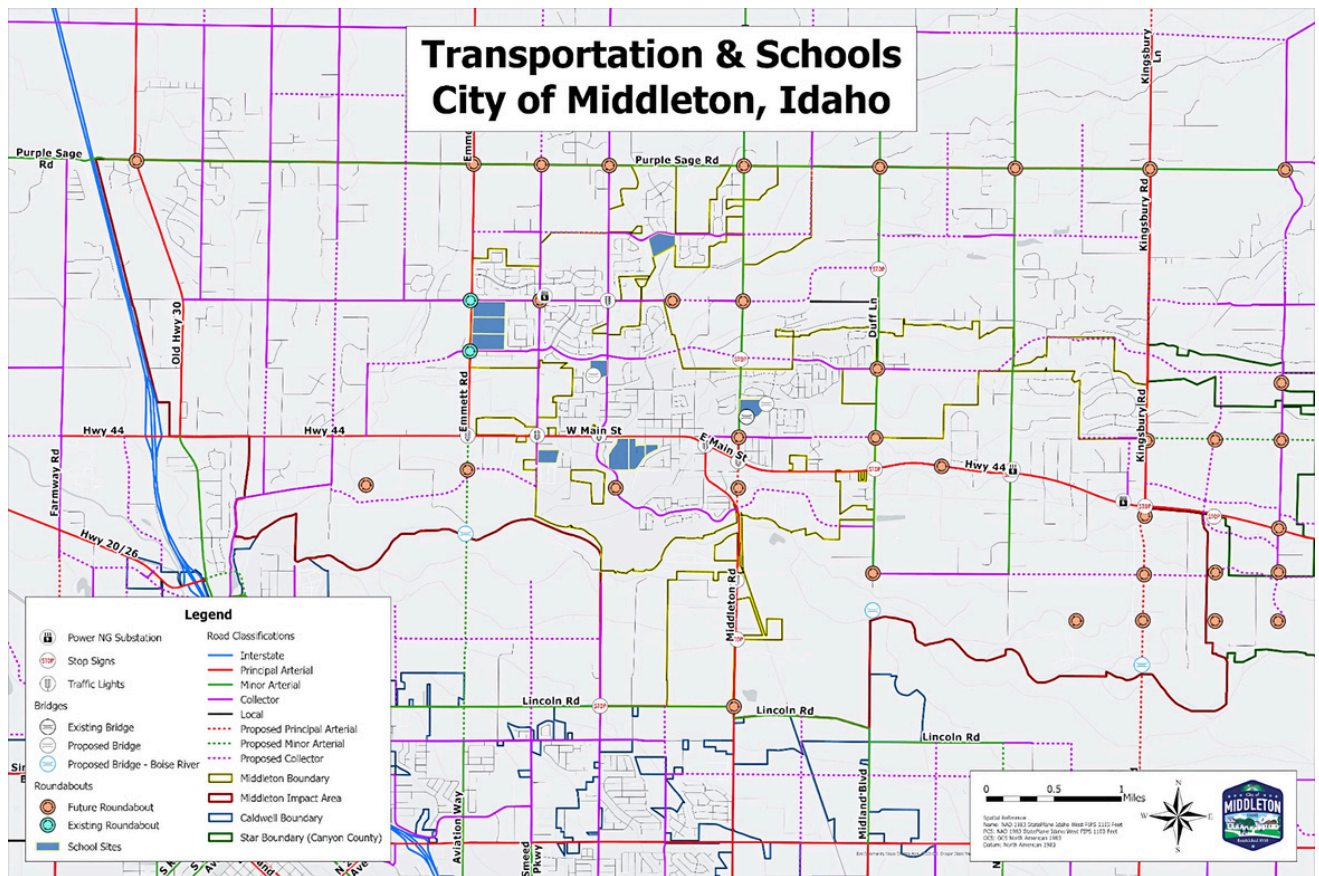
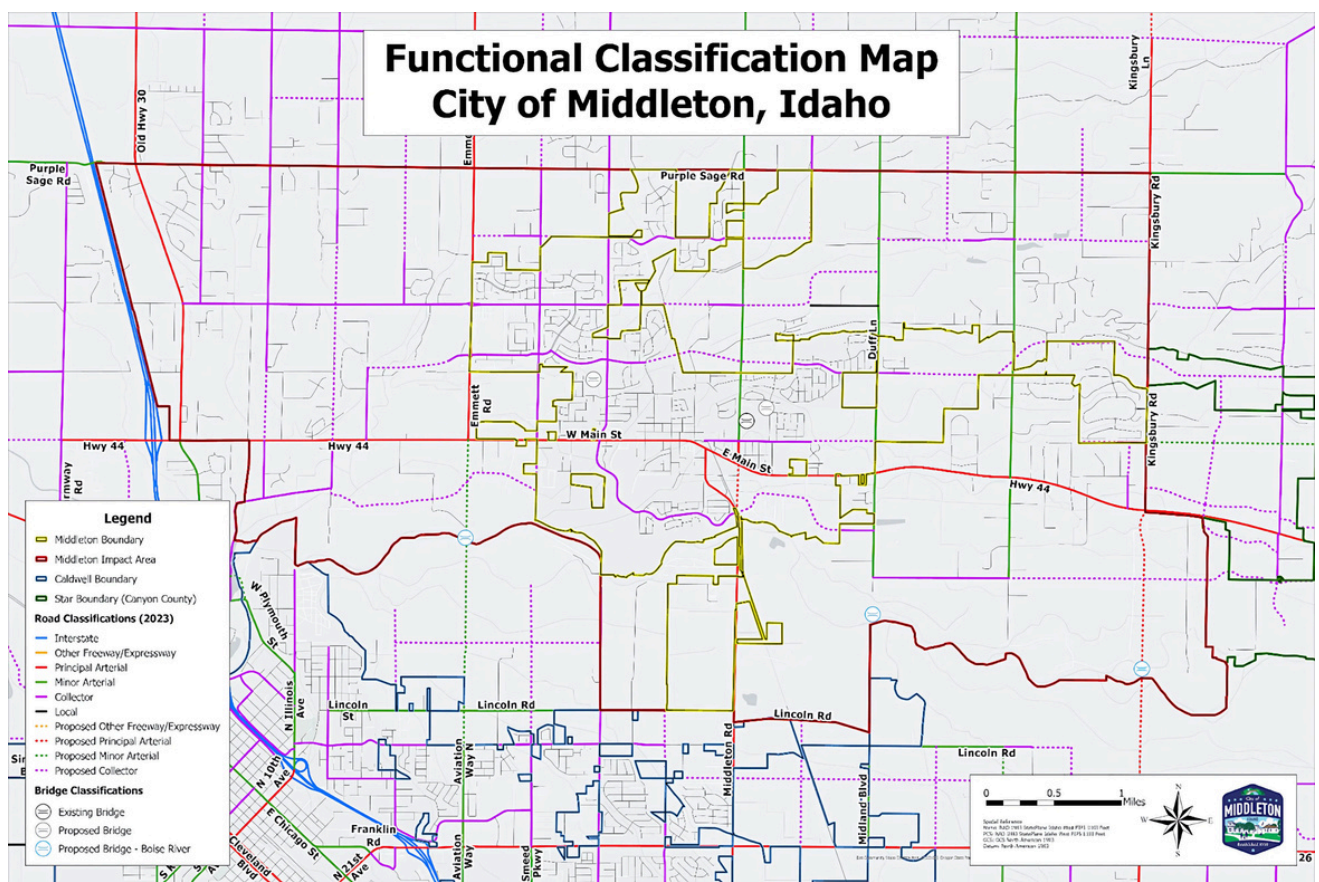




