



Implementing the Plan

COMPASS has developed *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* (CIM 2040 2.0) to

- document the present state of the transportation system in Ada and Canyon Counties across all transportation modes, and
- chart a course for the maintenance and improvement of the transportation system based on anticipated needs and revenues.

CIM 2040 2.0 continues to strive toward the *CIM 2040 Vision*¹ and *regional goals*² established in CIM 2040. In addition to traditional transportation and land use goals, CIM 2040 2.0 includes goals relating to housing, community infrastructure, economic development, open space, farmland, and health.

Implementation policies and programs have been developed to guide and assist COMPASS and member agencies in implementing this plan to reach these key regional goals.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

Regional policy statements help guide the implementation of the plan. They are designed to serve as a tool for the COMPASS Board of Directors and to guide COMPASS staff-level work on specific tasks. These policies are:

- use federal funds to maintain the existing transportation system and to strategically address regional priorities as identified in the regional long-range transportation plan;
- coordinate local plans for land use and transportation investments to implement the CIM 2040 Vision and goals;
- promote the appropriate design of transportation facilities for the needs of all users as outlined in the *COMPASS Complete Streets policy*³ (adopted by the COMPASS Board August 8, 2009);
- employ a grant program to assist agencies in finding innovative ways to implement CIM 2040 2.0;
- educate and actively engage the public and stakeholders on best practices for implementing CIM 2040 2.0;
- monitor, track, and report development activity and changes to comprehensive plans and other related documents; and
- consider the CIM 2040 2.0 goals and vision when developing projects and tasks for the annual COMPASS Unified Planning Work Program.⁴



IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS

The COMPASS Board of Directors created two programs specifically to help member agencies acquire funding for projects that implement CIM 2040 2.0. In addition, COMPASS develops an annual Resource Development Plan to guide efforts in seeking funds to support plan implementation.

Communities in Motion Implementation Grants

The *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grant Program⁵ provides COMPASS member agencies with financial assistance for locally important projects that support *Communities in Motion* goals. The grant program requires projects to address at least one of the following three areas:

- provide better access to public transportation, bike, and pedestrian facilities to offset congestion
- invest in town centers, main streets, and existing infrastructure as identified in *Communities in Motion*
- develop specific area plans for activity centers consistent with *Communities in Motion* and with planned integration of alternative transportation systems

Many types of projects are eligible for *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grants, including plans, regulatory tools, economic/market analyses, concepts/designs, and construction. A grant may fund a stand-alone project, or a phase or component of a larger project that meets the goals of the program. Applicants must supply a match (which may include in-kind contributions) of at least 7.34% of the project cost.

Project Development Program

The Project Development Program⁶ helps COMPASS member agencies secure funding for projects that implement *Communities in Motion*. The program transforms member agency ideas into well-defined projects with cost estimates, purpose and need statements, environmental scans, and public involvement plans to ensure readiness for funding applications. Well-defined and scoped projects strengthen grant applications and, once funded, increase the probability of projects being delivered on time and on budget.

Several consulting firms with a wide range of expertise are pre-screened by COMPASS to conduct project development work in partnership with COMPASS staff. Projects selected for the program are matched with the consulting firm(s) with the appropriate expertise, based on the type of project and project needs. Projects entering the program one year are ready to compete for funding the following year.

Resource Development Plan

COMPASS develops an annual Resource Development Plan⁷ to guide efforts to increase the amount of outside resources being invested in the Treasure Valley to implement *Communities in Motion*.

COMPASS member agencies submit projects, as well as general focus areas, for inclusion in the plan. The plan then is approved by the COMPASS Board of Directors annually and used to guide COMPASS staff efforts to help member agencies seek funding.

Projects are matched with the funding sources they are eligible to receive, such as federal transportation funding, *Communities in Motion* Implementation Grants, and more, then ranked within those funding categories.



The highest-ranked projects are funded to the extent funding allows. However, as dollars are limited, not all projects in the plan can be funded through traditional sources. Those projects, and general focus areas, become the focus of COMPASS grant assistance efforts, including:

- finding and sharing grant opportunities;
- matching projects with funding sources;
- determining funding eligibility and interpreting guidelines;
- reviewing grants;
- writing grants;
- managing grants; and
- providing letters of support.

MOVING FORWARD

A plan offers a destination and a broad set of instructions for getting there. Reaching the goals of this plan requires investing in transportation, considering the design of our transportation systems, and integrating transportation with other considerations, such as land use, economic development, community infrastructure, housing, health, open space, and farmland. In addition to the funding programs discussed above, other efforts, including *Development Review Checklists*,⁸ *safety campaigns*,⁹ and following the *COMPASS Complete Streets policy*,¹⁰ help implement the plan. The adoption of *Communities in Motion 2040 2.0* is not the destination; it is the start of the journey.



NOTES

- 1 CIM 2040 Vision, COMPASS, http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/cim2040_scenarioplanning.htm
- 2 “Communities in Motion 2040 Goals,” COMPASS, <http://compassidaho.org/CIM2040-2.0/communities-in-motion-goals>
- 3 COMPASS Complete Streets policy, http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/CIM2040_2.0/bikeped.html#los
- 4 Unified Planning Work Program, <http://www.compassidaho.org/people/budget.htm>
- 5 “Communities in Motion Implementation Grants,” COMPASS, http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/regltranpl-CIM_implementation_grants.htm
- 6 “Project Development,” COMPASS, <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/projectdev.html>
- 7 “Resource Development Plan,” <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/resourcedev.html#RDP>
- 8 “Development Review,” COMPASS, <http://www.compassidaho.org/dashboard/devreview.htm>
- 9 “Look! Save a Life!” safety campaign, http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/CIM_implementation.htm#Look
- 10 See note 3.