

## ***Communities in Motion 2040*** **Quarterly Email Update #2, January 2012**

The Community Planning Association (COMPASS) is updating *Communities in Motion*, the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties.

This update of *Communities in Motion* will look to a horizon year of 2040 and be ready for adoption by the COMPASS Board no later than September 2014. Unlike the past and current versions of *Communities in Motion*, *Communities in Motion 2040* will be a long-range transportation and sustainability plan, with focus on housing, community infrastructure, and healthy living, as well as transportation.

This is the second in a series of quarterly email updates to help you stay abreast of both the behind-the-scenes planning progress and opportunities for you to be involved.

All quarterly email updates are also posted online at [www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm).

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### **What has happened with *Communities in Motion 2040* (CIM 2040) since the last quarterly email update (October 2011)?**

#### Planning Process:

- The COMPASS Board approved a population estimate of 1,022,000 people for Ada and Canyon Counties for 2040. This figure will be used as the basis for developing growth scenarios upon which CIM 2040 will be based.
- COMPASS staff, committees, and CIM 2040 Planning and Leadership Teams have been working with consultants Placeways and EnviroIssues to provide data and other background information to be used in a scenario planning process in 2012. This process will involve stakeholder workshops and extensive public involvement to ultimately develop a "preferred growth scenario" for CIM 2040. The COMPASS Board will be involved throughout the process and will vote on a preferred scenario in September 2012. The preferred scenario will describe a vision for how Treasure Valley residents want the valley to grow.
- COMPASS selected a contractor who will provide an economic benefits analysis tool to evaluate the economic impact of infrastructure investments.
- COMPASS solicited qualifications/proposals for a firm to develop a more comprehensive congestion management process and its applicable elements and has requested bids to develop a fiscal forecast to use in the planning process.

#### Public Involvement and Outreach:

- The COMPASS Board approved the Public Involvement Plan for CIM 2040. The plan is online at [www.compassidaho.org/people/publicinvolvement.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/people/publicinvolvement.htm).
- Who will the plan affect the most? It's not us adults...it's the adults of tomorrow. To reach out to these future adults, COMPASS kicked off the CIM 2040 public involvement activities with a youth art contest. Elementary age children in Ada and Canyon Counties were asked to draw or paint what they think their community will look like in 25 years. Entries are in and are being judged. Check the COMPASS website in early January to see the winning entries. COMPASS will display the drawings throughout the planning process at open houses, meetings, other events, at the COMPASS office, and at other public places throughout the valley. Would your organization like to display some of this artwork in your lobby or entry? Contact Amy Luft at [aluft@compassidaho.org](mailto:aluft@compassidaho.org) to make arrangements.
- We continue to strive to keep our website up to date with current activities. Visit [www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm) for a clearinghouse of information on our progress, including links to this and future emails.

## What will happen in the next three months?

### Planning Process:

- The scenario planning process will be the primary focus — both behind the scenes and working with the public. Stakeholder workshops will be used to develop draft scenarios. As the quarter ends at the end of March, the workshop results will be in the process of being compiled in preparation for public comment on draft scenarios.
- With consultants, COMPASS will begin work on economic benefits analyses, a comprehensive congestion management process, and a fiscal forecast for the plan.

### Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

- Help shape the future of the valley. Nominate yourself to participate in one of the scenario planning workshops. The workshops will occur on February 29 and March 1 and 2, 2012, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The workshops will engage community leaders, elected officials, and stakeholders (such as you!) to collaboratively develop a common set of goals and identify three to four potentially desirable growth patterns, or scenarios, that could occur. **Fill out a self-nomination form** by 5:00 pm on Friday, January 20, 2012, if you are interested in participating. You'll be asked to tell us why you want to participate, what types of interests or groups you represent or belong to, what unique perspectives you bring to the table, and which workshop(s) you could attend. Self-nominees will be chosen to include a broad cross-section of interests and opinions. Visit [www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040\\_scenarioplanning.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040_scenarioplanning.htm) to learn more and to nominate yourself. You will be notified in late January if you have been selected to participate.
- If you can't commit to spending an entire day at a workshop, or if you aren't selected to attend (space is limited, so there may not be room for everyone who self-nominates), you will still have plenty of opportunities to weigh in on the draft scenarios after the workshops. You'll find more details in the April quarterly update email.
- Learn more about demographics and how changing demographics may affect our valley by attending a presentation by Dr. Chris Nelson of the University of Utah on January 18 (evening) or January 19 (morning). Visit [www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents\\_2011\\_ed\\_series.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents_2011_ed_series.htm) for details.
- Learn more about the plan and the planning process with a presentation to your club or organization. Contact Amy Luft at [aluft@compassidaho.org](mailto:aluft@compassidaho.org) to schedule.
- Join the Public Participation Committee. This committee of citizen volunteers encourages community involvement in transportation planning issues in the COMPASS planning area and assists COMPASS staff with outreach efforts. It is a great opportunity to learn more about and become more deeply involved in the planning process. Contact Amy Luft at [aluft@compassidaho.org](mailto:aluft@compassidaho.org) to learn more.
- Follow COMPASS on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/COMPASSIdaho](http://www.facebook.com/COMPASSIdaho).

## Why should I care?

*Communities in Motion 2040* can help you keep your New Year's resolutions:

### New Year's Resolution

### How *Communities in Motion 2040* Can Help

Get in shape.....CIM 2040 will look at ways to increase walking and biking facilities and opportunities.

Save money .....Housing and transportation aspects of the plan will examine the true cost of housing, once transportation costs are factored in.

Spend more time with family and friends.....CIM 2040 will include options to reduce road congestion, from signal timing to transit to options for walking and biking, which can lead to less time on the road.

\*\*Why do you think people should care? Reply to this email to share your reasons. We'll post them quarterly on the COMPASS Executive Director's blog at [www.compassidahoblogspot.com](http://www.compassidahoblogspot.com). Check it out to see what everyone else is saying.\*\*

Watch for your next quarterly email update in April 2012. In the meantime, if you have questions, comments, or want to become more involved, contact Amy Luft at [aluft@compassidaho.org](mailto:aluft@compassidaho.org).