Transportation





High-Level Goals

1. Develop a safe and efficient transportation system for all community members.
2. Promote resilient transportation infrastructure.
3. Foster connectivity and accessibility throughout the community.
4. Enhance coordination with local and state transportation agencies for comprehensive planning.
5. Ensure strategic development of transportation infrastructure.
6. Provide a variety of safe transportation services and facilities throughout the City for vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and transit.

Supportive Strategies

1. Develop a safe and efficient transportation system for all community members.

- 1.1. Develop a safe and accessible transportation network that accommodates vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
 - 1.1.1. Regularly update the City, ITD, HD4 Transportation Master Plans and Functional Classification Maps to reflect needed improvements as the community changes over time.
 - 1.1.2. Create a Parks, Pathways and Open Space Master Plan to expand routes for alternative transportation within the City, including a Capital Improvement Plan for infrastructure upgrades. Consider revising the parks impact fee or devise some other program to better implement the Open Space and Pathway plans.



Example of pathways in the City of Middleton

2. Promote sustainable and resilient transportation infrastructure.

3. Foster connectivity and accessibility throughout the community.

1.2. Consider traffic calming measures and safety enhancements to reduce accidents and improve the overall safety of the transportation system.

- 1.2.1. Periodically consult with City’s traffic engineer regarding traffic enhancements or changes to promote safety and traffic calming measures.



2.1. Develop and implement a comprehensive transportation asset management system to effectively manage the maintenance and repair of the existing transportation network.

