

# 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: State and Seneca**






**Agency: Star**

**CIM Vision Category: Downtown**

**New households: 96**

**New jobs: 50**

**Exceeds CIM forecast: No**

	<p>CIM Corridor: <b>State St (SH 44)</b>                  Pedestrian level of stress: <b>R</b>                  Bicycle level of stress: <b>R</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>1,910</b>                  Jobs within 1 mile: <b>640</b>                  Jobs/Housing Ratio: <b>0.3</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>0.5 miles</b>                  Nearest fire station: <b>0.5 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>No</b>                  Farmland within 1 mile: <b>546 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>1.2 miles</b>                  Nearest public park: <b>1.2 miles</b>                  Nearest grocery store: <b>0.5 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

The proposal for higher-density, mixed use development near the City of Star’s downtown area supports the *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* Vision for development in downtowns and along future transit routes. Typically, at least 7 dwelling units per acre (DU/acre) are needed to support public transportation. This proposal exceeds 13 DU/acre. The proposal is also a mix of residential and retail, which can mitigate congestion by decreasing the amount of single occupancy vehicle trips generated on the transportation network and encourage non-motorized travel. The site is not currently served by public transportation. ValleyConnect 2.0 proposes bus service along State Street/Highway 44 connecting Caldwell to Meridian via Highway 44. The closest bus stop would be adjacent to the proposal, at South Plummer Way and West State Street. Please coordinate with Valley Regional Transit on design and amenities that would accommodate future service.

More information about COMPASS and *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0*:

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More information about the development review process:

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



State Street/Highway 44 has been programmed for improvements in the FY2020-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. This project will widen State Street/Highway 44 from Star Road to Highway 16 with an additional lane in both directions to help alleviate congestion issues and improve safety. Construction is scheduled for FY2024. See attached.

COMPASS is working with a multi-jurisdiction working group to evaluate future plans for the State Street/Highway 44 corridor. The [State Street Transit and Traffic Operation Plan \(TTOP\)](#) calls for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along the State Street corridor with BRT service. East of Eagle Road BRT would have a dedicated lane and west of the Eagle Road to Highway 16 it would run in mixed traffic without a dedicated bus lane.

Access management is critical at this location to ensure future traffic flow and non-motorized safety. Restrict vehicular access to West State Street, a principal arterial, and allow access to Seneca Springs Way instead. More information about Highway 44/State Street High Capacity Corridor is available at: [http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/2\\_SH44-StateStreetTTP-NEW.pdf](http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/2_SH44-StateStreetTTP-NEW.pdf)

## SH-44 (State Street), Star Road to SH-16, Ada County

Key #: 20574

Inflated

**COMPASS PM:**

Congestion Reduction/System Reliability  
 Freight Movement and Economic Vitality  
 Transportation Safety  
 Community Infrastructure

**Federal PM:**



Requesting Agency: ITD

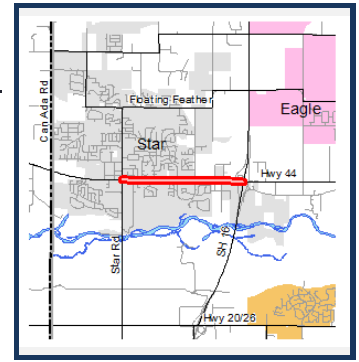
Project Year: 2024

Total Previous Expenditures: \$200

Total Programmed Cost: \$8,150

Total Cost (Prev. + Prog.): \$8,350

Project Description : Widen SH-44 (State Street) from Star Road to SH-16 in Ada County. An additional lane in both directions will alleviate congestion issues and improve safety.



Funding Source		TECM						Program		State Hwy - Safety & Capacity (Capacity)		Local Match	
Cost Year*	Preliminary Engineering	Preliminary Engineering Consulting	Right-of-Way	Utilities	Construction Engineering	Construction	Total	Federal Share	Local Share				
2020	0	500	0	0	0	0	500	0	500				
2021	0	0	1,020	0	0	0	1,020	0	1,020				
2024	0	0	0	0	510	6,120	6,630	0	6,630				
<b>Fund Totals:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$1,020</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$510</b>	<b>\$6,120</b>	<b>\$8,150</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,150</b>				

## SH-45, SH-78 to Melba Road, Canyon and Owyhee Counties

Key #: 21849

Inflated

**COMPASS PM:**

Maintenance  
 Farmland

**Federal PM:**



Requesting Agency: ITD

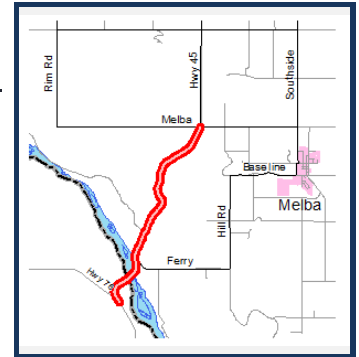
Project Year: 2025

Total Previous Expenditures: \$0

Total Programmed Cost: \$6,620

Total Cost (Prev. + Prog.): \$6,620

Project Description : Reconstruct SH-45 from the junction of SH-78 to Melba Road in Canyon County. (82% Canyon County and 17% Owyhee County)



Funding Source		NHPP						Program		State Hwy - Restoration		Local Match	
Cost Year*	Preliminary Engineering	Preliminary Engineering Consulting	Right-of-Way	Utilities	Construction Engineering	Construction	Total	Federal Share	Local Share				
2020	520	0	0	0	0	0	520	482	38				
2025	0	0	0	0	796	5,304	6,100	5,652	448				
<b>Fund Totals:</b>	<b>\$520</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$796</b>	<b>\$5,304</b>	<b>\$6,620</b>	<b>\$6,134</b>	<b>\$486</b>				

\*PD = Preliminary Development (projects with development activity but no programmed year of construction)