

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: Norfolk Apartments






Agency: Caldwell

CIM Vision Category: Employment Center

New households: 86

New jobs: 0

Exceeds CIM forecast: No

	<p>CIM Corridor: None Pedestrian level of stress: N/A Bicycle level of stress: N/A</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: 2,810 Jobs within 1 mile: 5,110 Jobs/Housing Ratio: 1.8</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: 0.7 miles Nearest fire station: 1 mile</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: 119 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: 0.6 miles Nearest public school: 1.6 miles Nearest public park: 1 mile 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 provides an opportunity for infill and a mix of housing types site in an employment-centric area, with thousands of jobs within a mile of the site. Additionally, it is within a walkable or bikeable distance to Major Activity Centers, such as downtown Caldwell and the College of Idaho. This location may reduce trip length and encourage bicycle and pedestrian use.

The higher density is supportive of nearby bus service and within the service area for the [VRT OnDemand service](#). Typically, at least 7 dwelling units per acre (DU/acre) are needed to support public transportation. The proposal is almost 15 DU/acre. ValleyConnect 2.0 proposes additional routes along Blaine Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

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