

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: Sky Mesa Highlands






Agency: Meridian

CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhoods

New households: 75

New jobs: 0

Exceeds CIM forecast: No

	<p>CIM Corridor: None Pedestrian level of stress: R: Eagle Rd Bicycle level of stress: R: Eagle Rd</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: 1,260 Jobs within 1 mile: 320 Jobs/Housing Ratio: 0.3</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: 2.3 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: 1,202 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: >4 miles Nearest public school: 2.0 miles Nearest public park: 0.9 miles Nearest grocery store: 2.3 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 is on the fringe of urban development in an area removed from employment centers and existing public transportation. The closest transit services are located more than four miles away. ValleyConnect 2.0 proposes a bus route along Eagle Road, from East Taconic Drive to the City of Eagle, via downtown Meridian with 30-minute frequencies in the peak hour. Bus stops would be within ½ mile of this development when it is operational. Safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure along Eagle Road to East Taconic Drive is critical for promoting ridership.

Eagle Road is an arterial roadway. The proposal does not propose additional vehicular access to Eagle Road, other than an emergency access. Additionally, the proposed stub roads and pathways will increase connectivity to other neighborhoods. This access management approach is needed to promote efficiency and safety.

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