



## Virtual Open House Summary

*Hosted: Thursday, March 13, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

*Hosted: Friday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

*Anytime: March 17 – April 27, 2014*

*Total Participants: 48<sup>1</sup>*

### Introduction

Susan Hayman, facilitator with EnviroIssues, welcomed participants to the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) *Communities in Motion 2040 (CIM 2040)* virtual open house. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the *CIM 2040* plan and provide opportunity for the public to review materials, ask questions, and prepare to provide public comment.

For the Hosted Open Houses, Susan reviewed the agenda for the presentation and open house, noting that COMPASS staff would be available throughout the session to answer questions. COMPASS staff participating in the open house included: Liisa Itkonen, Principal Planner for Transportation; Carl Miller, Principal Planner for Demographics; Don Matson, Principal Planner for Transportation; Charles Trainor, Principal Planner for Transportation; and Amy Luft, Communications Coordinator. Susan oriented participants to MeetingSphere.

For the Anytime Open House, participant instructions for the open house and orientation to MeetingSphere were provided before participants entered the open house rooms. Participants were able to view the Hosted Open House presentation at their own pace; a recorded, narrated version of the presentation was also provided.

### Presentation

Liisa provided an overview presentation on *CIM 2040* (Attachment 1). Liisa highlighted the following *CIM 2040* components:

- Overview of COMPASS and *CIM 2040*
- *CIM 2040* process and public involvement to date
- Chapters included in *CIM 2040*
- Key issues: growth, goals, finances, and the future transportation system
- *CIM 2040* Vision
- Goals and objectives

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<sup>1</sup> Not including COMPASS and EnviroIssues' staff

- Performance measures and targets
- Implementation policies
- Monitoring
- Needs and priorities
- Budget and maintenance
- Public involvement opportunities

Liisa noted that all photos in the presentation were provided by community members. She thanked participants for their engagement with the process and encouraged them to participate in the separate open house virtual rooms.

## **Open House**

Susan oriented participants to how to participate in the open house. Virtual rooms were organized by topic:

- Room 1: Reference Links
- Room 2: Vision
- Room 3: Goals
- Room 4: Priority Corridors and Projects
- Room 5: Funding the Transportation System
- Room 6: Performance Measures
- Room 7: Implementation
- Room 8: General Discussion

Each room provided background attachments for additional information; a list of the additional materials organized by room is provided as Attachment 2. Space for written questions and comments was provided, and questions and comments were monitored by COMPASS staff during the Hosted Open Houses and periodically throughout the Anytime Open House period. Questions (Q.) and comments (C.) from public participants, as well as responses (R.) from COMPASS staff, are organized by room and prompt below. Not all prompts received participant questions or comment.

### **Room 1: Reference Links**

Room 1 provided participants with links to *CIM 2040*, the comment form in English and Spanish, and other online materials.

### **Room 2: Vision**

Room 2 invited participants to respond to the following prompts:

*Prompt: What questions do you have regarding the CIM 2040 Vision?*

*Prompt: Is there anything that should be added to the CIM 2040 Vision? If so, what is it, and why should it be added?*

Q. No Hidden Springs or Avimor?

R. Existing approved developments, including Hidden Springs and Avimor, are represented in the *CIM 2040* Vision. However, some of the smaller neighborhoods may not be shown on the regional vision map ([http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/Map\\_Final.pdf](http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/Map_Final.pdf))

*Prompt: Is there anything that should be deleted from the CIM 2040 Vision? If so, what is it, and why should it be deleted?*

*Prompt: Does the CIM 2040 Vision represent your perspective? If not, why not?*

### **Room 3: Goals**

Room 3 invited participants to respond to the following questions concerning the 17 goals and eight planning elements:

*Prompt: What questions do you have about the CIM 2040 goals?*

*Prompt: Do you particularly agree or disagree with any of the goals? If so, which ones, and why?*

*Prompt: Do you think we are missing any goals? If so, what are we missing and why is it important?*

### **Room 4: Priority Corridors and Projects**

Room 4 provided a link to individual priority corridor maps and invited participants to respond to the following questions concerning transportation needs and priorities that serve as a basis for future funding opportunities:

*Prompt: What questions do you have regarding the identified priority corridors and projects?*

Q. Are there any plans in the works for State Street from 27<sup>th</sup> St. to 8<sup>th</sup> St.?

R. There are a few things going on. We have a special webpage just about activity on State Street: (<http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/specialprojects-statestreet.htm>). State St. /Highway 44 is also the #2 priority corridor in our list of unfunded needs. The summary is here: (<http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/CIM2040/2201com>)

mentperiod/2\_SH44-StateStreetTTP\_NEW.pdf).

