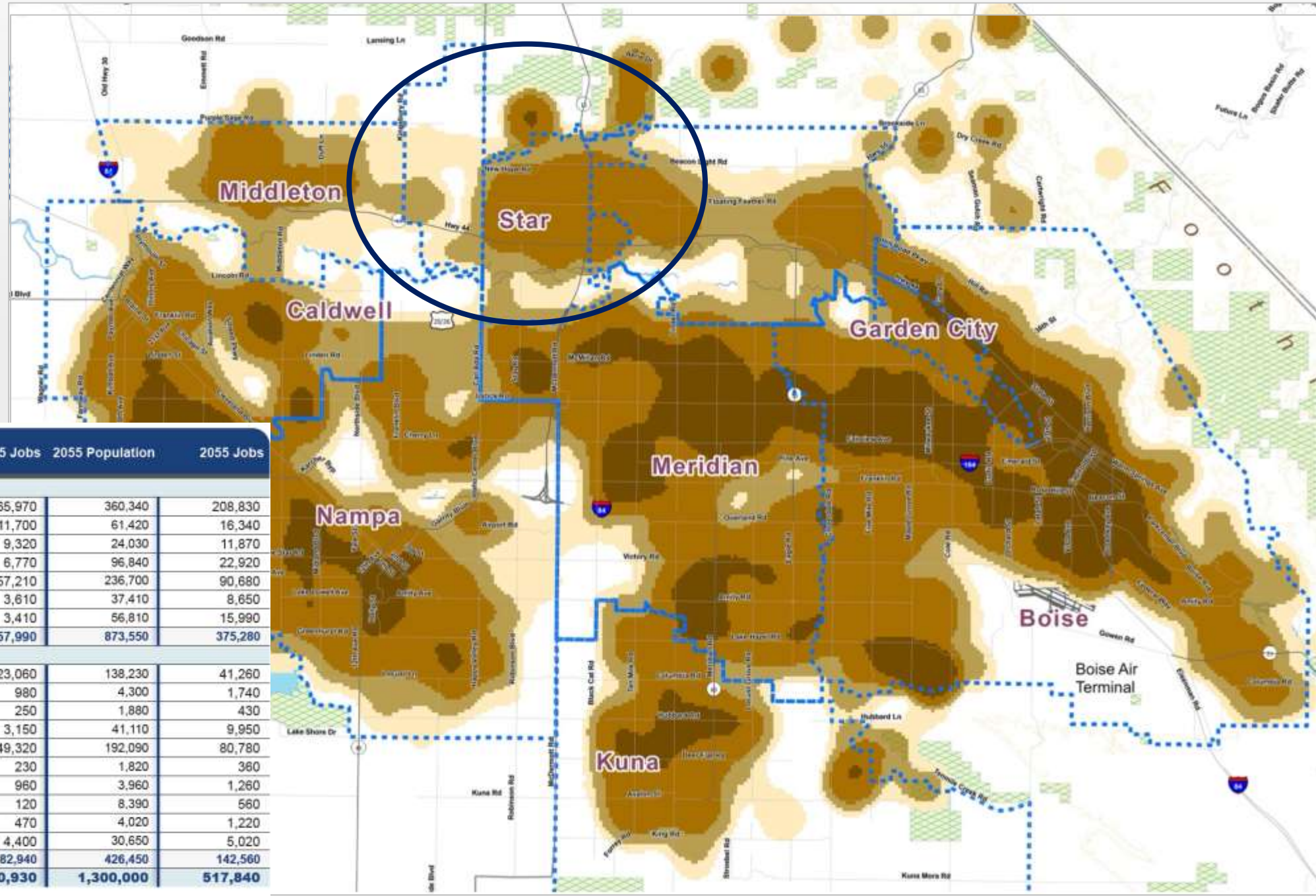


Facilitate Cooperative &
Collaborative Process



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What are you facing?



