

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: Silver Springs






Agency: Meridian

CIM Vision Category: Existing Neighborhoods

New households: 57

New jobs: 0

Exceeds CIM forecast: No

	<p>CIM Corridor: None Pedestrian level of stress: PG-13-McMillan Bicycle level of stress: PG-13-McMillan</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: 4,620 Jobs within 1 mile: 1,080 Jobs/Housing Ratio: 0.2</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: 3.7 miles Nearest fire station: 1.1 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: No Farmland within 1 mile: 67 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: 2.3 miles Nearest public school: 0.2 miles Nearest public park: 1.1 miles Nearest grocery store: 1.5 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 in an already developed area in Meridian. Infill sites with nearby services and multimodal infrastructure can mitigate the impact of increased traffic. This location is within walking distance to elementary and middle schools and the proposal is providing open space.

The site is not currently served by public transportation. ValleyConnect 2.0 proposes bus service along US 20/26 from the Idaho Center to downtown Boise with 30-minute frequencies. The closest bus stop would be approximately one mile from the proposal when that route is operational.

The proposal utilizes existing stub roads to promote automobile and non-motorized connectivity.

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