



Communities in Motion Fact Sheet

What is *Communities in Motion*?

Communities in Motion is an evaluation of regional growth and transportation issues and needs in Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Boise, Gem, and Payette Counties. COMPASS, the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), is responsible for the regional long-range transportation plan required for the urbanized areas within Ada and Canyon Counties under federal law. These laws require the MPO to prepare and adopt a plan and update it every three years, in order to use federal funds for transportation within the planning area. The Idaho Transportation Department is responsible for the state system planning of the rural counties (Elmore, Boise, Gem and Payette.)

Why was the region for *Communities in Motion* expanded?

The project started as a plan for Ada and Canyon Counties. In autumn 2003, the Idaho Transportation Department requested that the planning area be expanded to better address issues regionally. The expanded area was based partly on the regional commuting patterns. The regional focus allows the plan to:

- Focus on corridor level issues
- Serve as a basis for seeking major federal assistance
- Integrate with Idaho Transportation Department plans
- Address “beyond the border” transportation issues

Commuting Patterns in Region			
Work in Ada + Canyon			
County of Residence	Workers	Number	Percent
Ada	155,666	152,146	98%
Canyon	58,983	56,701	96%
Owyhee	4,314	1,737	40%
Boise	3,050	1,678	55%
Gem	6,227	2,302	37%
Total MSA	228,240	214,564	94%
Elmore	12,449	1,676	13%
Washington	4,187	200	5%
Payette	8,670	1,120	13%
Malheur OR	11,117	589	5%

Do the new areas now included have to be members of COMPASS?

No, the study results will be used in preparing the official metropolitan planning organization plan. Portions of the study area outside Ada and Canyon will be used by the Idaho Transportation Department in their planning. Local governments in Elmore, Boise, Gem and Payette will participate in the study but will not review or approve the Ada/Canyon plan.



How will *Communities in Motion* be different than prior transportation plans?

Communities in Motion will differ from past plans because it will:

- Start with broad evaluation of growth and transportation issues—not a laundry list of projects.
- Stress policy — not projects as a way to reach to goals of our future communities.
- Include peak hour and mode choice model to evaluate public transportation and other travel demand policies such as pricing on the transportation system.
- Address Transportation Management Area requirements for congestion management.
- Use multiple growth scenarios—not a single view of future growth.
- Emphasize project priority criteria to guide future funding decisions during development of the annual Transportation Improvement Program.

What is the cost for the plan?

In addition to the staff time of 3-4 work years per year on the plan, \$1 million will support technical consulting services. Half of these funds have been provided by the Idaho Transportation Department. COMPASS will contribute federal planning funds toward consultant work, and Valley Regional Transit has provided \$200,000 in transit planning funds to improve the travel demand forecast model.

This compares to \$1.7 million spent on consultant work during Bench Valley or the \$1 million plus for the Three Cities River Crossing Study.

How much is the region expected to grow?

More than 300,000 new residents are expected to move to Ada and Canyon County between 2002 and 2030. The estimates for each city and rural county are listed in the table below. The distribution could change by the end of the process, depending on the outcome of the growth scenario process.

We can also anticipate 460,000 new jobs in the two-county area with most (388,000) in Ada County. This can change, however, by creating more jobs in Canyon County, also alleviating some of the congestion on our roadways.

Population Growth Forecast* through 2030

City/County Name	Population						
	2002	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Rural Ada County	9,800	11,260	12,890	15,350	17,810	20,160	22,830
Boise	222,740	225,820	240,590	258,540	278,120	302,400	324,330
Eagle	17,090	18,530	20,890	22,920	25,080	27,670	30,040
Garden City	11,570	11,870	12,850	13,200	13,640	14,310	14,870
Kuna	9,380	9,700	13,690	19,430	23,690	26,030	28,180
Meridian	52,900	59,080	69,510	80,480	91,810	104,710	116,820
Star	2,360	3,540	5,010	6,480	7,970	9,590	11,140
Total Ada Household Population	325,840	339,800	375,430	416,400	458,120	504,870	548,210
Group Quarters Population	7,690	8,020	8,860	9,830	10,810	11,910	12,940
Grand Total Ada County	333,530	347,820	384,290	426,230	468,930	516,780	561,150
Rural Canyon County	29,120	29,690	30,210	31,270	32,420	33,390	34,590
Caldwell	34,560	39,110	44,810	51,580	58,220	65,210	72,420
Greenleaf	1,050	1,090	1,210	1,350	1,500	1,670	1,820
Melba	770	820	940	1,060	1,190	1,350	1,490
Middleton	4,060	5,170	6,490	7,880	9,240	10,650	12,080
Nampa	75,260	79,600	77,100	82,050	86,960	92,600	98,750
Notus	830	970	1,100	1,230	1,380	1,560	1,710

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	2002	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Parma	2,160	2,220	2,300	2,410	2,560	2,740	2,880
Wilder	1,670	1,830	1,970	2,120	2,310	2,530	2,710
Total Canyon Household Population	149,480	160,500	166,130	180,950	195,780	211,700	228,450
Group Quarters Population	3,290	3,500	3,600	3,900	4,200	4,500	4,900
Grand Total Canyon County	152,770	164,400	169,730	184,850	199,980	216,200	233,350
Grand Total Region	486,300	512,220	554,020	611,080	668,910	732,980	794,500

*Based on the areas of impact.

Why should I be involved?

Transportation project can take many years to complete. Since we anticipate that our population will continue to grow, we need to plan for the future now. *Communities in Motion*, along with *Blueprint for Good Growth* in Ada County, can make a difference in how we develop our resources now and in the future, which will make a difference in how the transportation system develops as well.

Communities in Motion is a completely new plan and will be updated periodically for the next decade or more. Your involvement and understanding today is important for acceptance and implementation in the future. Please participate!

Where can I get more information?

For more information about *Communities in Motion*, visit the website at www.communitiesinmotion.org or contact Charles Trainor, project manager, at 855-2558, extension 232.