

***Communities in Motion 2040***  
**Quarterly Email Update #8, July 2013**

Hello -

This is the eighth in a series of quarterly email updates about [\*Communities in Motion 2040\*](#), the next regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties. Its purpose is to help you stay abreast of the behind-the-scenes planning process and of opportunities for you to be involved.

The current long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties is [\*Communities in Motion 2035\*](#). This next version of *Communities in Motion* will look to a horizon year of 2040 and be ready for adoption by the Community Planning Association (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 plan with "sustainability elements" that focus on housing, community infrastructure, health, open space, farmland, and economic development, as well as land use and transportation.

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**What has happened with *Communities in Motion 2040* (CIM 2040) since the last quarterly email update (April 2013)?**

Planning Process:

- COMPASS received the **ESRI Special Achievement in GIS award** for the CIM 2040 scenario planning process and resulting CIM 2040 Vision map. This award recognizes outstanding work with GIS technology.
- The CIM 2040 Planning Team recommended the CIM 2040 goals, objectives, tasks, lead agencies, and performance measures to the CIM 2040 Leadership Team in April, then, in June, the Leadership Team reviewed and recommended the same items to the COMPASS Board for approval.
- An Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture and operational concept workshop was held on April 8 and attended by 15 people representing 10 different agencies responsible for transportation operations throughout the Treasure Valley. The workgroup reviewed planning-level cost estimates for the ITS implementation plan.
- COMPASS staff used CommunityViz® suitability analysis to identify likely environmental implications of CIM 2040 transportation projects for consideration in corridor and project prioritization.
- In June, the Planning Team prioritized regional transportation corridors and projects, and the Leadership Team recommended them to the COMPASS Board for approval.
- The COMPASS Board reviewed funding options for transportation projects in CIM 2040 and reaffirmed its commitment to focus locally controlled federal funding on maintenance of the current transportation system.
- The 2010 Complete Streets Level of Service data and maps were presented to the COMPASS Transportation Model Advisory Committee in May and to the CIM 2040 Leadership Team in June.

- COMPASS staff continued to draft plan chapters. The following chapters are in development:
  - Chapter 1, Introduction
  - Chapter 2, Public Participation and Involvement
  - Chapter 3, Defining the Vision
  - Chapter 4, Transportation Financial Forecast
  - Chapter 5, Existing Transportation System
  - Chapter 7, Transportation Safety
  - Chapter 8, Transportation Security

#### Public Involvement and Outreach:

- COMPASS developed a tabletop display on CIM 2040 to place in public locations around the Treasure Valley to raise awareness of CIM 2040 and the planning process. In May and June, the display was placed in three Treasure Valley YMCA locations: downtown Boise, west Boise, and Caldwell.
- COMPASS continued to collect photos for the "*Your Treasure Valley Future: Photo Challenge*." Through the "challenge," COMPASS is asking photographers of all abilities to share photos that show values, ideals, and things in Ada and Canyon Counties that they would like to see carried into the year 2040 or even changed for the better. The photos are being posted on the COMPASS [web](#) and [Facebook](#) pages and will be used to illustrate [Communities in Motion 2040](#) and at outreach events. The challenge will run for an entire year (through November 2013), so you have the opportunity to take photos during all seasons. Visit [www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040\\_photochallenge.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040_photochallenge.htm) to learn more and upload your photos and check our [website](#) from time to time to see what else has been submitted.
- COMPASS continued its series of blogs that discuss the CIM 2040 "elements" and how they relate to transportation and to each other. The three most recent blogs focused on transportation and health, farmland, and community infrastructure. Check out the blogs at [www.compassidaho.blogspot.com](http://www.compassidaho.blogspot.com).
- COMPASS continued its 2013 education series with speakers discussing issues related to CIM 2040: connecting rural and urban transportation planning and designing healthy communities. [Learn more](#).
- COMPASS continued to update CIM 2040 information online; visit <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm> for information on CIM 2040 and links to additional pages.

#### **What will happen in the next three months?**

##### Planning Process:

- In July, the COMPASS Board will be asked to approve the CIM 2040 goals, objectives, tasks, lead agencies, and performance measures. Once these items have been approved by the COMPASS Board, the CIM 2040 Planning Team will develop targets for the performance measures.
- COMPASS will begin tracking historical data, developing models, and accessing regional comparison data in preparation for developing a regional performance monitoring report for CIM 2040.

- COMPASS will work with its consultants to finalize the ITS architecture plan, cost estimates for the ITS implementation plan, and the operational concept report, then review a draft of the full *Operations, Management, and ITS Plan*. COMPASS will also explore establishing an operations committee to further efforts from the plan.
- COMPASS staff will review environmental mitigation strategies for CIM 2040 with environmental and resource agencies participating in the environmental review process.
- The 2040 Complete Streets Levels of Service data and maps will be finalized and presented to the CIM 2040 Planning Team and Transportation Model Advisory Committee over the summer. In addition, a workgroup of CIM Planning Team members will be convened to identify applications for the Complete Streets level of service tool and to consider recommended changes to the COMPASS Complete Streets Policy.
- In September, the COMPASS Board will be asked to approve a prioritized list of transportation corridors and projects, as developed and recommended by the CIM 2040 Planning Team and recommended by the CIM 2040 Leadership Team. COMPASS will seek public comment on this list in August, before Board action.
- COMPASS staff will continue to write plan chapters. It is anticipated that DRAFTS of the following six chapters will be posted on the COMPASS website for review:
  - Chapter 1, Introduction
  - Chapter 3, Defining the Vision
  - Chapter 4, Transportation Financial Forecast
  - Chapter 5, Existing Transportation System
  - Chapter 7, Transportation Safety
  - Chapter 8, Transportation Security

#### Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

- COMPASS will be looking for YOUR input on the recommended prioritized list of transportation corridors and projects for CIM 2040 and other issues from August 5 – September 4, 2013. Plan to visit an open house (August 14 at the Hugh Nichols Public Safety Building in Nampa or August 15 at the Library! at Cole and Ustick in Boise), comment online, and/or host a COMPASS speaker for your organization. More details will be available early August at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm>.
- COMPASS will continue to place the CIM 2040 display in public locations around the Treasure Valley to raise awareness of CIM 2040 and the planning process. The display is scheduled to be placed in the Boise main library in July, Nampa City Hall in August, and tentatively Eagle City Hall or library in September. Would you like to see it in your community next? Contact [aluft@compassidaho.org](mailto:aluft@compassidaho.org) to schedule.
- The COMPASS "*Your Treasure Valley Future: Photo Challenge*" will continue through November 30, 2013. Visit [www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040\\_photochallenge.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040_photochallenge.htm) to learn more and upload your photos.
- 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 <http://www.facebook.com/COMPASSIdaho>.
- Read the Executive Director's blog at <http://www.compassidaho.blogspot.com>.

### **Why should I care?**

*Can you imagine life without the Flying Wye or the Connector? At some point, people in the past planned for them for us. It's time to pay it forward and plan for future generations.*

\*\*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 <http://www.compassidaho.blogspot.com>. Check it out to see what everyone else is saying.\*\*

Watch for your next quarterly email update in October 2013. 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).