County	2025 Population	2025 Jobs	2055 Population	2055 Jobs
ADA				
Boise	288,270	165,970	360,340	208,830
Eagle	40,280	11,700	61,420	16,340
Garden City	13,800	9,320	24,030	11,870
Kuna	41,810	6,770	96,840	22,920
Meridian	151,720	57,210	236,700	90,680
Star-Ada	21,940	3,610	37,410	8,650
Ada Rural	14,200	3,410	56,810	15,990
Ada County Total	572,020	257,990	873,550	375,280
CANYON				
Caldwell	83,580	23,060	138,230	41,260
Greenleaf	3,450	980	4,300	1,740
Melba	1,080	250	1,880	430
Middleton	18,940	3,150	41,110	9,950
Nampa	135,470	49,320	192,090	80,780
Notus	990	230	1,820	360
Parma	2,810	960	3,960	1,260
Star-Canyon	2,050	120	8,390	560
Wilder	2,200	470	4,020	1,220
Canyon Rural	25,250	4,400	30,650	5,020
Canyon County Total	275,820	82,940	426,450	142,560
REGIONAL TOTAL	847,840	340,930	1,300,000	517,840

What can COMPASS do for YOU?



We provide...

A seat at the table

- Evaluate and coordinate regional planning and policies
- Make decisions regarding the regional transportation system
- Impact the quality of life of southwest Idaho residents



A regional voice

- Unified voice on SW Idaho needs and priorities
 - Idaho state legislature
 - Congressional delegation
- National unified voice with other regional organizations



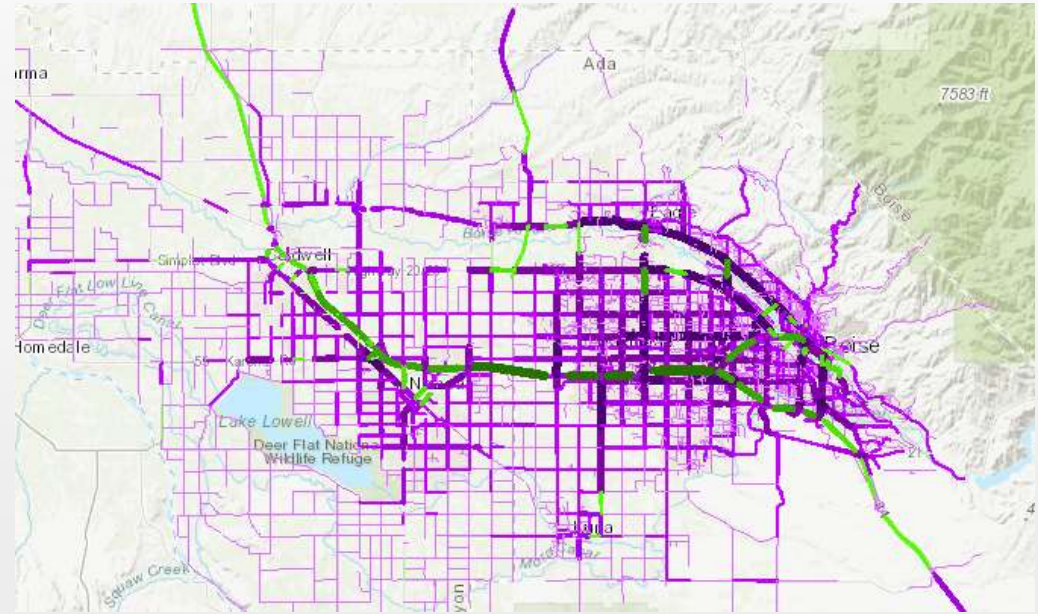
Financial assistance

- Access to federal funding
- Access to member-only funding
 - *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grants
 - Project Development Program
- Assistance with grant applications
- Assistance with federal and state applications and regulations



