

# 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: Merlin**






**Agency: Kuna**

**CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhoods**

**New households: 60**

**New jobs: ±50**

**Exceeds CIM forecast: No**

	<p>CIM Corridor: <b>Kuna Road</b>                  Pedestrian level of stress: <b>PG</b>                  Bicycle level of stress: <b>R</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>1,580</b>                  Jobs within 1 mile: <b>1,730</b>                  Jobs/Housing Ratio: <b>1.1</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>1.4 miles</b>                  Nearest fire station: <b>1.3 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>620 acres</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>&gt;4 miles</b>                  Nearest public school: <b>1.1 miles</b>                  Nearest public park: <b>0.8 miles</b>                  Nearest grocery store: <b>1.3 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 location is an infill site in an employment-centric area, with over one thousand jobs within a mile of the site. The location is approximately one mile from a public school and public park and the site has been designed internal pathways. The proposal is a mix of residential and employment. This location and mix of uses and may reduce trip length. State Highway 69 is a five-lane, high-speed highway at this location. A safe pedestrian crossings of Avalon Street will make non-motorized trips to nearby grocery and other retail services and may encourage bicycle and pedestrian use.

The site is not currently served by public transportation. ValleyConnect 2.0 proposes bus service from downtown Kuna to northwest Boise via downtown Meridian. The closest bus stop would be on Kay Street, less than ½ mile in distance, when that route is operational.

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