

Communities in Motion 2040 2.0 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 2.0* (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 2.0 goals.

Development Name: Guches Annexation






Agency: Caldwell

CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhoods

New households: 134

New jobs: 0

Exceeds CIM forecast: No

	<p>CIM Corridor: None Pedestrian level of stress: PG-13-Florida Bicycle level of stress: R-Florida</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: 2,160 Jobs within 1 mile: 320 Jobs/Housing Ratio: 0.2</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: Yes Farmland within 1 mile: 999 acres</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: 2.7 miles Nearest public school: 0.1 miles Nearest public park: 2.2 miles Nearest grocery store: 2.7 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 nearest public park is more than 2 miles away. Consider adding usable open space in this development so that it is more accessible for residents. Central Canyon Elementary School is across South Florida Avenue for students. Consider a signalized crossing near the proposed Excavation Drive to enable students to safely walk to the school. Also, consider improving a pathway on the eastern boundary of the property as part of the Cougar Pathway Corridor. This pathway will providing a route from the City of Caldwell to Lake Lowell to comply with the 2016 Caldwell Pathways and Bike Routes Master Plan and the 2016 Lake Lowell Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Plan. More information is available at: <https://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flpp/studies/lake-lowell-access-plan.htm>

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