

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: Project Bronco (CUP-00114-2018)






Agency: Nampa

CIM Vision Category: Employment Center

New households: 0

New jobs: ±570

Exceeds CIM forecast: No

	<p>CIM Corridor: N/A Pedestrian level of stress: R-Franklin Bicycle level of stress: PG13-Franklin</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: 371 Jobs within 1 mile: 2,515 Jobs/Housing Ratio: 6.8</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: >4 miles Nearest fire station: 2.5 miles</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: 821 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: 1.0 miles Nearest public school: 2.5 miles Nearest public park: 1.9 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 will bring hundreds of jobs to a designated *Communities in Motion 2040 (CIM)* Employment Center.

The proposal will access Franklin Road and Robinson Road. Franklin Road is the #7 priority in the CIM plan. Franklin Road connects Nampa, Meridian, and Boise and serves as an alternate to I-84. As congestion on I-84 increases, Franklin Road will need to accommodate more automobile traffic and significantly more walking, biking, and public transit. More information about Franklin Road is available at:

http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/7_FranklinRd-StarMcDerm.pdf

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More information about the development review process:

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



The proposal will also take access from Robinson Road, which is the #28 priority in the CIM plan. Robinson Road serves a variety of nearby uses from agricultural processing, regional retail centers, the College of Western Idaho, and the Idaho Center. More information about Robinson Road is available at:

http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/28_StarRobinson_UstickGreenhurst.pdf

Consider reducing the number of access locations on Franklin Road to maintain efficiencies on the roadway for vehicles and reduce conflict points for bicyclists and pedestrians. Consider consolidating the two vehicular accesses on Robinson Road to a single location to improve conflict points. Alternatively, those access points could be spaced farther apart to reduce driver confusion.

Several bus routes run along Idaho Center Boulevard providing connection from Caldwell to downtown Boise. These are approximately one mile from the proposal. The 2040 Treasure Valley Public Transportation plan proposes Premium bus service along Franklin Road from the College of Western Idaho to the Meridian Village with 30-minute frequencies in the peak hours. A second route would provide Express service from Caldwell to downtown Boise with 20-minute frequencies in the peak hours. The closest bus stop would be less than ½ mile in distance when that route is operational.

VRT has developed a *Bus Stop Location and Transit Amenities Development Guidelines* for siting new bus stops and reviewing current and bus stops. More information is available at: <https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/media/1377/vrtbusstopandtransitamenitiesdevelopmentguidelines.pdf>