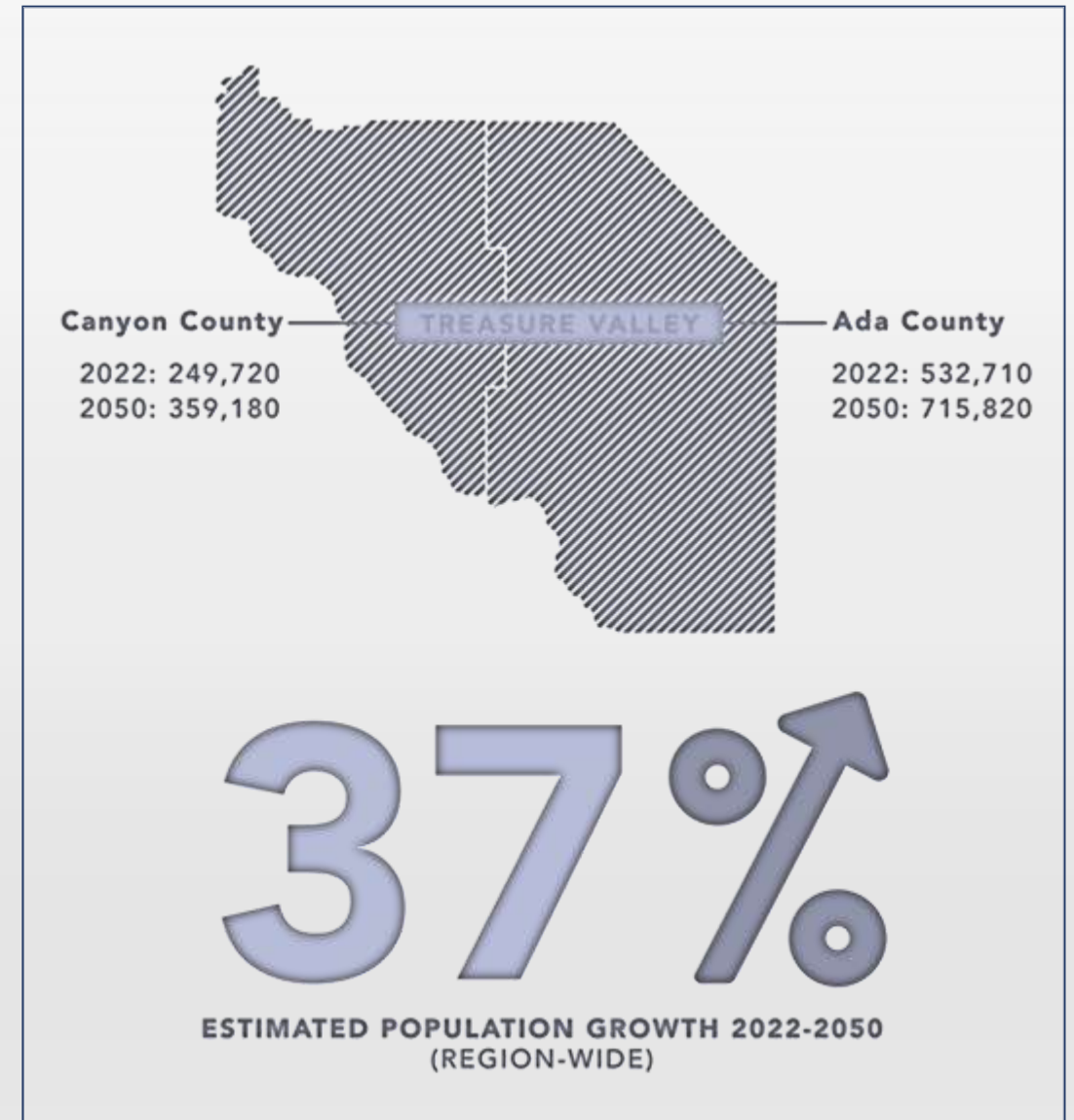
Technical assistance

- Orthophotography
- Mapping/GIS
- Regional data center
- Traffic volume and congestion data and analyses
- Modeling and analyses
 - Economic benefits of proposed transportation projects
 - Travel demand forecasts
 - Fiscal impact analyses



Demographics

- Annual population estimates
- 20- to 30-year population projections
- Jobs data
- Specialized data
- Assistance with Census data
- Development monitoring report
- Assistance with decennial Census