- C. All the information you've listed so far is focused west of 27<sup>th</sup> St. Are there any projections addressing east of 27<sup>th</sup>?
- R. I'm not aware of any specific projects going on east of 27<sup>th</sup>. The Transit and Traffic Operational Plan (TTOP) was looking at the street/land use/ and transit into downtown, but most of the detail is west of 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Because the street narrows at 23<sup>rd</sup>, any actions get more complicated there. That detail will be in a future study when funding is available – we are seeking money to begin that within a few years.

*Prompt: Do you particularly agree or disagree with specific priority projects? If so, which ones and why?*

*Prompt: Are we missing any priority projects? If so, which one and why?*

*Prompt: Which priority corridors and projects are most important to you?*

*Prompt: Do you agree or disagree with the current ordering of priorities? Please explain.*

### **Room 5: Funding the Transportation System**

Room 5 invited participants to respond to the following questions, acknowledging current and future funding limitations:

*Prompt: What questions do you have about funding the transportation system?*

*Prompt: Do you think it is appropriate to focus limited federal funding on maintenance only? Why or why not?*

- C. Focusing funding on maintenance, in my opinion, is fine. If we continue to use the funding to build more/larger infrastructure, we will need more for maintenance anyhow. Assuming I understood this question correctly, let's improve existing roadways and maintain them accordingly.

*Prompt: Do you think transportation funding should be increased? If so, what suggestions do you have to do this?*

- C. Not necessarily increased, just evened out to allow for all mode shares to get equal distribution. Invest in active transportation and public transit as well as personal transportation (automobiles). Build for people, not just their cars.

## **Room 6: Performance Measures**

Room 6 invited participants to respond to the following questions:

*Prompt: What are your questions about the performance measures?*

*Prompt: Are there other attributes you would suggest COMPASS use to measure success?*

*Prompt: Are these the right attributes to measure success as this plan is implemented? Why or why not?*

## **Room 7: Implementation**

Room 7 invited participants to respond to the following questions concerning the eight implementation policies for *CIM 2040*:

*Prompt: What are your questions about the proposed implementation policies?*

*Prompt: Are there other policies you would suggest COMPASS apply during plan implementation?*

*Prompt: Are these the right policies to emphasize as this plan is implemented? Why or why not?*

## **Room 8: General discussion**

Room 8 invited participants to respond to the following questions:

*Prompt: Do you have general questions regarding the Draft CIM 2040 Plan?*

- Q. Would COMPASS staff be willing / able / available to come to a public agency to give an overview of the plan and the feedback desired for elected officials?
- R. Yes, we would be happy to! Just let me know when you'd like us to present.

*Prompt: Do you have general comments regarding the Draft Plan format?*

- C. I was impressed with the inclusivity of the planning process and how responsive COMPASS was to everyone's requests and comments.

*Prompt: Do you have general comments regarding the Draft Plan content?*

- C. Thinking about the draft plan and the enhancements planned along Chinden west of Eagle Road out to I-84, as I was driving back from Nampa yesterday, looking at all the new and still newer subdivisions in

the works, I am skeptical of the ability of an inter-governmental planning process with no implementation authority to limit the continued sprawl of Meridian into agriculture lands to the west along Chinden, Cherry Lane, Ustick, etc., and think that reducing the potential commute times just adds to the development pressure. We know Meridian needs to keep growth booming in order to pay for the amenities such as parks that Boise and the older part of the Valley already have invested in. Without any state or regional regulations, how can growth policies be limited, especially since issues related to this are matters of focus in electing local officials? In using Meridian as an example for the above comments, I am not suggesting it as the only or worst example, just happened to be what I was seeing yesterday.

- C. I am concerned about the designation of the Boise Foothills, from what appears to be Bogus Basin Road west to Eagle, as future neighborhoods given all of the efforts of the last ten years or so to limit development in this area.
  
- C. I am also concerned that a downtown circulator is listed as #15 in transportation priority for the valley--I question whether this is a need or a want.



## **Conclusion**

At the end of the Hosted Open House, participants were invited to continue their participation through the Anytime Open House. All participants were notified that all *CIM 2040* and Open House materials, as well as access to the comment form, could be accessed on the COMPASS website, and that the comment period for *CIM 2040* will conclude on April 27, 2014; participants were encouraged to provide feedback and official comments prior to the close of the comment period.

Susan thanked participants for attending the Hosted Open House and adjourned the meeting. The Anytime Open House concluded at 11:59 p.m. on April 27.



# Communities in Motion 2040

*DRAFT*  
Regional Long-Range  
Transportation Plan for Ada  
and Canyon Counties






## Overview

- What is COMPASS?
- What is *Communities in Motion*?
- What's happened so far?
- What are the key issues?
- What is coming up?






