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THE TREASURE VALLEY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2000

We, the undersigned members of the Treasure Valley Partnership, hereby reaffirm our commitment to the 1997 Partnership Agreement. Our Partnership is dedicated to regional coordination, cooperation, and collaboration and agrees that:

- We are part of one region, the Treasure Valley
- We recognize the need to adapt and be dynamic in responding to change in our region
- We must maintain and value our individual community identities within this region unless we work together as a region we will lose our unique community identities
- We can maximize the benefits of growth, while protecting our region and communities from costly sprawl
- We already have some tools to address today and future challenges, but must also develop new tools
- We appreciate Boise City's commitment to providing community and cultural opportunities for Treasure Valley residents, and well work together to expand those opportunities elsewhere in the region
- We will develop collaborations, while strengthening established cooperative activities in such areas as:
 - Transportation
 - Parks, open space and trails
 - Water supply and quality
 - Air quality
 - Public safety
 - Storm water drainage
 - Drug abuse prevention
 - Emergency management and disaster preparedness
- We will establish a dialogue in our communities to make further regional progress

The Treasure Valley's economic vitality offers us both challenges and opportunities. In particular, the region need to work together to achieve four major goals.

Goal 1. Create Coherent Regional Growth and Development Patterns. We will:

- jointly review our individual comprehensive plans, comparing them against realistic growth projections and individual community goals
- coordinate our planning for and investment in waste water treatment infrastructure

- work together to manage storm water runoff
- work together to conserve ground water reserves
- explore options for local finance initiatives and regional revenue sharing
- explore the possibility and impact of establishing growth boundaries

Goal 2. Link Land Use and Transportation. We will:

- document unmet needs for regional transit service
- improve coordination of existing services to meet those needs
- work with major employers to encourage transit use
- create a network of bicycle and pedestrian trails that link the Boise River Greenbelt, other waterways, the foothills, and rail corridors throughout the Treasure Valley
- develop policies to coordinate street and highway design with adjacent land uses
- define future transit and development opportunities along the Short Line corridor, and report on them in conjunction with the October trial of the RegioSprinter
- prepare for additional transportation funding and decision-making authority that should become available to the region after the 2000 Census

Goal 3. Reinforce our Community Identities and Sense of Place. We will:

- work with the Treasure Valley community to define a vision for the region's future
- through this visioning process, establish a flagship goal, to serve as the focal point for regional planning and economic development

Goal 4. Protect and Enhance Open Space and Recreational Opportunities. We will:

- coordinate and promote existing activities and facilities
- publicize and build upon existing cooperative efforts
- encourage acquisition and preservation of interconnected and coordinated open space

Goal 5. Educate, reach Out and Build Support for the Partnership Vision. We will:

- share ideas and strategies with other elected officials
- involve the general public and neighborhoods
- engage the business community
- include appropriate agencies and staff

To carry forward the work of the Treasure Valley Partnership, we will

- share this agreement with our fellow Council and commission members
- meet monthly to review progress and coordinate activities



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