Active transportation data and planning

- Bicycle/pedestrian counters
 - 19 permanent counters
 - Portable counters upon request*
- Pathway condition monitoring – “data bike”
- Rail with Trail plan
 - Nampa to east Boise
- Waterways / Pathways plan

**Due to a staff vacancy, not accepting requests at this time*



Regional plans



Regional Safety
Action Plan



High-Capacity
Transit
Planning and
Environmental
Linkages Study

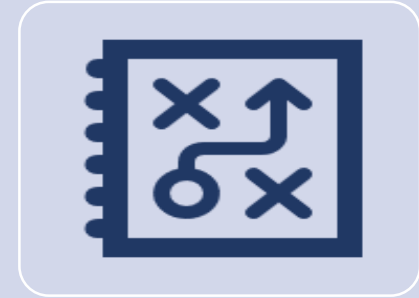


Connectivity
Studies

- Northwest Canyon
- SH 69 Extension



Resilience Plan



Regional long-
range
transportation:
*Communities in
Motion*



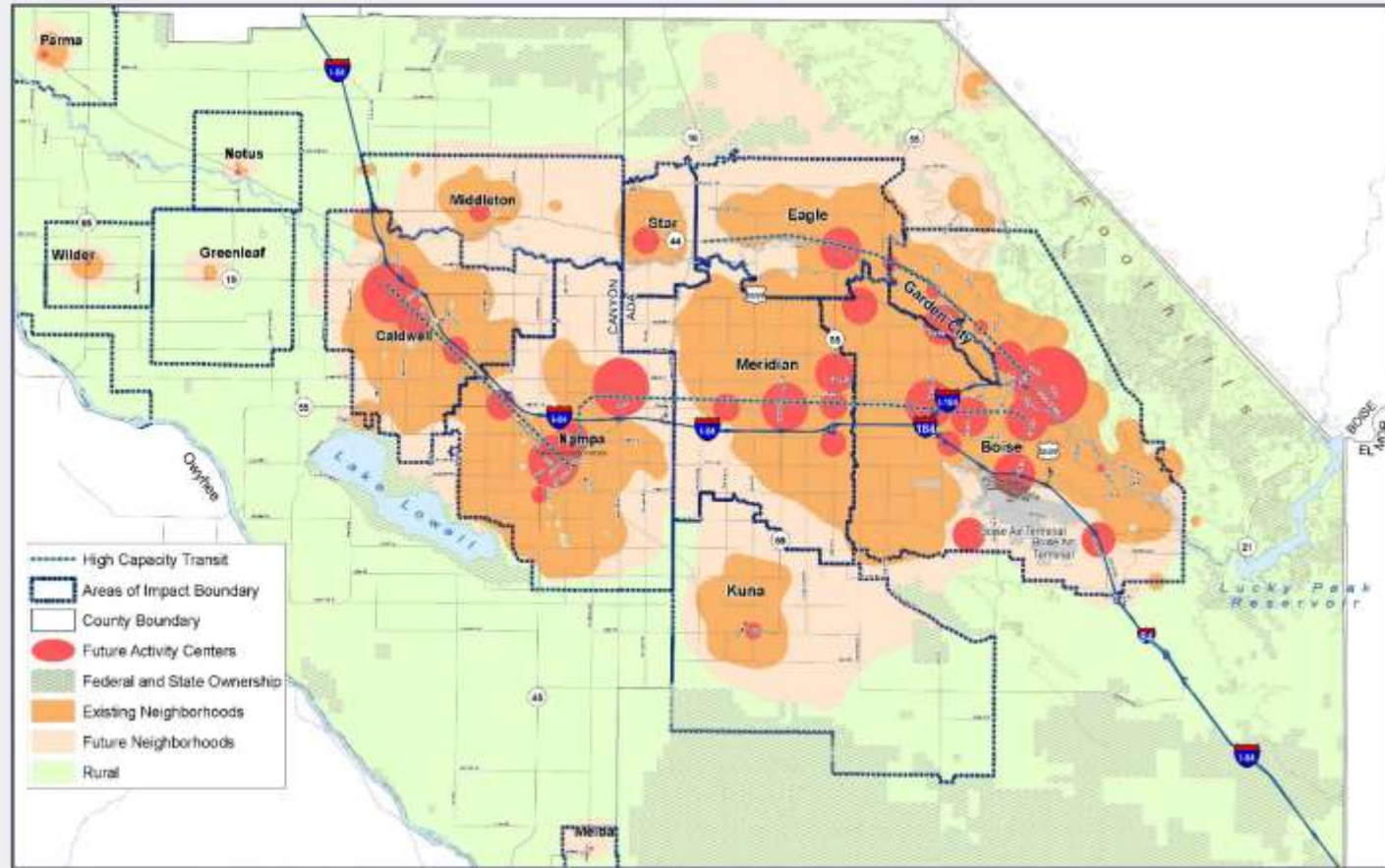
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COMMUNITIES IN MOTION 2050

