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: Paloma Ridge Agency: Kuna

CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhoods

New households: 341 New jobs: ±100 Exceeds CIM forecast: No

| | CIM Corridor: Linder Road Pedestrian level of stress: R Bicycle level of stress: R | 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. |
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| | Housing within 1 mile: 680 Jobs within 1 mile: 90 Jobs/Housing Ratio: 0.1 | 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. |
| | Nearest police station: 3.3 miles Nearest fire station: 2.4 miles | 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. |
| <u>•••</u> | Farmland consumed: Yes Farmland within 1 mile: 1,002 acres | 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. |
| | Nearest bus stop: >4 miles Nearest public school: 1.9 miles Nearest public park: 1.2 miles Nearest grocery store: 2.9 miles | 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. |

Recommendations

This location is still in a predominately farmland area and on the fringe of urban development. The nearest employment centers and other services are likely accessed only by vehicle and the site is not currently served by public transportation. ValleyConnect 2.0 proposes bus service along Linder Road from downtown Kuna to northwest Boise via downtown Meridian. Work with Valley Regional Transit on design that would accommodate future service.

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