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To: Chairman Crystal Rodgers, Board of County Commissioners

Dear Chairman Rodgers,

On behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission ("Commission"), I want to request the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") to draft and submit a Joint Request Letter to the Board of Directors of the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho ("COMPASS") for expanding their regional transportation model into Western Elmore County (Exhibit 1).

Elmore County currently has a Regional Transportation Plan developed in 2004. This document is obsolete and not useful to the Land Use and Building Department ("Department") staff or the Commission in reviewing land use applications and making meaningful decisions that ensure traffic safety for our citizens. We have seen tremendous growth in Western Elmore County in the last five years. The Highway District in charge of this region is refusing to engage in review of any new land use applications. In that instance, as a land use authority, it is pertinent that we have a transportation and traffic impact tool that could be "plug and play" for our project proponents to determine the traffic impact of their applications (Exhibit 2).

In order to ensure that the COMPASS Board understands the need to align Elmore County with Treasure Valley's transportation planning and improve coordination across jurisdictions, we suggest that the Joint Request Letter involve at least the following signatories:

- 1) Elmore County Board
- 2) Mountain Home Airforce Base
- 3) Idaho Transportation Department
- 4) City of Mountain Home
- 5) Mountain Home Highway District

Commissioner Rodgers, we understand that this tool may be developed over the next 1 to 3 years. However, we believe that we need to allow Staff to proceed forward in this direction so that they could continue to support growth and development in Elmore County as envisioned in our Comprehensive Plan.

Sincerely,

Patti Osborn, Chair, Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission