

***Communities in Motion 2040***  
**Quarterly Email Update #12, July 2014**

Hello -

This is the twelfth 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 – later this month(!). 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.

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**What has happened with *Communities in Motion 2040* (CIM 2040) since the last quarterly email update (April 2014)?**

Planning Process:

- COMPASS solicited public comments on the draft CIM 2040 plan through April 27, 2014. The comments have been compiled and are available online at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#PublicParticipation>.
- COMPASS staff provided all comments received to the CIM 2040 Planning Team, CIM 2040 Leadership Team, and the COMPASS Board to consider prior to taking action on adoption of the plan.
- COMPASS staff made editorial, formatting, and technical changes to the document based on comments received and recommended additional substantive and policy-level changes to the CIM 2040 Planning Team for consideration.
- The CIM 2040 Planning Team reviewed the comments and staff recommendations and, in May, recommended adoption of CIM 2040, including staff-recommended policy changes. The CIM 2040 Planning Team’s recommendation was passed along to the CIM 2040 Leadership Team. Access meeting materials and minutes at <http://www.compassidaho.org/people/cim2040planning-meetings.htm>.
- The CIM 2040 Leadership Team reviewed the comments and CIM 2040 Planning Team recommendations in June and recommended COMPASS Board approval of CIM 2040, including substantive and policy changes as recommended by the CIM 2040 Planning Team. Access meeting materials and minutes at <http://www.compassidaho.org/people/cim2040leadership-meetings.htm>. The recommended changes to the draft plan were to:
  - Revise Goal 1.1 (Chapter 1) to include the words “and connectivity,” to read (in part), “...enhance the transportation system to improve accessibility **and connectivity** to jobs, schools...”
  - Revise several goal-related tasks for clarity (in supplemental information online).

- Include an additional implementation policy in Chapter 11 that reiterates the focus of federal funding on maintenance, as discussed elsewhere in the plan.
- Clarify that the maintenance funding split will be calculated as a five year rolling average; not annually as originally stated (Chapter 6).

*Note: While many comments were received requesting that a connection between Beacon Light Road and Purple Sage Road be removed from the list of unfunded needs, this change was not recommended by COMPASS staff, the CIM 2040 Planning Team, or the CIM 2040 Leadership Team, as the identified transportation needs were based on underlying land uses and existing entitlements, which have not changed since the project was identified as a future need.*

*The draft plan as presented for public comment can be found online at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#Plan>. This version does not reflect any changes made or proposed after the plan was released for public comment on March 3, 2014.*

- Three projects were awarded CIM 2040 implementation grants (below). Work on these projects will begin by September 30, 2014, and must be completed by September 30, 2015.
  - A greenbelt extension in the City of Kuna
  - A pathway design project in the City of Middleton
  - A pavement maintenance project in the City of Wilder
- COMPASS staff have compiled the data and completed the mapping for the 2014 CIM Performance Monitoring Report (PMR). The performance measures workgroup met to review the PMR maps and data and discussed findings for the report and next steps in migrating to performance-based planning for CIM 2045.
- The online dashboard and CIM development checklist, which will enable stakeholders, the public, and others to view data, customize information, and review performance compared to CIM performance measures, were previewed by the Public Participation Committee.

#### Public Involvement and Outreach:

- As noted above, COMPASS solicited public comments on the draft CIM 2040 plan from March 3 - April 27, 2014. One hundred fourteen comments were received. Thank you to everyone who took the time to review the materials and submit comments. The comments have been compiled and are available online at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#PublicParticipation>.

#### **What will happen in the next three months?**

#### Planning Process:

- The COMPASS Board will receive the plan, as recommended by the CIM 2040 Leadership Team and Planning Team, for action on July 21, 2014. Upon Board action (in July, or at a later date), COMPASS staff will work with a technical editor and graphic artist to finalize and print the plan, including final formatting, updated graphics, and development of a companion summary document and display. It is anticipated that the final plan will be available online (<http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#Plan>) and in print in mid to late fall. Email notices will be sent when the plan is adopted and when it is available online and in print.

- COMPASS will begin preparatory work on *Communities in Motion 2045* (CIM 2045), the update to *Communities in Motion 2040*. CIM 2045 must be complete no later than July 2018.
- COMPASS staff will complete the 2014 CIM PMR and present it to the Regional Technical Advisory Committee and the COMPASS Board of Directors.
- COMPASS will conduct a focus group on the online dashboard and CIM development checklist prior to presenting these near-final tools to the Demographic Advisory Committee and COMPASS Board of Directors, and will upload all the data and maps to the online dashboard in preparation for the dashboard becoming "live" online.

#### Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

- COMPASS will develop a public involvement plan for CIM 2045 and create a CIM 2045 web page to post information relating to the development of the next plan update.
- COMPASS will post the final, adopted plan and related materials on the CIM 2040 web page: <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm>.
- COMPASS will continue to post information relating to CIM on its Facebook page and Executive Director's blog at <http://www.facebook.com/COMPASSIdaho> and <http://www.compassidaho.blogspot.com>.

#### **Why should I care?**

*It's about resources – what do you envision/want vs. what you might get (limited resources). We need to do this for the greater good and accommodate everyone in the community (bike, skateboard, scooter).*

\*\*Why do you think people should care? Reply to this email to share your reasons. We'll post the last list the first week of October 2014 on the COMPASS Executive Director's blog at [www.compassidaho.blogspot.com](http://www.compassidaho.blogspot.com). Check it out to see what everyone else is saying.\*\*

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