

# 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: Meadowcrest**






**Agency: Nampa**

**CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhood**

**New households: 160**

**New jobs: 0**

**Exceeds CIM forecast: YES**

	<p>CIM Corridor: <b>None</b>            Pedestrian level of stress: <b>PG13—Middleton</b>            Bicycle level of stress: <b>PG13—Middleton</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>2,848</b>            Jobs within 1 mile: <b>460</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>3.6 miles</b>            Nearest fire station: <b>2.7 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>430 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>2.1 miles</b>            Nearest public school: <b>0.8 miles</b>            Nearest public park: <b>0.6 miles</b>            Nearest grocery store: <b>0.3 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

The proposal adds housing to a developing part of Nampa surrounded by farmland. Employment centers are several miles from this location and there are no transit services, requiring most commute trips to be made by automobile. The development, coupled with those around it, would exceed the growth forecasted for this area. Transportation infrastructure may not be able to support the new transportation demands.

The proposal is within a walkable distance to a grocery store on Middleton Road. Consider a safe pedestrian crossing to enhance safety in the area. Also consider an improved pathway along the Orr drain at northeast corner of development. Lake Lowell and Middleton Road are proposed as “sharrows to future bicycle lanes” along these roadways per the 2011 Nampa Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

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