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: Whitehurst Agency: Eagle

CIM Vision Category: Existing Neighborhoods

New households: 60 New jobs: 0 Exceeds CIM forecast: No

| | CIM Corridor: None Pedestrian level of stress: N/A Bicycle level of stress: N/A | 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. |
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| | Housing within 1 mile: 1,160 Jobs within 1 mile: 610 Jobs/Housing Ratio: 0.5 | 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. |
| | Nearest police station: 3.3 miles Nearest fire station: 2.0 miles | 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. |
| <u></u> | Farmland consumed: Yes Farmland within 1 mile: 342 acres | 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. |
| | Nearest bus stop: >4 miles Nearest public school: 0.1 miles Nearest public park: 0.4 miles Nearest grocery store: 2.7 miles | 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. |

Recommendations

COMPASS is working with a multi-jurisdiction group to evaluate future plans for the State Street/Highway 44 corridor, including Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along the State Street corridor. East of Eagle Road, bus service would have a dedicated lane and west of the Eagle Road to Highway 16 it would run in mixed traffic. More information about State Street plans are at: https://www.buildabetterstatestreet.org/documents.

ValleyConnect proposes three additional bus routes along this section of the State Street connecting to Boise, Meridian, Caldwell and Star. The nearest stops will be at Eagle High School, Old Valley Road and State Street and the Ballantyne Park and Ride. All three routes will have 30-minute frequencies in the peak hour. The nearest bus stops for these route will be less than ½ mile away from the proposal, when they are operational. Ensuring safe pedestrian and bicycle paths to the east via Cove Colony and west via W Nephi Lane will be important for making these services available.

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