

# 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: Spring Hollow Ranch**






**Agency: Nampa**

**CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhoods**

**New households: 349**

**New jobs: 0**

**Exceeds CIM forecast: No**

	<p>CIM Corridor: <b>None</b>                  Pedestrian level of stress: <b>R-Star Rd</b>                  Bicycle level of stress: <b>R-Star Rd</b></p>	<p>Level of Stress considers facility type, number of vehicle lanes, and speed. Roads with <b>G or PG</b> ratings better support bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and comfort levels.</p>
	<p>Housing within 1 mile: <b>230</b>                  Jobs within 1 mile: <b>990</b>                  Jobs/Housing Ratio: <b>4.3</b></p>	<p>A good jobs/housing balance – a ratio between <b>1 and 1.5</b> – reduces traffic congestion. Higher numbers indicate the need for more housing and lower numbers indicate an employment need.</p>
	<p>Nearest police station: <b>&gt;4 miles</b>                  Nearest fire station: <b>&gt;4 miles</b></p>	<p>Developments within <b>1.5 miles</b> 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: <b>Yes</b>                  Farmland within 1 mile: <b>1,470 acres</b></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: <b>&gt;4 miles</b>                  Nearest public school: <b>&gt;4 miles</b>                  Nearest public park: <b>2.9 miles</b>                  Nearest grocery store: <b>3.4 miles</b></p>	<p>Residents who live or work less than <b>½ mile</b> 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

This development proposes two access locations to Star Road, which is the #13 unfunded local priority in the *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* plan. Star Road will eventually be widened from two to five lanes, including an I-84 overpass, and will include curb, gutter, sidewalks, and bike lanes. Proper access management on Star Road is critical. Increased ingress and egress locations can reduce traffic flow and make additional conflict points for pedestrians and bicyclists. This location is still in a largely farmland area. Nearby services, such as schools, parks, emergency services, grocery, and other stores are likely accessed only by vehicle. The site is not currently served by public transportation. ValleyConnect 2.0 proposes bus service between the College of Western Idaho to downtown Boise with 30-minute frequencies in the peak hour. The closest bus stop would be less than ¾ mile in distance when that route is operational.

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