## Communities in Motion 2040 Development Review

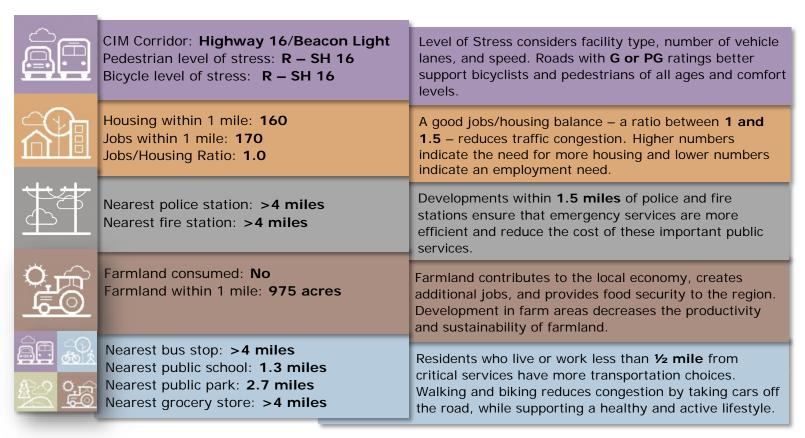
The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Ada and Canyon Counties. COMPASS has developed this review as a tool for local governments to evaluate whether land developments are consistent with the goals of *Communities in Motion 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: River Birch (AZ-18-07)

Agency: Star

**CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhoods** 

New households: ±320 New jobs: ±425 Exceeds CIM forecast: No



## Recommendations

This location is still in a rural area. Nearby services, such as schools, parks, grocery stores, and emergency services are several miles from this location and are likely accessed only by vehicle. The site is not currently served by public transportation and there are no proposed routes in this area identified in ValleyConnect 2.0.

No site plan was provided, however, the proposal would need access to either Highway 16, Beacon Light Road, or Pollard Lane. Consider requiring access to Pollard Lane and restricting access to Highway 16 and Beacon Light Road. Poor access management can reduce efficiency and safety on those corridor.

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Highway 16 is the #5 priority in the *Communities in Motion 2040* plan. Highway 16 is the main commuter route from Gem County to the Treasure Valley. An increase in traffic and accidents on this highway have been a concern for several years. Idaho Transportation Department has studied the creation of an expressway to extend Highway 16 to connect to I-84. More information about State Highway 16 is available at:

http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/5\_SH16\_AdaGem-KunaMora\_022618.pdf

Beacon Light is the #33 priority in the Communities in Motion 2040 plan. Beacon Light Road provides a parallel option to State Highway 44. More information about State Highway 16 is available at: <a href="http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/33">http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/33</a> BeaconLight-PurpleSage.pdf