

# Communities in Motion 2050 Development Checklist

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 2050 (CIM 2050), 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 2050 goals.



**Development Name:** Vista Point  
**CIM Vision Category:** Existing Neighborhood **New Jobs:** ±10  
**CIM Corridor:** None **New Households:** 892



## Safety

Level of Stress measures how safe and comfortable a bicyclist or pedestrian would feel on a corridor and considers multimodal infrastructure number of vehicle lanes and travel speeds.

Pedestrian level of stress   
 Bicycle level of stress



## Economic Vitality

These tools evaluate whether the location of the proposal supports economic vitality by growing near existing public services.

Activity Center Access   
 Farmland Preservation   
 Net Fiscal Impact   
 Within CIM Forecast



## Convenience

Residents who live or work less than 1/2 mile from critical services have more transportation choices, especially for vulnerable populations

Nearest bus stop   
 Nearest public school   
 Nearest public park



## Quality of Life

Checked boxes indicate that additional information is attached.

Active Transportation   
 Automobile Transportation   
 Public Transportation   
 Roadway Capacity



**Improves performance**



**Does not improve or reduce performance**



**Reduces performance**

### Comments:

The proposed number of households significantly exceeds growth forecasted for this area. Valley Regional Transit's [Transportation Development Plan 2023-2027](#) identifies several pending and future projects to improve bus service levels on Vista Avenue. Consider working with Valley Regional Transit and ACHD Commuteride staff to identify ways to reduce transportation impacts in this area by funding public transportation improvements.

**Communities in Motion 2050**  
[2020 Change in Motion Report](#)  
[Development Review Process](#)

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## Public Transportation Infrastructure

Providing safe and comfortable transit stops and appropriate amenities can make public transportation a more convenient and competitive option, reduce the overall cost of housing + transportation, and expand the potential customer base for businesses.

While stop location and spacing will depend on the circumstances of the route, there are some general guidelines to improve the user experience:

Locate bus stop amenities in areas that are expected to generate the most ridership, such as near employment centers, residential areas, retail centers, education centers, or major medical facilities.

Provide sidewalks and/or bike paths designed to meet the needs of all users (including elderly, children, and individuals with disabilities) to connect development to transit stops.

Provide bicycle parking that includes covered bike racks at transit stops; ensure it does not conflict with vehicular or pedestrian travel.

Provide shelters, benches, trash receptacles, lighting, and landscaping to enhance the overall comfort and attractiveness of transit; ensure amenities do not block pathways, sidewalks, or bike lanes.

✓ Include doors with 32 inches of clear passage space, and at least one zero-step entrance and accessible bathroom on the main floor to support those with limited mobility.

✓ Join the Valley Regional Transit group pass program:  
<https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/group-pass-programs>

Use Valley Regional Transit's [Bus Stop Location and Transit Amenities Development Guidelines](#) for siting new bus stops and reviewing current and bus stops.

## ***Fiscal Impact Analysis Supplemental for the Development Review Checklist***

The purpose of the fiscal impact analysis is to better estimate expected revenues and costs to local governments as a result of new development so that the public, stakeholders, and the decision-makers can better manage growth. Capital and operating expenditures are determined by various factors that determine service and infrastructure needs, including persons per household, student generation rates, lot sizes, street frontages, vehicle trip and trip adjustment factors, average trip lengths, construction values, income, discretionary spending, and employment densities.

The COMPASS Development Checklist considers the level of fiscal benefits, how many public agencies benefit or are burdened by additional growth, and how long the proposal will take to achieve a fiscal break-even point, if at all.

More information about the COMPASS Fiscal Impact Tool is available at:

[www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/fiscalimpact.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/fiscalimpact.htm)

### **Overall Net Fiscal Impact Net Fiscal Impact by Agency**

City

County

Highway District

School District

Break Even: 1 year