

Communities in Motion 2040
Quarterly Email Update #10, January 2014

Hello -

This is the tenth in a series of quarterly email updates about [*Communities in Motion 2040*](#), the next regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties. Its purpose is to help you stay abreast of the behind-the-scenes planning process and of opportunities for you to be involved.

The current long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties is [*Communities in Motion 2035*](#). This next version of *Communities in Motion* will look to a horizon year of 2040 and be ready for adoption by the Community Planning Association (COMPASS) Board no later than September 2014. Unlike the past and current versions of *Communities in Motion*, *Communities in Motion 2040* will be a long-range transportation plan with "sustainability elements" that focus on housing, community infrastructure, health, open space, farmland, and economic development, as well as land use and transportation.

What has happened with *Communities in Motion 2040* (CIM 2040) since the last quarterly email update (October 2013)?

Planning Process:

- The CIM 2040 Leadership Team reviewed and recommended the funded and unfunded project lists for CIM 2040 in October, as developed and recommended by the CIM 2040 Planning Team. The COMPASS Board approved the lists in November.
- The CIM 2040 Leadership Team recommended CIM 2040 implementation policies to the COMPASS Board. These Board-level policies are designed to provide direction in implementing CIM 2040. The COMPASS Board approved the recommended policies in December.
- Also in December, the COMPASS Board approved the CIM performance measures and targets. These measures and targets include each of the seven Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) goal areas, and the eight CIM 2040 elements: transportation, land use, housing, community infrastructure, health, economic development, open space, and farmland.
- The COMPASS Board reviewed the Complete Streets Level of Service maps in December. These maps highlight how well the region's arterial roads currently serve bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users and compare existing service to the "optimal" road configurations based on local transportation plans.
- The *Treasure Valley Transportation System: Operations, Management, and ITS* plan was finalized; the second phase of the project (coordination) began.
- Staff continued work on a regional pathways map for CIM 2040, including analyzing gaps between different jurisdictions' pathways and developing a map with gap closure recommendations and related policies for inclusion in the draft CIM 2040 plan.
- The COMPASS Board approved a grant implementation program for CIM 2040 through fiscal year 2018 with annual funding of up to \$100,000.

- Staff began the modeling process to demonstrate air quality conformity for CIM 2040, based on the list of funded transportation projects as approved by the COMPASS Board.
- COMPASS staff continued to write the remaining plan chapters, as well as summaries of the 33 priority corridors and projects. The individual chapters are being combined into one document and prepared for public comment.

Public Involvement and Outreach:

- COMPASS continued to place a tabletop display on CIM 2040 in public locations around the Treasure Valley to raise awareness of CIM 2040 and the planning process. The display was placed at Southwest District Health in October and the Meridian Public Library in November.
- After a full year, COMPASS closed the “Your Treasure Valley Future: Photo Challenge” on November 30, 2013. Sixty-six photos were submitted. Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate! Through the “challenge,” COMPASS asked photographers to share photos that show values, ideals, and things in Ada and Canyon Counties that they would like to see carried into the year 2040 or even changed for the better. The photos are all posted on the COMPASS [web](#) and [Facebook](#) pages, will illustrate [Communities in Motion 2040](#) and related documents, and will be used at outreach events.
- COMPASS continued to update CIM 2040 information online; visit www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm for information on CIM 2040 and links to additional pages.

What will happen in the next three months?

Planning Process:

- The performance measures workgroup will continue to meet to develop performance implementation tools, including an online dashboard, a development checklist, a revised Performance Monitoring Report, and other performance-based planning tools.
- Staff will complete work on a draft pathways map and related policies for CIM 2040.
- The CIM 2040 grant implementation program, to assist member agencies with projects in downtowns and other activity centers, will be rolled out in January and February. All COMPASS member agencies will be eligible to apply for assistance with local projects that advance the goals of CIM 2040.
- COMPASS staff will compile the draft CIM 2040 plan document and prepare public comment materials.
- The CIM 2040 Planning Team, CIM 2040 Leadership Team, and the COMPASS Board will review the draft CIM 2040 plan document prior to it being released for public comment.

Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

- COMPASS will begin soliciting public comment on the entire draft CIM 2040 plan. The public comment period is tentatively scheduled for March 3 – April 27, 2014. Be watching for emails with specific information. All comment materials will be posted on the COMPASS website (www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm). Other public comment opportunities will include:
 - Presentations to community groups (Contact aluft@compassidaho.org to schedule yours today!)
 - Open houses
 - Virtual (online) open houses
 - Focus groups
 - Meetings in a bag
 - Booths at public events (Know of an event where COMPASS should be? Contact aluft@compassidaho.org to let us know.)
- COMPASS will continue to post information on CIM 2040 on its Facebook page. Follow COMPASS on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/COMPASSIdaho>.
- COMPASS will also continue to discuss issues relating to CIM 2040 on the Executive Director's blog at <http://www.compassidaho.blogspot.com>.

Why should I care?

Unless we plan, things won't get done by us, but they might get done to us. Is that what we want? Let's be in charge of our own destiny.

Why do you think people should care? Reply to this email to share your reasons. We'll post them quarterly on the COMPASS Executive Director's blog at www.compassidaho.blogspot.com. Check it out to see what everyone else is saying.

Watch for the final CIM 2040 public comment period to begin in early March and the next quarterly email update in April. In the meantime, if you have questions, comments, or want to become more involved, contact Amy Luft at aluft@compassidaho.org.