

August 27, 2009

Ms. Kelli Fairless
Executive Director
Valley Regional Transit
830 N. Main Street, Suite 230
Meridian, ID 83642

RE: TIGER Grant Proposal for the East-West Commute Corridors Alternative Transportation Package

Dear Ms. Fairless:

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) Board of Directors supports the east-west commute corridors alternative transportation package application through the TIGER program. The project combines the following ten system improvements into the overall project:

- Park and Ride System Improvements
- West Ada and Canyon County Transit Facilities
- Ustick Road Service
- Garden City Long route
- New Bus for Expanded Service (4)
- Replacement Buses in Nampa (19)
- Replacement Buses in Boise (8)
- Upgraded Fueling Facility in Boise
- Operations and Maintenance Facility
- Highway Capacity Transit Network Alternatives Analysis

The COMPASS Board appreciates the benefits this project will bring through enhanced regional coordination efforts and additional service opportunities. All the elements of the project will work together to provide an integrated transit service that will serve all the citizens of the Treasure Valley. The expansion of public transportation services is a major goal of the regional long-range transportation plan.

Thank you for being a leader in expanding the public transportation system in Southwest Idaho. We wish you success in your application.

Sincerely,



Matthew J. Stoll
Executive Director

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