

# Communities in Motion 2040 Development Review

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Ada and Canyon Counties. COMPASS has developed this review as a tool for local governments to evaluate whether land developments are consistent with the goals of *Communities in Motion 2040 (CIM 2040)*, the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties. This checklist is not intended to be prescriptive, but rather a guidance document based on *CIM 2040 goals*.

**Development Name: American Star (PP-18-02)**






**Agency: Star**

**CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhoods**

**New households: 240**

**New jobs: 0**

**Exceeds CIM forecast: YES**

	<p>CIM Corridor: <b>N/A</b>                  Pedestrian level of stress: <b>R— Floating Feather</b>                  Bicycle level of stress: <b>R— Floating Feather</b></p>	<p>Level of Stress considers facility type, number of vehicle lanes, and speed. Roads with <b>G or PG</b> ratings better support bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and comfort levels.</p>
	<p>Housing within 1 mile: <b>1,335</b>                  Jobs within 1 mile: <b>260</b>                  Jobs/Housing Ratio: <b>0.2</b></p>	<p>A good jobs/housing balance – a ratio between <b>1 and 1.5</b> – reduces traffic congestion. Higher numbers indicate the need for more housing and lower numbers indicate an employment need.</p>
	<p>Nearest police station: <b>1.4 miles</b>                  Nearest fire station: <b>1.4 miles</b></p>	<p>Developments within <b>1.5 miles</b> of police and fire stations ensure that emergency services are more efficient and reduce the cost of these important public services.</p>
	<p>Farmland consumed: <b>Yes</b>                  Farmland within 1 mile: <b>816 acres</b></p>	<p>Farmland contributes to the local economy, creates additional jobs, and provides food security to the region. Development in farm areas decreases the productivity and sustainability of farmland.</p>
	<p>Nearest bus stop: <b>2 miles</b>                  Nearest public school: <b>0.5 miles</b>                  Nearest public park: <b>0.9 miles</b>                  Nearest grocery store: <b>1.5 miles</b></p>	<p>Residents who live or work less than <b>½ mile</b> from critical services have more transportation choices. Walking and biking reduces congestion by taking cars off the road, while supporting a healthy and active lifestyle.</p>

## Recommendations

This proposal exceeds growth forecasted for this area. Transportation infrastructure may not be able to support the new transportation demands. There are no plans for public transportation to this location. The FY2018-2022 Regional Transportation Improvement Program identifies widening of Highway 44, from Star Road to Highway 16 and an intersection improvement of Highway 16 and Beacon Light Road, as future improvements in the area.

This location is still in a largely farmland area without non-motorized infrastructure. Consider a safe pedestrian crossing of Floating Feather Road and sidewalks along Pollard Road to enable school children to access Star Middle School.

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