

**Communities in Motion 2040**  
**Quarterly Email Update #13, October 2014**

Hello -

This is the thirteenth and final installment in a series of quarterly email updates about [Communities in Motion 2040](#) (CIM 2040), the 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.

CIM 2040 was approved by the COMPASS Board of Directors on July 21, 2014. As the purpose of these email updates has been to keep you informed of the progress of developing CIM 2040, this will be the final quarterly email update relating to this plan. However, that does not mean that the plan is just going to sit on a shelf and gather dust. We are now moving from developing the plan to implementing it. You can always learn more about CIM 2040, and the steps we are taking to implement it, online at [www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm).

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**What has happened with CIM 2040 since the last quarterly email update (July 2014)?**

Planning Process:

- The COMPASS Board of Directors approved the plan on July 21, 2014, including changes to the draft plan as recommended by the CIM 2040 Planning and Leadership Teams:
  - Goal 1.1 was revised to include the words “and connectivity,” to read (in part), “...enhance the transportation system to improve accessibility and connectivity to jobs, schools...”
  - Several goal-related tasks were revised for clarity.
  - An additional implementation policy was added to reiterate that the focus of federal funding is on maintenance, as discussed elsewhere in the plan.
  - The discussion of how funding will be divided for maintenance was reworded to clarify that it will be calculated as a five year rolling average.
- The approved plan can be found online at [www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#Plan](http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#Plan). This version is unformatted; COMPASS is currently working with an editor and graphics professional on final layout and format.
- The three recipients of CIM 2040 implementation grants began work on their projects. Work must be completed by September 30, 2015.
  - The City of Kuna received a grant to build a ¼ mile extension to its greenbelt trail along Indian Creek, extending east from downtown. It will be landscaped with native plants. Crews have begun moving rock and soil for the trail, and the plant selections have been made for the landscaping.
  - The City of Middleton grant will reimburse costs for designing a sidewalk and trail on two streets on the north side of downtown Middleton. Traffic patterns changed recently with the opening of a new high school, highlighting the need for safer pedestrian facilities. Preliminary design is complete, and city staff has met with adjacent landowners regarding landscaping, fencing, and old-growth trees.
  - The City of Wilder was awarded a grant to assist with pavement management and a chip seal project in its downtown. The city initiated its pavement analysis and identified several priorities. Work on the chip sealing began in September.

- The COMPASS Board accepted the *CIM 2040 Change in Motion* report (previously called the Performance Monitoring Report) in September. This report outlines the performance measures and targets established for CIM 2040 goals and provides baseline data as compared to those targets. Future reports will provide additional data to show trends over time to determine if the region is, or is not, moving toward CIM 2040 goals and targets. The next report will be issued in 2016.
- COMPASS unveiled a new online dashboard ([www.compassidaho.org/dashboard](http://www.compassidaho.org/dashboard)) that allows anyone at any time to view and use the same data that COMPASS uses to track performance via maps, graphs, and more. Check it out!

#### Public Involvement and Outreach:

- COMPASS held a focus group of Planning and Zoning Commissioners to receive input into a new, draft CIM 2040 development review checklist. COMPASS staff plan to present this checklist, and changes to the COMPASS development review protocol that explain when and how COMPASS will provide input into proposed developments, to the COMPASS Board in November and request approval at that time. Staff will be using them upon approval.
- COMPASS notified stakeholders and the general public of COMPASS Board approval of CIM 2040 and updated the COMPASS website to reflect the new plan.

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

#### Planning Process:

- COMPASS staff will continue to work with a technical editor and graphic artist to finalize and print the plan. The final plan will include four products:
  - Full plan in hard copy, including a full size CIM 2040 Vision map
  - Full plan as an electronic document, with links throughout to additional information
  - Plan summary, including a full size CIM 2040 Vision map and a CD of the full plan
  - Updated COMPASS display highlighting CIM 2040.

It is anticipated that the final, formatted, 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 it is available.

- COMPASS will continue and begin projects implementing CIM 2040, including:
  - Conducting a farm freight study to examine agriculture related truck traffic and identify roadways that are most heavily impacted it.
  - Continuing to administer the CIM grant implementation program to assist member agencies in projects to implement CIM 2040.
  - Participating in MAP-21 rulemaking to ensure CIM complies with new federal requirements.
  - Initiating an outreach program to educate local citizens on transportation funding issues.
- COMPASS will begin preparatory work on the update to CIM 2040. In October, the COMPASS Board will review and be asked to approve a horizon year and draft scope of work for the plan update.

### Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

- COMPASS will offer introductory training on using the new online dashboard.
- COMPASS staff will request Board approval of a public involvement plan for the next CIM update and begin preparations to initiate public outreach in January 2015.

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

*People tend to focus on "what's this going to cost me?" instead of "how's this going to help me?" We need to change the conversation to look at the benefits, not just the costs.*

\*\*Why do you think people should care? People have been responding to this question for us for the last four years. Each quarter, in addition to this email update, we have been posting the reasons submitted on the COMPASS Executive Director's blog at [www.compassidaho.blogspot.com](http://www.compassidaho.blogspot.com). Check out the final list, then scroll back through the years to see what else people have said.\*\*

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