

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: Sweetwater Glen (ZMA-148-2021)






Agency: Nampa

CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhoods

New households: 226

New jobs: 0

Exceeds CIM forecast: No

	<p>CIM Corridor: None Pedestrian level of stress: N/A Bicycle level of stress: N/A</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: 570 Jobs within 1 mile: 310 Jobs/Housing Ratio: 0.6</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: 2.4 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: 1,263 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: 1.5 miles Nearest public school: 0.2 miles Nearest public park: 1.8 miles Nearest grocery store: >4 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

Ustick Road has been identified in the *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* plan as the #7 local, unfunded corridor. This project would widen Ustick Road to five lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalks, and bike lanes between Montana Avenue to Ten Mile Road. Currently, this location is in a predominately farmland area. Nearby services, such as schools, parks, grocery, and other services are likely accessed only by vehicle and there are no plans for public transportation to this location. The 2011 Nampa Bike/Ped plan identified the Purdam Drain as a public multi-use pathway. It appears that this proposal includes this pathway which would eventually connect to activity centers like the College of Western Idaho, the Idaho Center, and downtown Nampa. The proposal also includes a stub road to the west which will enable future connectivity to East Canyon Elementary School.

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