COMMUNITIES IN MOTION 2050 VISION

The *Communities in Motion 2050 Vision* illustrates the preferred growth scenario to the year 2050 for Ada and Canyon Counties, ID. Created using input from local stakeholders, including the public, the Vision guides development of the long-range transportation plan, *Communities in Motion 2050*. Both the *Communities in Motion 2050* plan and Vision support safety, convenience, economic vitality, and quality of life for all residents.

This map depicts how the region is forecasted to look in 2050, based on the *Communities in Motion 2050 Vision*. The corresponding color-coded illustrations and descriptions below provide details about each development type.



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The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is an association of local governments working together to plan for the future of Ada and Canyon Counties. COMPASS members coordinate regional efforts and set priorities for spending federal transportation funding.



FUTURE ACTIVITY CENTERS

Activity centers are concentrations of residential and commercial uses, such as downtowns, office parks, and shopping centers. They represent the highest densities and most diverse land uses in the region and support a robust mix of transportation modes.



EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS

Existing neighborhoods comprise most of the built environment and have opportunities for reuse and infill. These are primarily urban residential areas, but also include services such as parks, schools, and shopping. A balance of transportation options is needed, depending on the location and specific land uses.



FUTURE NEIGHBORHOODS

Future neighborhoods are anticipated to be developed as urban neighborhoods by the year 2050. They are mostly located near existing infrastructure to avoid converting farmland. A balance of transportation options will be needed, depending on the location and specific land uses.



RURAL

Rural areas include farmland and open space. More arterial roads in rural areas are regional and are meant for longer trips.

HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT

The *Communities in Motion 2050 Vision* includes two high-capacity transit routes: 1) regional rail along the Boise-Caldwell corridor alignment south of the Boise River and 2) bus rapid transit along the State Street/State Highway 44 corridor north of the Boise River. Both would provide quality east-west transit service connecting the region's major cities and activity centers.

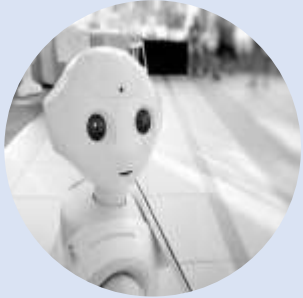
AREAS OF IMPACT BOUNDARY

This boundary around each city reflects the area that is expected to be annexed into the city in the future. The boundaries are designated by each city, with agreement from the county, to guide future development to be near existing infrastructure to help ensure access to public services and protect rural lands. The population and jobs figures shown on the back of this map are based on these boundaries, as opposed to current city limits, to provide a more realistic comparison between 2030 and 2050.



