



COMPASS
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
of Southwest Idaho

COMMUNITIES IN MOTION 2040

REGIONAL LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
ADA AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO



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. We are also working 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](#). CIM 2040 2.0 will focus on four transportation system components and how they work together to form a complete, efficient transportation system for the Treasure Valley:

- [Bicycle/Pedestrian](#)
- [Freight](#)
- [Public Transportation](#)
- [Roadways](#)

In 2016, work is focusing on each of the components individually – gathering data, creating snapshots of what each looks like today, and developing a vision of what each could look like in the future – then determining how the components work together to become a complete transportation system.

We will continue to send 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. Past and future CIM 2040 2.0 email updates like this one are available on the [CIM 2040 2.0 webpage](#).

What's new since April?

A progress report on *Communities in Motion*



Planning Process:

- Worked with the Active Transportation Workgroup to begin identifying priority bicycle and pedestrian corridors to be used in a gap analysis and for further examination within CIM 2040 2.0.
- Worked with the Environmental Review Workgroup to plan the workgroup's involvement in the development and review of CIM 2040 2.0.
- Continued to work with a consultant to develop a performance measure framework, which will provide a quantifiable methodology for determining and communicating costs and benefits of transportation improvements.
- Continued to update the financial forecast for CIM 2040 2.0.
- Continued discussions with member agencies to develop a policy for allocating federal funds in CIM 2040 2.0.

Implementation:

- Amended [CIM 2040](#) to move a project at the I-84/Karcher (Midland Boulevard) interchange in Canyon County from the list of unfunded needs to the list of funded projects. This represents the first prioritized unfunded need in CIM 2040 to be funded.
- Continued to monitor and participate in federal rulemaking to ensure CIM 2040 implementation and CIM 2040 2.0 development align with new rules.
- Began a process to review the existing [Development Review Checklist](#) with local planning and zoning commissions to gather feedback to refine the checklist to ensure it remains an effective decision-making tool.
- Provided grant writing assistance to member agencies as they seek funding for projects that implement CIM 2040; grant applications were submitted for work on I-84 in Canyon County, transit oriented development planning, and upgrading traffic signal technology.
- Continued the "[Don't Let the Treasure Valley Fall through the Cracks](#)" educational campaign on transportation funding to highlight transportation needs and shortfalls identified in CIM 2040.
- Purchased two additional permanent bicycle/pedestrian counters to be installed in Nampa and Caldwell.

Public Involvement and Outreach:

- Continued the [2016 education series](#) on the four transportation components addressed in CIM 2040 2.0, with speakers on bicycle/pedestrian safety, developing a bicycle/pedestrian plan, and green stormwater infrastructure.
- Continued to accept photos for the "[Treasure Valley On the Go!](#)" photo contest.
- Held a public comment period (May 9 - 23, 2016) on an amendment to CIM 2040 (see "Implementation," above). Nine comments were received.

What's next for CIM?

A close look at the next three months



Planning Process:

- Identify criteria for designating critical freight corridors in the region.
- Continue working with a consultant to develop a performance measure framework.
- Complete the update of the financial forecast for CIM 2040 2.0.
- Work with a subcommittee of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee to develop a policy for allocating federal funds through CIM 2040 2.0.
- Work with the Public Transportation Workgroup to examine criteria for a high capacity corridor parallel to I-84, including criteria for selecting a preferred mode and alignment.
- Work with the Active Transportation Workgroup to finish identifying priority bicycle and pedestrian corridors.

Implementation:

- Solicit nominations for the 8th annual [Leadership in Motion](#) awards, which will recognize businesses, individuals, and projects that have demonstrated leadership in supporting the goals and vision of CIM.
- Continue the "[Don't Let the Treasure Valley Fall through the Cracks](#)" educational campaign on transportation funding.
- Continue to monitor and participate in federal rulemaking.
- Finalize revisions to the [Development Review Checklist](#).
- Continue to provide grant writing assistance for member agencies.
- Install additional permanent bicycle/pedestrian counters in Nampa and Caldwell.

Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

- Continue the [2016 education series](#) on the four transportation components in CIM 2040 2.0, with a presentation and workshop on taking public transportation to the next level.
- Continue to accept submissions for the "[Treasure Valley On the Go!](#)" photo contest through July 31, then invite the public vote for their favorite photos in August and September. Winning photos will be featured in a 2017 "Treasure Valley On the Go!" calendar.

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