Photos by Karl Adolphson (left) and Troy Behurin (right)






## What is COMPASS?

- Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho
- Metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Ada and Canyon Counties
- An association of governments responsible for long-range transportation planning and allocating federal transportation funds in Ada and Canyon Counties







Photos by Martin Ronquillo (left) and Kristi Watkins (right)

## What is *Communities in Motion*?

- Regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties
- At least 20-year horizon
- Helps ensure roads, bridges, transit services, pathways, sidewalks, and trails are ready for the future
- Updated every four years

## What's happened so far?

**Public comment:**

- February/March 2012 (Stakeholder workshops)
- May 7 – June 17, 2012
- Dec 27 – Jan 13, 2013
- Aug 3 - Sep 4, 2013

**2012**

**Financial forecast**  
CIM 2040 Vision

**2013**

**2014**

**Final public comment:**  
March 3 – April 27, 2014

**Focus federal dollars on maintenance**

Goals, objectives, tasks

Priority corridors

Funded projects and unfunded needs

Performance measures and targets

Implementation policies




## What's in *Communities in Motion*?

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Public Participation and Involvement
- Chapter 3: Defining the Vision
- Chapter 4: Transportation Financial Analysis
- Chapter 5: Existing Transportation System
- Chapter 6: Future Transportation System Priorities/Needs
- Chapter 7: Transportation Safety
- Chapter 8: Transportation Security
- Chapter 9: Environmental Considerations
- Chapter 10: Assessing Performance of the Transportation System
- Chapter 11: Implementing the Plan






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### Key issues

- Growth
  - CIM 2040 Vision
- Goals
  - 8 elements
  - 17 goals
  - Performance measures and targets
  - Implementation policies
- Finances
  - Shortage of transportation funding
  - Focus on maintenance
- Future transportation system
  - 33 unfunded projects and corridors



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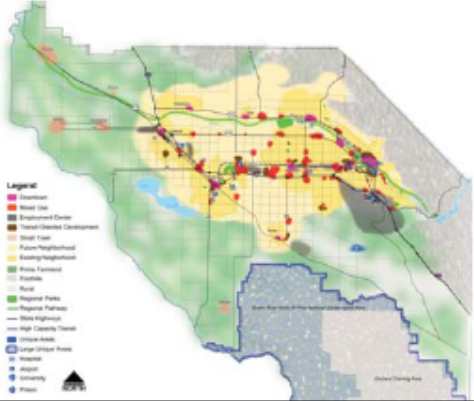
### Growth: CIM 2040 Vision



Total population in 2040 = 1,022,000 (422,000 more people)  
 Total jobs in 2040 = 462,000 (210,000 new jobs)




### CIM 2040 Vision



Legend:

- Employment
- Wood Use
- Employment Center
- Employment/Community
- Small Town
- Urban Neighborhood
- Employment/Neighborhood
- Prime Farmland
- Farmland
- Road
- Regional Park
- Regional Parkway
- State Highway
- High Capacity Transit
- Large Urban Area
- Waterway
- Airport
- University
- Other



### CIM 2040 Vision

- Provides new housing and jobs in major activity centers
- Focuses on maintaining recreation and open space
- Comprised of a variety of housing types
- Focuses growth outside of prime farmland or environmental constraints
- Supports local comprehensive plan goals
- Supports high capacity transit for State Street (Highway 44) and a route parallel to Interstate-84
- Supports multimodal infrastructure and services





Photo by Troy Behurin



### Elements

1. Transportation
2. Housing
3. Farmland
4. Open Space
5. Health
6. Community Infrastructure
7. Land Use
8. Economic Development



Photo by Clint Marchbanks



### Goals and objectives

- 17 goals for the eight plan elements
- Objectives and tasks for each goal



Photos by Shelly Houston (left/middle) and Sylvia Mermon (right)



### Performance measures and targets

- 56 regional performance measures that track the CIM 2040 goals
- Targets for each measure



Photo by Shelly Houston



### Implementation policies

- Consider corridor priority order when monies become available for unfunded projects
- Coordinate local plans for land use and transportation investments to implement the CIM 2040 goals and vision
- Cultivate new funding sources for transportation investments
- Promote the appropriate design of transportation facilities for the needs of all users as outlined in the COMPASS complete streets policy
- Employ a grant program to assist agencies in funding innovative ways to implement CIM 2040
- Educate and actively engage the public and stakeholders on best practices for implementing CIM 2040
- Monitor, track, and report development activity and changes to comprehensive plans and other related documents
- Consider the CIM 2040 goals and vision when developing projects and tasks for the COMPASS Unified Planning Work Program



### Monitoring progress

- Performance Monitoring Report
  - Baseline report in 2014, every two years after that
- Online dashboard
  - Access to performance data for any area in Ada or Canyon Counties at any time
  - Live in fall 2014 on [www.compassidaho.org](http://www.compassidaho.org)



