

# 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: Harper Ridge**






**Agency: Meridian**

**CIM Vision Category: Existing Neighborhood**

**New households: 124**

**New jobs: 0**

**Exceeds CIM forecast:**

	<p>CIM Corridor: <b>None</b>            Pedestrian level of stress: <b>N/A</b>            Bicycle level of stress: <b>N/A</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>2,450</b>            Jobs within 1 mile: <b>5,827</b>            Jobs/Housing Ratio: <b>2.4</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>2.7 miles</b>            Nearest fire station: <b>0.5 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>No</b>            Farmland within 1 mile: <b>172 acres</b>            Farmland Value: <b>N/A</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>0.6 miles</b>            Nearest public school: <b>1.3 miles</b>            Nearest public park: <b>1.3 miles</b>            Nearest grocery store: <b>2.4 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

Harper Ridge provides high density housing near an employment center. Currently as there are more jobs than housing in the vicinity this proposal will help provide jobs-housing balance and could reduce automobile trips.

Communities in Motion 2040 2.0 identifies Overland Road as a future bus route connecting downtown Boise to the Meridian Village shopping center with 15 minute frequency. Future plans call for a new bus route along Eagle Road to connecting this area to the City of Eagle with 30 minute frequency in the peak hour and 60 minute frequency in the off peak.

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