



COMPASS

COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

of Southwest Idaho

Communities in Motion 2040 2.0

What's That?



The Community Planning Association (COMPASS) is actively implementing [Communities in Motion 2040](#) (CIM 2040), the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties, adopted in July 2014. Now, it is time to begin work on updating the plan.

The next update of *Communities in Motion* will maintain the horizon year of 2040, and will be called [Communities in Motion 2040 2.0](#) (CIM 2040 2.0). The update builds on the main tenets of CIM 2040 – namely the [CIM 2040 Vision, goals, and performance measures and targets](#). The focus will be on additional information and analyses to support implementation.

Looking 20 years into the future can seem overwhelming and too nebulous to consider; however, you'll be able to start seeing what steps are being taken to reach the vision and goals of *Communities in Motion*, and gauge progress using the [COMPASS Performance Dashboard](#). Long-range planning, and your involvement in it, helps the region move forward.

We will be sending quarterly email updates to help you stay abreast of both the behind-the-scenes planning progress and opportunities for you to be involved. Each email will provide a summary of what has happened since the last email update and a preview of what is planned before the next scheduled email update. The quarterly email updates will also be posted online so that you can go back at any time to review past updates. Click the button below to see the quarterly archive.

[Quarterly Email Archive](#)

What's new since October 2014?

A progress report on CIM 2040 2.0



Planning Process:

- As COMPASS staff start work on the plan update, [CIM 2040](#) is being implemented (see below). The implementation projects also feed back into the plan update through the performance measures.
- COMPASS staff have initiated a process to analyze the regional transit system. The goal of this long-range transit assessment is to evaluate the transit service network against the CIM 2040 Vision and assess the functionality of the future network in light of the anticipated congestion, population density, and transportation connections by the year 2040.

Implementation:

- COMPASS hosted an interactive tutorial for the new COMPASS [Performance Dashboard](#). This dashboard allows users to delve into data revolving around transportation, health, farmland preservation, economic development, open space, and more, to see how well the region is meeting CIM 2040 targets.
- COMPASS staff are conducting a [farm freight study](#), and have been meeting with the major local processors of agricultural products to learn how much of each product/crop is being transported from collection sites to processing centers, and what the most common routes are. These data are being mapped to identify farm freight routes.
- The COMPASS Board adopted the [revised development review protocol and checklist](#), which will enable more effective and efficient feedback on the impacts of land development proposals. The new process is more user-friendly and reflects the CIM 2040 elements including housing, open space, economic development, community infrastructure, health, farmland, land use, and transportation.
- In December, COMPASS initiated an active transportation workgroup to coordinate bicycle and pedestrian planning, oversee the first automated bicycle and pedestrian counting process in the region, and develop a regional bicycle/pedestrian plan.
- COMPASS sponsored [bike safety public service announcements](#) (produced by the Boise Police Department) and sponsored a public lecture and technical workshop with Peter Koonce on bikeway design (hosted by Boise State University) to support CIM 2040 Goal 1.2, "Improve safety and security for all transportation modes and users."
- COMPASS kicked off a year-long education campaign on transportation funding needs and issues. The campaign includes a coordinated social media campaign ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)), a new [web page](#), and the [Executive Director's blog](#).
- COMPASS staff, with consultant assistance in environmental review and engineering design, started assisting member agencies in taking project ideas and translating them into well-defined projects with cost estimates, purpose and need statements, environmental scans, and public information plans.

Public Involvement and Outreach:

- The COMPASS Board of Directors approved the CIM 2040 2.0 [Public Involvement Plan](#) at its December Board meeting.

COMPASS created a new [web page specific to CIM 2040 2.0](#). This web page outlines progress on developing CIM 2040 2.0, including public education and involvement opportunities. Quarterly email updates, such as this one, will also be linked from that page.

**Learn More About
CIM 2040 2.0**

What's next for CIM 2040 2.0?

A close look at the next 3 months



Planning Process:

- COMPASS staff will be working with member agencies to collect revenue and expenditure data for a financial analysis and updated financial forecast.
- COMPASS will be working with a consultant to develop a baseline scenario for the transit network, service standards, and density thresholds for future transit routes, and begin evaluating service connection concepts for 2040.
- COMPASS will refine the CIM 2040 Vision to reflect any changes in local plans and new developments that occurred since the CIM 2040 scenario planning process. COMPASS will also develop additional demographic data, including age, income, and vehicle ownership, to calibrate the travel demand model.
- COMPASS staff will research various funding options used by peer metropolitan planning organizations for consideration in financial assumptions for CIM 2040 2.0.

Implementation:

- COMPASS staff are continuing to work with [farm freight study](#) partners to build more detail about the routes used to bring the harvested products from farms to the collection sites.
- COMPASS will continue to develop performance measures to address the goals and objectives of CIM 2040, which will also help develop CIM 2040 2.0. COMPASS is participating in state and local performance management coordination to review proposed federal rules, gather data, and set targets to meet new MAP-21 rules.

- The COMPASS active transportation workgroup will decide how to collect bicycle and pedestrian count data using automated counters and review the scope of work of the regional bicycle/pedestrian plan.
- COMPASS will continue its year-long [transportation funding education campaign](#) with educational radio messages and education series speakers on transportation funding and safety, transportation funding and the economy, and the nuts and bolts of the transportation funding process. Information on the 2015 education series is [here](#).
- COMPASS will be releasing a call for projects for an implementation grant program which helps fund small projects in downtown areas and other activity centers to implement CIM 2040. Information about the 2014 grants can be found [here](#).

Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

COMPASS will begin implementing the CIM 2040 2.0 [Public Involvement Plan](#), beginning with this quarterly email update.

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