

# Communities in Motion 2040 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 (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 goals](#).

**Development Name: Whisper Meadows**






**Agency: Kuna**

**CIM Vision Category: Future Neighborhoods**

**New households: 310**

**New jobs: 0**

**Exceeds CIM forecast: YES**

	<p>CIM Corridor: <b>N/A</b>            Pedestrian level of stress: <b>R-Linder</b>            Bicycle level of stress: <b>R-Linder</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>200</b>            Jobs within 1 mile: <b>70</b>            Jobs/Housing Ratio: <b>0.4</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>3.9 miles</b>            Nearest fire station: <b>3 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>1,251 acres</b>            Farmland Value: <b>N/A</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>2.1 miles</b>            Nearest public park: <b>1.4 miles</b>            Nearest grocery store: <b>3.3 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 proposal extends urban development north into a largely farmland area, is several miles from public transportation and emergency services, and exceeds growth forecasted for this area. Transportation infrastructure may not be able to support the new transportation demands.

The proposal utilizes existing stub roads to promote automobile and non-motorized connectivity. The site plan shows good internal circulation for pedestrians; encourage improved pathways within internal open space to promote walkability. Linder Road and the extension of Durant Lane and have been identified as a future bicycle lanes.

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