

## What do I really need to know?

If nothing else, remember these five things.

### 1. There is a plan (and this is it!).

Transportation projects don't just suddenly happen. It can take years, sometimes even decades, to identify needs, secure funding, and plan for a project before any dirt is turned or equipment is purchased.



### 2. The region is growing rapidly.

COMPASS anticipates a population of nearly 1.1 million people in Ada and Canyon Counties by 2050. That's nearly 300,000 more than in 2022.

### 3. Transportation is a means to an end.

Transportation projects are planned to meet identified needs, improve safety, adapt to growth and changing demographics, and provide options for getting around.

### 4. There is not enough funding to meet transportation needs.

The region is \$5.4 billion short of meeting transportation needs to 2050 — that calculates to \$193 million short per year. Tough decisions are made about what to fund, and what must be left unfunded. Some important regional projects have to wait due to lack of money.

### 5. This plan affects YOU.

Planned projects, unfunded needs, and how we pay for them all affect your safety, your health, your wallet, and your quality of life.



### Communities in Motion 2050

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### Executive Summary

## Communities in Motion 2050

Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan  
Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho

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## COMMUNITIES IN MOTION 2050...

...is the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties to the year 2050.

...was developed based on public input from 2019 – 2022, including three surveys with a combined response of over 18,500 participants.

...is based on the *Communities in Motion 2050* Vision, which describes and maps the forecasted growth patterns in Ada and Canyon Counties to 2050.

...identifies, prioritizes, and funds needed transportation projects to 2050 to serve the forecasted growth and transportation needs, including:

- State and local roads
- Public transportation
- Regional pathways
- Studies to prepare for future projects

...is grounded in a financial plan, which calculates \$11.1 billion in funded projects to 2050, plus \$5.4 billion in unfunded needs over the life of the plan. This calculates to a funding **shortfall of \$193 million per year**.



# COMMUNITIES IN MOTION 2050 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

*Communities in Motion 2050* allocates \$11.1 billion for transportation projects to 2050, including new and expanded roadways, public transportation, regional pathways, maintenance, operations, new technologies, studies, and more.

The plan also prioritizes needed transportation projects. Some of these are completely unfunded; others are either short-term budgeted or long-term funded.

Efforts to secure new funding will focus on addressing the **highest priority needs** as soon as possible:

- Priority projects on **state highways**
  - Interstate 84, US 20/26 [Chinden Boulevard], State Highway 16, State Highway 69, and State Highway 44
- Priority projects on **local roads**
  - Middleton Road, Cherry Lane/Fairview Avenue, Ustick Road, Robinson Boulevard/Star Road, Five Mile Road, Stamm Lane, Midland Boulevard, and Old Highway 30
- Unfunded improvements and expansion of Valley Regional Transit **bus routes**
- Unfunded future **high-capacity transit** between the Cities of Caldwell and Boise
- Unfunded regional **pathways**
- Additional unfunded long-term needs on **state and local roads**
- Unfunded **studies** to prepare for future projects



## What does the plan do for me?

Through providing transportation options and an effective transportation system, *Communities in Motion 2050* will support growth management, affordability, economic vitality, outdoor lifestyle, environmental health, and choices in where people live.

## The plan focuses on four primary goal areas:



### Safety

- Provide a safe transportation system for all users.
- Assess risks and safeguard the security of all transportation users and infrastructure.
- Support a resilient transportation system.

### Convenience

- Provide access and mobility for all via safe, efficient, and convenient transportation options.
- Develop a transportation system with high connectivity that preserves capacity and encourages walk and bike trips.
- Manage and reduce congestion with cost-effective solutions to improve efficiency.



### Economic Vitality

- Develop a multimodal transportation system (public transportation, bicycle, pedestrian, and auto) that enables people and businesses to prosper.
- Promote freight accessibility and mobility via truck and rail improvements.
- Preserve and maintain existing transportation infrastructure.
- Provide a reliable transportation system for consistent travel times.
- Promote transportation improvements and scenic byways that support travel and tourism.
- Develop and implement a regional vision to manage the impacts of growth through quantitative tools and objective feedback.
- Protect and preserve farmland.



### Quality of Life

- Develop and implement a regional vision and transportation system that protect and preserve the natural environment, enhance public health, preserve open space, and promote connectivity among open spaces and natural areas.
- Promote development patterns and a transportation system that provide for affordable housing and transportation options for all residents.
- Provide equitable access to safe, affordable, and reliable transportation options.



## Want to learn more?

The full plan is available online at <https://cim2050.compassidaho.org/>.

Additional topics you'll find in the full plan include:

- How priority projects were selected.
- How COMPASS will implement *Communities in Motion 2050* and track progress toward meeting plan goals.
- The safety, security, and resilience of the transportation system, and how the plan strives to improve each of those.
- Potential environmental impacts of transportation projects and strategies that could lessen those impacts.
- How residents of Ada and Canyon Counties were involved throughout the planning process.

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