

# 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: Owyhee High School (H-2018-0075)**




**Agency: Meridian**

**CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhoods**

**New households: 0**

**New jobs: 250**

**Exceeds CIM forecast: No**

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|    | <p>CIM Corridor: <b>Ustick Road</b><br/>                 Pedestrian level of stress: <b>R-Ustick</b><br/>                 Bicycle level of stress: <b>R-Ustick</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>173</b><br/>                 Jobs within 1 mile: <b>102</b><br/>                 Jobs/Housing Ratio: <b>0.6</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>&gt;4 miles</b><br/>                 Nearest fire station: <b>2.9 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><br/>                 Farmland within 1 mile: <b>1,616 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><br/>                 Nearest public school: <b>2.0 miles</b><br/>                 Nearest public park: <b>2.2 miles</b><br/>                 Nearest grocery store: <b>3.4 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

The proposed high school will serve northwest Ada County residents and receive access via Ustick Road. Ustick Road is the #10 priority in the Communities in Motion 2040 plan as it is one of the longest continuous roads in the region. Tremendous growth is expected in the surrounding areas in the near future, which will put increased pressure and cause congestion on this portion of Ustick Road. More information about Ustick Road is available at: [http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/10\\_UstickRd\\_022618.pdf](http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/10_UstickRd_022618.pdf)

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More information about the development review process:

<http://www.compassidaho.org/dashboard/devreview.htm>

The site plan shows a Collector road proposed on the west edge of the high school site connecting to Ustick Road. This network design will prevent ingress/egress directly onto an arterial roadway (Ustick Road) and mitigate some of the additional traffic. Consider providing pedestrian pathway stub connections for future residential neighborhoods to the south and east.

The proposal is on the fringe or urban development. The closest transit services are located more than four miles away. There are no plans for public transportation services along Ustick Road at this location.