



**COMPASS**  
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION  
of Southwest Idaho

# COMMUNITIES IN MOTION 2040

REGIONAL LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
ADA AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO



The Community Planning Association (COMPASS) is actively implementing [Communities in Motion 2040](#) (CIM 2040), the regional long-range transportation plan for Ada and Canyon Counties, adopted in July 2014. We are also working on updating the plan.

The next update of *Communities in Motion* will maintain the horizon year of 2040, and will be called [Communities in Motion 2040 2.0](#) (CIM 2040 2.0). The update builds on the main tenets of CIM 2040 – namely the [CIM 2040 Vision](#), [goals](#), and [performance measures and targets](#). CIM 2040 2.0 will focus on four transportation system components and how they work together to form a complete, efficient transportation system for the Treasure Valley:

- [Bicycle/Pedestrian](#)
- [Freight](#)
- [Public Transportation](#)
- [Roadways](#)

COMPASS is focusing on each of the components individually – gathering data, creating snapshots of what each looks like today, and developing a vision of what each could look like in the future – then determining how the components work together to become a complete transportation system.

We will continue to send quarterly email updates to help you stay abreast of both the behind-the-scenes planning progress and opportunities for you to be involved. Each email will provide a summary of what has happened since the last email update and a preview of what is planned before the next scheduled email update. Past and future CIM 2040 2.0 email updates like this one are available on the [CIM 2040 2.0 webpage](#).

## What's new since October?

### A progress report on *Communities in Motion*



Photo by Don Kostelec

### Planning Process:

- Identified regional bicycle and pedestrian corridors and continued working on an interactive bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure map with the assistance of the COMPASS Active Transportation Workgroup.
- Released a request for qualifications for a freight study to identify industrial and commercial centers and corridors and propose strategies for the safe and efficient flow of goods in Ada and Canyon Counties.
- Evaluated high capacity corridor options for light rail or bus rapid transit from Boise to Meridian, Nampa, and Caldwell using scoring criteria previously

- identified by the Public Transportation Workgroup.
- Reviewed and updated park and ride lot maps with the Public Transportation Workgroup.
- Reconciled the CIM 2040 demographic data to update the baseline for travel demand modeling and other planning analyses.

## Implementation:

- Awarded CIM Implementation Grants to Valley Regional Transit and the Cities of Kuna and Garden City and approved three projects for the Project Development Program submitted by the Cities of Boise, Meridian, and Nampa.
- Installed bicycle and pedestrian counters in the Cities of Boise and Kuna.
- Completed work with the Economic Development Research (EDR) Group to develop a quantifiable methodology for normalizing costs and benefits of transportation improvements with consideration of the transportation system components (bicycle/pedestrian, freight, public transportation, roadways) and eight CIM planning elements (transportation, land use, housing, economic development, health, open space, farmland, community infrastructure).
- Completed 18 development review checklists for the Cities of Boise, Meridian, and Nampa, and Ada and Canyon Counties and continued compiling 2016 building permits for a Development Monitoring Report.
- Received the 2016 Idaho Transportation Department's "[Excellence in Transportation- Planning](#)" award for the [2015 Agricultural Freight Study](#).
- Presented four [Leadership in Motion](#) awards recognizing businesses, individuals, and projects that demonstrated leadership in support of *Communities in Motion 2040*.

## Public Involvement and Outreach:

- Began sharing performance data through social media in an effort to make the most current data more accessible. To learn more, follow COMPASS on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) and be sure to check the COMPASS [Executive Director's blog](#) for quarterly blog posts that provide a more in-depth discussion on the performance measure data in the social media series.
- Posted bicycle and pedestrian count data on the COMPASS [traffic count webpage](#).
- Distributed "[Treasure Valley: On the Go!](#)" transportation calendars featuring the winning photos from COMPASS' year-long transportation photo contest. Want a free copy of the calendar for your home or office? Contact [ctorkelson@compassidaho.org](mailto:ctorkelson@compassidaho.org) to request one today!

# What's next for CIM?

**A close look at the next three months**



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## Planning Process:

- Begin work on a freight study to identify strategies for the safe and efficient flow of goods in Ada and Canyon Counties.
- Start the process to overlay bicycle/pedestrian, freight, public transportation, and roadway components to identify "hot spots," conflict areas, and synergies of needed improvements. This overlay view will be used to convert needed improvements into packages of projects that can be evaluated for their benefits and costs.

## Implementation:

- Install bicycle and pedestrian counters for the Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC) and the City of Boise at Julia Davis Park.
- Prioritize 2018 CIM Implementation Grant applications to fund projects that support locally important projects and reinforce the regional goals established in *Communities in Motion*.

## Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

- Continue scheduling speakers for the [2017 COMPASS education series](#). The theme of the series is "Transportation Planning: What's Next?" Topics will include conservation easements, resiliency, pathways and economic development, and new technologies.

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