



COMPASS

COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

of Southwest Idaho

COMMUNITIES IN MOTION 2040

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

2.0



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](#)

In 2016, work 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 as 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 July?

Planning Process:

- As part of the [Second Strategic Highway Research Program \(SHRP2\)](#) Implementation Assistance grant, COMPASS continued work with the Economic Research Development (EDR) Group to develop a quantifiable methodology for normalizing costs and benefits of transportation improvements with consideration of the eight CIM planning elements (transportation, land use, housing, economic development, health, open space, farmland, community infrastructure).
- COMPASS, the Performance Measure Framework Workgroup, the Environmental Review Workgroup, and the Funding Policy subcommittee reviewed the draft performance measure framework, provided feedback on the weighting of specific factors, and discussed methods for reporting performance.
- COMPASS identified criteria for designating critical freight corridors in the planning region.
- COMPASS staff and the Active Transportation Workgroup identified priority bicycle and pedestrian corridors to be used in a gap analysis and further examination within CIM 2040 2.0.
- COMPASS staff and the Public Transportation Workgroup discussed criteria and preferences for selecting a preferred planning alignment and mode for high capacity public transportation along a route parallel to the I-84 corridor.
- COMPASS staff began reviewing design options for the CIM 2040 2.0 document.



Implementation:

- COMPASS premiered "[Maintenance Matters!](#)" - a short video emphasizing the importance of transportation funding for maintenance projects. Due to the funding shortfall, when developing [Communities in Motion 2040](#), the COMPASS Board of Directors made the decision to focus available federal funding on maintaining the existing transportation system.
- COMPASS introduced a new application process for all funding sources, including the Project Development Program and CIM Implementation Grant Program, to continue to support projects consistent with *Communities in Motion*.
- COMPASS solicited nominations for the 8th annual [Leadership in Motion](#) awards. The awards recognize businesses, individuals, and projects that have demonstrated leadership in supporting CIM goals and the CIM 2040 Vision.

Public Involvement and Outreach:

- COMPASS closed the "[Treasure Valley: On the Go!](#)" [photo contest](#) and asked the public to vote for their favorite photos. The [12 winning photos](#) will be published in a 2017 "Treasure Valley: On the Go!" transportation calendar, used in COMPASS promotional and outreach materials, and more. To reserve your FREE copy of the calendar, contact [Christina Torkelson](#), (208) 475-2232.
- COMPASS continued its series of presentations and workshops on the four transportation components in CIM 2040 2.0, with a presentation and hands-on workshop on innovations in public transportation with James Corless of Transportation 4 America on September 6 and 7, 2016. View Mr. Corless' slides and a video of the September 6 presentation [here](#).

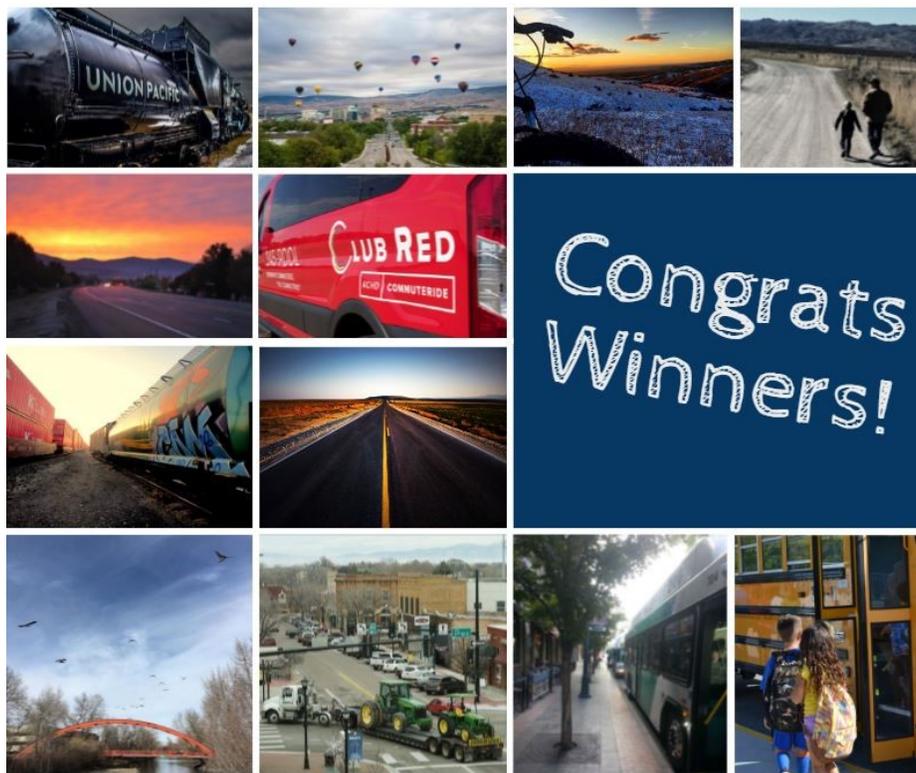
What's next for CIM?

Planning Process:

- COMPASS, EDR Group, and the Performance Measure Framework Workgroup will review the new performance measure framework tool, the weighting of specific factors, and methods for reporting performance.
- The EDR Group will finalize and deliver a performance measure framework tool to develop a quantifiable methodology for organizing and communicating costs and benefits of improvements with consideration of the eight CIM planning elements.
- COMPASS staff will finalize the financial forecast for CIM 2040 2.0.

Implementation:

- COMPASS will present its 2016 Leadership in Motion awards on Monday, December 19, 2016, at the COMPASS/Valley Regional Transit holiday Board luncheon.
- COMPASS will select a consultant to create an automated development review checklist to improve efficiency and more effectively bridge local and regional planning.



Public Involvement and Outreach Opportunities:

- COMPASS will design, print, and begin distributing 2017 "Treasure Valley: On the Go!" transportation calendars featuring photos submitted to the "Treasure Valley: On the Go!" photo contest. To reserve your FREE copy of the calendar, contact [Christina Torkelson](mailto:Christina.Torkelson@compassvalley.com), (208) 475-2232.
- COMPASS will begin to schedule speakers for the 2017 education series. The theme of the 2017 education series will be "Transportation Planning: What's Next?" Topics will include how to plan for resiliency, new technologies, and more.

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