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Long-range transportation plan



20+ years



Forecasted
growth



Multimodal
transportation
system



Fiscally
constrained



Public
involvement

Communities in Motion

Regional goals

Safety



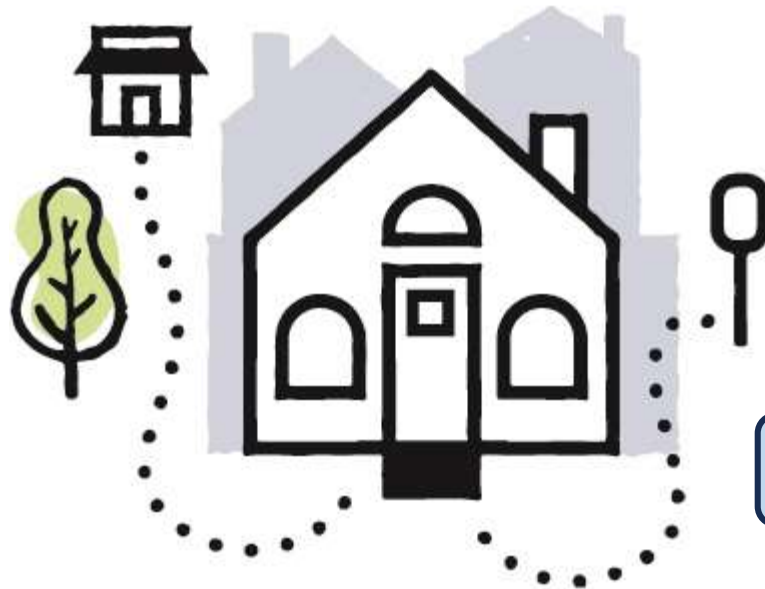
Economic Vitality



Quality of Life



Convenience



Funded improvements

- **Maintenance**
- **Safety projects**
- **Bridge rehabilitation and replacement**
- **Intelligent Transportation Systems**
- **Public transportation**
- **Bicycle/pedestrian projects**
- **Travel demand management**
- **Studies, planning, and special projects**
- **Roadway expansion**



Unfunded needs



Expanded
transit



High-
capacity
transit



Road
projects



Regional
pathways



Maintenance



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Needs, funding, and shortfall to 2050



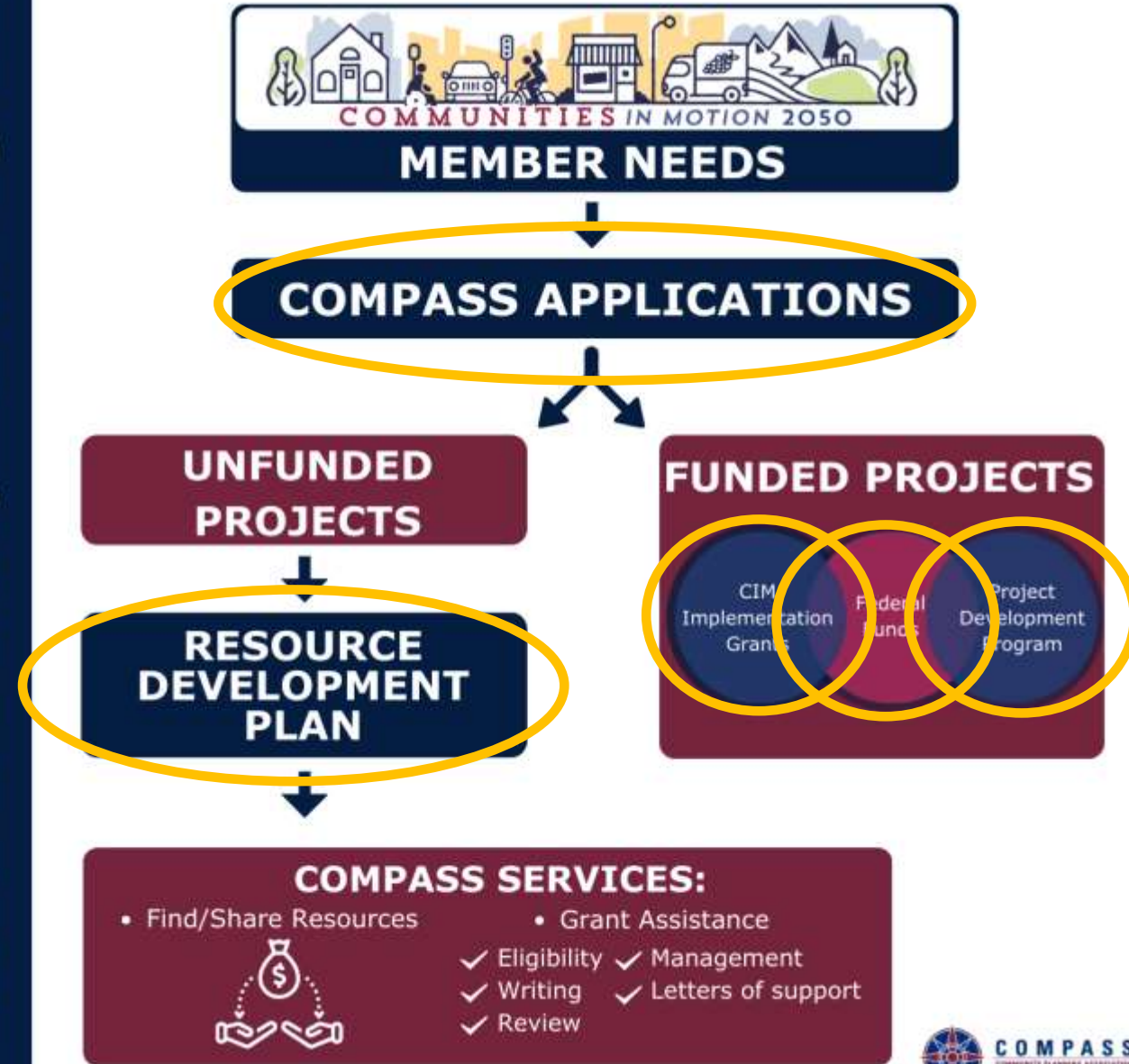
	Needs	Funding	Shortfall
Annual	\$589 million	\$396 million	\$193 million

