

Communities in Motion 2040
Quarterly Email Update #9, October 2013

Hello -

This is the ninth 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.

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

Planning Process:

- In July, the COMPASS Board approved the CIM 2040 goals, objectives, tasks, lead agencies, and performance measures. Subsequently, a workgroup was formed with members of the CIM 2040 Planning Team and Public Participation Committee to evaluate targets for CIM 2040 performance measures and review measurement tools such as an online "dashboard."
- In September, the COMPASS Board approved a prioritized list of 33 transportation corridors and projects, as developed and recommended by the CIM 2040 Planning Team and recommended by the CIM 2040 Leadership Team. These corridors and projects will be included in the plan as unfunded needs and indicate investment priorities should additional funds become available. Several steps occurred before Board action.
 - COMPASS ran a "deficiency analysis" on the future transportation system, based on the CIM 2040 Vision and current budgeted transportation improvements to help determine future needs.
 - COMPASS staff developed written summaries describing the background, issues, and technical data for each corridor/project to assist in the prioritization process.
 - The CIM 2040 Planning Team prioritized the projects/corridors that resulted from the deficiency analysis and recommended a priority order to the CIM 2040 Leadership Team and COMPASS Board.
 - The CIM 2040 Leadership Team reviewed the priorities as established by the Planning Team and also recommended the list in priority order to the COMPASS Board.
 - The public was invited to comment on the prioritized list from August 5 – September 4, 2013; comments were provided to the COMPASS Board and are available at http://www.compassidaho.org/documents/prodserv/PublicComment/Aug_Sept13_CIM_2040_Comment_verbatim_web.pdf.
 - COMPASS developed planning-level estimated costs for the 33 corridors/projects and provided the costs to the COMPASS Board.
- In September, the Planning Team recommended lists of funded and unfunded projects for inclusion in CIM 2040. While federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) dollars allocated via CIM 2040 will be used for maintenance, locally funded/regionally significant projects and projects with previously committed funding will be shown as "funded" in CIM 2040.

- In September, the CIM 2040 Planning Team recommended CIM 2040 implementation policies to the CIM 2040 Leadership Team. These Board-level policies are designed to provide direction in implementing CIM 2040.
- Work on the *Treasure Valley Transportation System: Operations, Management, and ITS* plan continued. The workgroup held its last two meetings and received the plan for review. COMPASS worked with the consultant on regional performance measures and a method to allow COMPASS to maintain the ITS architecture.
- COMPASS staff met with environmental and resource agencies participating in the environmental review process to review the results of an environmental suitability analyses for the prioritized regional transportation corridors and review general environmental mitigation strategies for CIM 2040.
- A draft regional pathway map was provided to local agencies for comment and subsequently updated based on feedback.
- COMPASS staff presented a proposal for a grant implementation program to the COMPASS Executive Committee in September. The proposal was developed based on the CIM 2040 scope of work, which directed that a proposal for a grant program be developed for consideration by the COMPASS Board. The Executive Committee forwarded the proposal to the Board for action.
- COMPASS staff continued to write draft chapters. The following draft chapters were posted online for review at www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#Plan. Please take a look and let us know what you think. These chapters are DRAFT, so are subject to change. They are also intentionally unformatted – we'll format and add graphics later. Right now, we are looking for your feedback on the content of the chapters.
 - Chapter 1, Introduction
 - Chapter 2, Public Participation
 - Chapter 3, Defining the Vision
 - Chapter 4, Transportation Financial Forecast
 - Chapter 7, Transportation Safety
 - Chapter 8, Transportation Security

Public Involvement and Outreach:

- COMPASS held a public comment period on the 33 prioritized corridors and projects from August 5 – September 4, 2013. Public comment opportunities included two open houses, information available at public libraries and the COMPASS office, an in-depth discussion group with visually impaired individuals, and opportunities to comment online, including an interactive map-based comment form. View comments at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#PublicParticipation>.
- COMPASS continued to place a tabletop display on CIM 2040 in public locations around the Treasure Valley to raise awareness of CIM 2040 and the planning process. The display was placed at the Boise main library in July, in Nampa City Hall in August, and in Eagle City Hall in September.

- 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. Visit 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. Thank you to everyone who has submitted photos so far!
- COMPASS finished its series of blogs that discuss the CIM 2040 “elements” and how they relate to transportation and to each other. The final blog in this series was posted in July and focused on economic development. Check out all COMPASS blogs at www.compassidaho.blogspot.com.
- 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:

- COMPASS staff will continue to work with the workgroup of CIM 2040 Planning Team and Public Participation Committee members on targets for CIM 2040 performance measures and on measurement tools. In December, the COMPASS Board will be asked to approve targets for the CIM 2040 performance measures.
- Summaries of the 33 prioritized corridors will be refined and professionally designed and edited.
- In October, the CIM 2040 Leadership Team will be asked to review and recommend the funded and unfunded project lists for CIM 2040, as developed and recommended by the CIM 2040 Planning Team. The COMPASS Board will be asked to approve the lists in November.
- Staff will begin the modeling process to demonstrate air quality conformity for CIM 2040, based on the list of funded transportation projects.
- The Leadership Team will review and be asked to recommend the draft implementation policies in October as recommended by the Planning Team in September. These will be brought to the COMPASS Board for action in November.
- The *Treasure Valley Transportation System: Operations, Management, and ITS* plan will be finalized and Phase 2 of the project will begin. Phase 2 will consist of two main components: (1) assisting agencies with interagency agreements that support critical operations programs and infrastructure management, and (2) setting up a regional operations working group made of representatives from transportation and emergency management agencies.
- Staff will develop Complete Streets Level of Service data to compare existing conditions to planned conditions according to the ACHD Master Streets Map and Valley Regional Transit’s *Valleyconnect* plan.
- Staff will continue to work on a master pathways map for CIM 2040, including analyzing gaps between different jurisdictions’ pathways and developing a final map with gap closure recommendations and related policies for inclusion in draft plan.

- In November, the COMPASS Board will review the proposal for a grant implementation program and act on whether or not to implement the program.
- COMPASS staff will continue to write the remaining plan chapters. By the end of December, DRAFTS of all chapters will be online for review at www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040.htm#Plan.

Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

- 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 Southwest District Health office in October and the Meridian Public Library in November.
- The COMPASS "*Your Treasure Valley Future: Photo Challenge*" will wrap up on November 30, 2013. Visit www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040_photochallenge.htm to learn more and upload your photos before it's too late!
- Learn more about the plan and the planning process with a presentation to your club or organization. Contact Amy Luft at 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 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?

If people aren't stuck in their traffic, maybe they'll stop farding in their cars!

(Aren't sure what "farding" is? Click here: <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/fard?s=t> or scroll down to find out.)

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 January 2014. In the meantime, if you have questions, comments, or want to become more involved, contact Amy Luft at aluft@compassidaho.org.

Fard (verb): to apply cosmetics (to the face). (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/fard?s=t>)