- 2.1.1. Maintain a GIS database system to manage roadway asset conditions and maintenance.
- 2.1.2. Prepare a transportation project prioritization schedule.

2.2. Secure additional funding through grants, bonds, and public-private partnerships to support transportation projects.

- 2.2.1. Partner with regional authorities and state agencies for cost-sharing transportation projects.
- 2.2.2. Work with COMPASS to get critical community projects on the state transportation improvement program (STIP).

3.1. Establish a system of interconnected sidewalks and shared-use pathways connecting key destinations.

- 3.1.1. Ensure development code regulations require sidewalks and shared-use pathways be constructed in a consistent manner across all new projects.



4. Enhance coordination with local transportation agencies for comprehensive planning.

- 3.2. Develop and maintain a comprehensive plan for interconnected pathways that enhance mobility and accessibility for all residents.
 - 3.2.1. development code requirements for trails or connector integration.
- 3.3. Ensure that new developments include accessible and connected pathways as part of the Development Code.
 - 3.3.1. Update development code regulations to require construction of pathways consistent with a Parks, Pathways and Open Space Master Plan.
 - 3.3.2. Encourage developments with paved pathways along the canals and drains.
 - 3.3.3. Execute a Master Pathways agreement with the irrigation and drainage districts to allow their right-of-way to be utilized as community pathways.
- 3.4. Coordinate with local transportation agencies to integrate pathways and greenbelts into regional transportation planning.
- 4.1. Engage in regular communication with local transportation agencies, including ITD, COMPASS, LHTAC, Highway District 4, and VRT, to discuss transportation planning and projects.
 - 4.1.1. Participate in monthly meetings of the COMPASS’s Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) and the Alternative Transportation Subgroup.
 - 4.1.2. Collaborate on the development of transportation corridors, and grade separations to improve connectivity and efficiency.



Valley Regional Transit Logo | Source: Valley Regional Transit



Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Logo | Source: LHTAC



COMPASS Logo | Source: Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho



Highway District 4 Logo | Source: Highway District 4



Idaho Department of Transportation | Source: Idaho Department of Transportation

5. Ensure strategic development of transportation infrastructure.

- 5.1. Review and update building line setback regulations to support safe and efficient traffic flow and pedestrian movement.
 - 5.1.1. Ensure all developments allow for future roadway expansion identified on the adopted functional classification map.
- 5.2. Develop access control measures to minimize traffic conflicts and enhance the safety of all classes of roads.
 - 5.2.1. Update development code regulations to prohibit the construction of new access points and consolidate existing access points where possible for new developments.
 - 5.2.2. Encourage cross-access easements and shared parking agreements in commercial developments where appropriate.
- 5.3. Require substantial development projects to provide traffic impact studies to ensure adequate capacity and outline necessary system upgrades to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system.
- 5.4. Ensure new development pays for necessary improvements needed to mitigate the development's impact on infrastructure systems and services provided by the city.
 - 5.4.1. Review impact studies for necessary infrastructure upgrades.
 - 5.4.2. Create standards, in compliance with State Law, showing how proportional share fees are calculated.

6. Provide a variety of safe transportation services and facilities throughout the City for vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, and transit.

- 6.1. Create or maintain roads on section and quarter-section lines.
 - 6.1.1. Update development code regulations to require new development construct necessary new collector and arterial roadways adjacent to and through projects.
- 6.2. Develop pathways detached from section and quarter-section line roads as a buffer to separate pedestrians from moving vehicles
 - 6.2.1. Update development code regulations to require new development construct detached pathways with buffers along arterial and collector roadways.
- 6.3. Minimize vehicle delays and the number and severity of accidents at intersecting section and quarter-section line roads
 - 6.3.1. Utilize round-a-bouts for intersection control at locations other than SH-44 intersections.
 - 6.3.2. Develop spacing standards for road access points on collector roads.



Recreation



High-Level Goals

1. Ensure access to high-quality parks and recreational areas are available to all citizens.
2. Foster the development and preservation of parks.
3. Promote a connected and accessible greenbelt and pathway system.
4. Support the health and well-being of residents through recreational opportunities.
5. Enhance economic vitality through the development of regional recreation destinations.

Supportive Strategies

1. **Ensure access to high-quality parks and recreational areas available to all citizens.**
 - 1.1. Develop new parks and enhance existing ones to ensure all residents have access to park space.
 - 1.1.1. Develop a Facilities Maintenance Plan to plan for the enhancement and maintenance of City parks.
 - 1.1.2. Develop a Parks, Pathways, Master Plan in collaboration with Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District to plan for new parks and ensure adequate service for area residents.
 - 1.2. Expand the walking and bicycle network adjacent to parks to improve accessibility and promote active lifestyles.
 - 1.2.1. Update development code regulations to require connectivity to adjacent parks to be constructed within new developments.
 - 1.3. Coordinate park plan implementation through public land investment, partnerships with private developments, and the Greater Middleton Parks and Recreation District.
 - 1.3.1. Update development code regulations to require park amenities be included in new development proportional to the size of the project.
 - 1.3.2. Provide incentives for additional development or density based parks.