Emerging 2026 legislative strategy

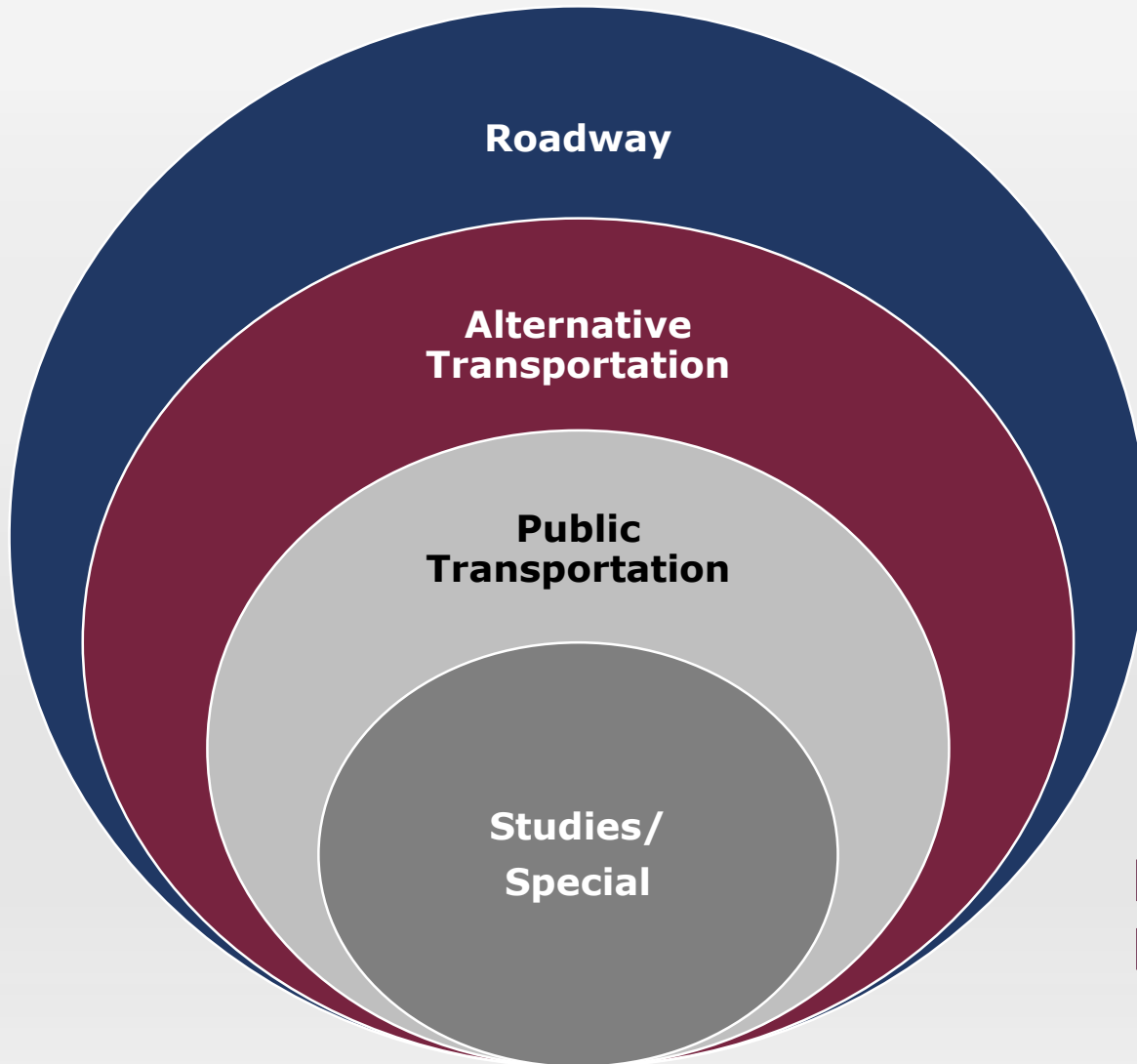
- Priorities
 - Increasing Revenue
 - Addressing Growth Impacts
- Active Engagement
- Regional Legislative Summit
 - Entire Treasure Valley delegation invited
 - December date TBD
- COMPASS-hosted Statewide MPO Legislative Reception
 - Early in session
 - Educate about transportation issues and needs in urban areas
- Overall... focus on Incremental Changes

