

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: Timbergrass Apartments






Agency: Caldwell

CIM Vision Category: Existing Neighborhoods

New households: 274

New jobs: 0

Exceeds CIM forecast: Yes

	<p>CIM Corridor: Ustick Road Pedestrian level of stress: R Bicycle level of stress: R</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: 2,750 Jobs within 1 mile: 1,030 Jobs/Housing Ratio: 0.4</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: 2.7 miles Nearest fire station: 0.3 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: 400 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: 0.2 miles Nearest public school: 1 mile Nearest public park: 0.2 miles Nearest grocery store: 0.1 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 Ustick Road corridor is the #7 local priority in the Communities in Motion 2040 plan. Ustick Road is one of the longest continuous roads in the region. CIM 2040 2.0 identifies the widening to five lanes with curb, gutter, sidewalks, and bike lanes from Montana Avenue to Ten Mile Road. This proposal exceeds growth forecasted for this area. Transportation infrastructure may not be able to support the new transportation demands.

This location is currently served by the Caldwell Express bus route (#43) and is within the service area for the VRT OnDemand service. ValleyConnect 2.0 proposes additional bus service along 10th Avenue, connecting Caldwell to downtown Boise. The closest bus stop would be less than ½ mile in distance when that route is operational.

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