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### Identifying needs and priorities

- Pinpoint transportation system deficiencies
- Gather information to identify needs and solutions
- Determine key transportation corridors and projects to meet future needs
- Prioritize corridors and projects

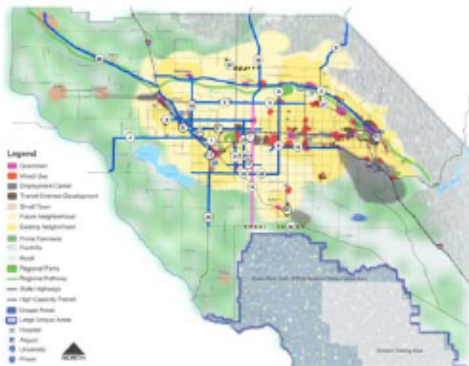


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Result = 33 priority corridors and projects



### Priority corridors



### Finances

#### Average Annual Transportation Funding

Source	Amount
Federal	\$25 million
State*	\$34 million
Local	\$141 million
Total	\$200 million



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(\*Includes federal funds spent by ITD)

#### Transportation Needs, Funding, and Shortfall



	Needs	Funding	Shortfall
Total (2014 - 2040)	\$9.7 billion	\$5.4 billion	\$4.3 billion
Annual	\$359 million	\$200 million	\$159 million



### Focus on maintenance

- Not enough revenue in the future to maintain the transportation system, much less expand it
- COMPASS Board has chosen to focus federal transportation funding on maintenance

**What is “maintenance”?**  
 Anything that “protects and preserves existing transportation systems and opportunities”

### The bottom line...by the numbers

- **1.022 million** people by 2040
- **17** goals
  - 56 performance measures
  - 8 high level policies
- **33** priority corridors and projects
- **\$359 million** average annual cost of transportation needs (2014 – 2040)
- **44%** of that is unfunded
  - **\$159 million** per year




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### Public comment opportunities

- March 3 – April 27, 2014
- All materials online: [www.compassidaho.org](http://www.compassidaho.org)
- Open houses (4 – 8 pm)
  - April 3: Library! at Cole/Ustick, 7557 W. Ustick, Boise
  - April 9: Public Safety Building, 820 2<sup>nd</sup> Street So., Nampa
  - April 10: COMPASS office, 700 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Meridian
- Virtual (online) open house
  - March 13: 3:00 – 4:30 pm
  - March 21: 9:00 – 10:30 am
  - Anytime, March 17 - April 27
  - Log in: [www.compassidaho.org](http://www.compassidaho.org)
- Materials at public libraries and the COMPASS office



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### What's next?

**Public comment:**

- March 3 – April 27, 2014

COMPASS Board adopts CIM 2045

**2014**


**2018**

**May/June**  
 – Public comments provided to COMPASS advisory committees and the COMPASS Board

**July**  
 – COMPASS Board expected to adopt the plan as presented or with changes

**August**  
 – Begin implementation

**October**  
 – Begin work on Communities in Motion 2045



### Questions?



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## Attachment 2 – Open House Materials

### Room 1 – Reference Links

- Reference Links (downloadable)

### Room 2 - Vision

- *CIM 2040* Vision Map and Description
- *CIM 2040* Vision Demographics and Benefits
- Chapter 3: Developing the *CIM 2040* Vision
- Visión *CIM 2040* (Spanish)

### Room 3 – Goals

- Chapter 1: Introduction, including *CIM 2040* Goals
- *CIM 2040* Goals, with objectives and tasks
- Poster: *CIM 2040* Goals
- *CIM 2040* Metas (Spanish)

### Room 4 – Priority Corridors and Projects

- Chapter 6: Future Transportation System, including funded and unfunded needs
- *CIM 2040* Vision Map with Prioritized Corridors
- Description of 33 Corridors and Projects
- Poster: 33 Prioritized Corridors and Projects
- Vías públicas y proyectos prioritarios (Spanish)

### Room 5 – Funding the Transportation System

- Chapter 4: Financial Analysis
- Chapter 6: Future Transportation System , including funded and unfunded needs
- Poster: Focus Funding on Maintenance
- Poster: Financial Needs and Shortfall

### Room 6 – Performance Measures

- All *CIM 2040* Performance Measures and Targets
- Chapter 10: Assessing Performances
- Poster: Measuring Progress

### Room 7 – Implementation

- Chapter 11: Implementing the Plan
- Poster: Implementation Policies

## Attachment 2 – Open House Materials

### Room 8 – General Discussion

- *CIM 2040* In a Nutshell
- *Comunidades en Movimiento 2040*, Un breve resumen (Spanish)
- Executive Summary from *CIM 2040* plan document
- Poster: Planning Process
- Poster: What is *Communities in Motion*?