Turning
planning
into
projects

Resource Development Program



Resource Development Applications



- ✓ Local programs
- ✓ Federal funding
- ✓ COMPASS assistance

**Phase One Applications:
Due Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

COMPASS makes things happen...

Long-range plan identifies needs

Partner agency builds project

COMPASS funds project

Region and residents benefit



On-the-ground results

Projects large and small



Large...



State Highway 16: I-84 – US 20/26 (new highway)

- 2006: Long-range plan
- 2018: Funded in the TIP
- 2022: Construction began
- 2027: Open to public (anticipated)

21 years



... and Small



Pre-Concept Report

City of Natick Street Rehabilitation with Stormwater Management

City of Eagle

- 2016 City of Eagle Pedestrian Bridge Concept Report
- Reality in 2023

Project Development Program



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Date:
September 2020

...and we're here to help

- Plan for your future transportation system
- Save lives
 - Regional Safety Action Plan
 - Good Move safety education campaign
- Facilitate regional discussions
- Fund projects



...even more ways we're here to help

- Collect, analyze, develop, understand, use, and display data
- Connect local and regional planning
- Provide free educational resources
- Recognize achievements



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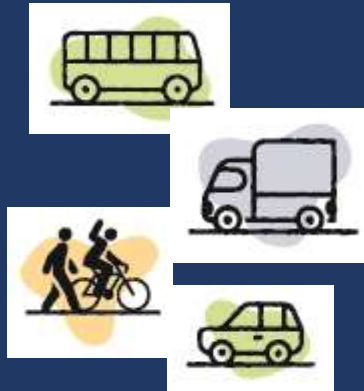
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your
association of
local
governments



Our region has
a
comprehensive
transportation
plan for the
future



The plan is for
a complete
regional
transportation
system



There is also a
budget
(and billions in
unfunded needs)



Public input is
key to shaping
the future



Want to learn more?



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Thursday, January 29, 2026



Thank you for your time

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