1.4. Promote community events and programs that encourage use of parks and recreational areas.

- 1.4.1. Regularly host events within parks such as the Farmers Market, Rake Up Middleton, National Night Out, Concerts in the Park, Car Shows, Motor Meets, dances, craft fairs, and community breakfasts.



2. Foster development and preservation of parks.

2.1. Plan for sustainable development and conservation efforts simultaneously.

- 2.1.1. Maintain a comprehensive Parks Inventory and Needs Assessment to understand current resources and identify gaps in service.
- 2.1.2. Maintain the recommended Parks, and Pathways Master Plan by conducting regular reviews and updates.

2.2. Update development code regulations for open space to include and address key elements.

- 2.2.1. Define a minimum size for parking new developments, encouraging developers to aggregate parks in one large area rather than dispersing it into smaller pieces.
- 2.2.2. Coordinate with developers to create more impactful parks between different developments.
- 2.2.3. Construct parks consistent with pathways plans to ensure community access.

3. Promote a connected and accessible greenbelt and pathway system.

3.1. Establish a greenbelt vision and pathways plan for the Boise River corridor, supporting the Boise Trails Coalition vision of a connected pathway along the Boise River from Lucky Peak Dam to the Snake River.

- 3.1.1. Prepare a master plan for the greenbelt that includes cost estimates and a funding acquisition plan.
- 3.1.2. Conduct necessary property acquisition or easements.

3.2. Expand the walking and bicycle network to connect parks, schools, and key community destinations.



3.2.1. In collaboration with the Parks and Pathways Master plan, develop a Capital Improvement Plan to identify estimated costs and sequencing of critical projects for future incorporation within City budgets.

3.3. Strengthen requirements for pathway development within the Development Code to ensure all new large-scale developments include recreation-oriented accessible and connected pathways.

3.3.1. Update development code requirements to include standard pathway dimensions and features by typology and require consistency with the Parks and Pathway Master Plan.

3.4. Develop signage and wayfinding systems to enhance the usability and connectivity of the greenbelt and pathways network.

3.4.1. Create signage standards for parks and recreational amenities.

3.4.2. Incorporate the signage standards within the Parks and Pathways Master plan.

4. Support the health and well-being of residents through recreational opportunities.

4.1. Promote the development of diverse recreational facilities, including playgrounds, sports fields, and community centers, to support active and healthy lifestyles.



- 4.1.1. Support increased recreational sport and cultural programming from GMPRD.
 - 4.1.2. Allow local health providers to facilitate local and regional health initiatives.
 - 4.1.3. Examine the need for additional recreational facilities, such as parks, open air theaters, and connector pathways.
- 4.2. Strive towards recreational facilities that are accessible to all residents, including those with disabilities.
- 4.2.1. Include accessibility upgrades as a facility upgrade criteria recommendation for future city projects.
 - 4.2.2. Ensure public spaces are designed with safety in mind, including adequate lighting, clear visibility, and play areas for children.
- 4.3. Incorporate natural features into the design of public spaces to create serene and visually appealing environments.
- 4.3.1. Identify and define “passive” vs. “active” park requirements within the city.
 - 4.3.2. Create a policy for creating new passive park amenities within existing parks, as the budget allows.
- 5. Enhance economic vitality through the development of regional recreation destinations.**
- 5.1. Identify and prioritize improvements to specific regional recreation destinations.
- 5.1.1. Master plan the River Walk Park, a 93 acre park south of Hwy 44 and north of the Boise River between Middleton Road and Hartley Lane to serve as a signature park and regional attraction. Include a Capital Impact Plan to establish a phasing plan and cost estimates for improvements.
 - 5.1.2. Develop basic infrastructure and amenities to support increased visitation, such as parking and restrooms.
 - 5.1.3. Include the River Walk Park CIP within Impact Fee updates to dedicate appropriate funding towards construction.
- 5.2. Identify opportunities to establish regional public sports facilities.
- 5.2.1. Identify the current and projected demand and supply for regional sports facilities, such as tournament-sized ball fields.
 - 5.2.2. Identify lands that would suit the development of regional sports facilities.
 - 5.2.3. Work with the GMPRD to support the development of regional sports facilities by adding it to the City’s CIP.

