

Communities in Motion 2040
Quarterly Email Update #11, April 2014

Hello -

This is the eleventh 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. It is anticipated it will be ready for adoption by the Community Planning Association (COMPASS) Board in July 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 (January 2014)?

Planning Process:

- COMPASS staff compiled the draft CIM 2040 plan document, prepared public comment materials, and released the draft plan for public comment.
- The CIM 2040 Planning Team, CIM 2040 Leadership Team, and the COMPASS Board reviewed the draft CIM 2040 plan document prior to its release for public comment.
- COMPASS staff prepared summaries of the 33 priority corridors and projects discussed in the plan; these are available online with other CIM 2040 materials at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#PublicComment>.
- The CIM 2040 grant implementation program, developed to assist member agencies with projects that advance the goals of CIM 2040, was launched January. Applications were received in late February. In March, the Regional Technical Advisory Committee evaluated the applications and made a recommendation on project funding to the COMPASS Board.
- The performance measures workgroup met twice, once to review the Performance Monitoring Report format (January) and again to preview the online dashboard (February).
- Staff completed 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. The estimated impacts demonstrate that the projects contained in CIM 2040 meet air quality conformity requirements for northern Ada County and will not degrade air quality.

Public Involvement and Outreach:

- COMPASS launched the final public comment period on CIM 2040 on March 3, 2014. There are many ways you can review materials, submit your comments, and be involved:
 - Visit <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#PublicComment> to find the draft plan, all comment materials, and online comment forms.
 - Schedule a presentation for your community group – a service club, church group, neighborhood or homeowners' association, council and commission, or even just a group of interested friends. Contact COMPASS (aluft@compassidaho.org) to schedule today.
 - Participate in an unhosted "anytime" virtual (online) open house. Review materials and submit questions to staff. Log in from the COMPASS webpage at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#PublicComment>.
 - Attend a traditional (in person) open house to ask questions and discuss the plan with COMPASS staff in person. All open houses are 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm; drop by any time.
 - April 3: Library! at Cole/Ustick, 7557 W. Ustick, Boise
 - April 9: Hugh Nichols Public Safety Building, 820 2nd Street South, Nampa
 - April 10: COMPASS office, 700 NE 2nd Street, Meridian

What will happen in the next three months?

Planning Process:

- Following the conclusion of the public comment period on April 27, 2014, COMPASS staff will provide all comments to CIM 2040 Planning Team, CIM 2040 Leadership Team, and COMPASS Board for consideration before action to adopt the plan. After review of comments, COMPASS staff will ask the CIM 2040 Planning Team and CIM 2040 Leadership Team to recommend the COMPASS Board adopt CIM 2040 plan, either as presented or with changes. The Board will receive the plan for action in July.
- In April, the COMPASS Board will receive funding recommendations for the grant implementation program from the Regional Technical Advisory Committee and select the grant recipients. During May and June, COMPASS staff will work with grant recipients to complete funding agreements and begin projects.
- The performance measures workgroup will continue to meet monthly to finalize the development review protocol and checklist, identify data sources for additional data, revise the format of the online dashboard, and review findings of the 2014 Performance Monitoring Report.

Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

- COMPASS will continue to collect comments on the draft CIM 2040 plan through April 27, 2014. Comments will be provided to COMPASS advisory committees and the COMPASS Board, as described above, and will be posted online and distributed via email. **Be sure to submit your comments before the April 27, 2014, deadline.** Comment forms and all comment materials are available online at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#PublicComment>.
- 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?

People always ask, "How come no one ever asks me what I think?" Well, COMPASS is asking.

****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.****

If you have questions, comments, or want to become more involved, contact Amy Luft at aluft@compassidaho.org.