

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: Easton Village






Agency: Ada County

CIM Vision Category: Existing Neighborhood

New households: 24

New jobs: 0

Exceeds CIM forecast: No

	<p>CIM Corridor: None Pedestrian level of stress: PG-13 Bicycle level of stress: PG-13</p>	<p>Level of Stress considers facility type, number of vehicle lanes, and speed. Roads with G or PG ratings better support bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and comfort levels.</p>
	<p>Housing within 1 mile: 3,676 Jobs within 1 mile: 247 Jobs/Housing Ratio: 0.1</p>	<p>A good jobs/housing balance – a ratio between 1 and 1.5 – reduces traffic congestion. Higher numbers indicate the need for more housing and lower numbers indicate an employment need.</p>
	<p>Nearest police station: >4 miles Nearest fire station: 2.9 miles</p>	<p>Developments within 1.5 miles 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: No Farmland within 1 mile: 215 acres Farmland Value: N/A</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: 2.2 miles Nearest public school: 0.9 miles Nearest public park: >4 miles Nearest grocery store: 0.9 miles</p>	<p>Residents who live or work less than ½ mile 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

The proposal is on the fringe of urban development in an area removed from employment centers and existing public transportation. The closest transit services are located more than two miles away. Valley Regional Transit (VRT) Route 28 provides a stop at Victory Rd and Maple Grove which leads to the Boise Towne Square Mall. Frequency is limited to every 60 minutes during the day.

Communities in Motion 2040 2.0 proposes a bus route along Five Mile Road and Lake Hazel Road, approximately one mile west, leading to Hewlett Packard facilities, with 30-minute frequency in the peak hours and 60-minute headways in the off peak. Increased multi-family development proposals in this area may make public transportation to this location more feasible. Work with VRT on design that would accommodate future service.

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