

TREASURE VALLEY <<<

High Capacity Transit Study

Valley Regional Transit (VRT) and the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) are working with local agencies to locate, design and build a multimodal transportation center in downtown Boise. The center is part of a larger effort to bring a transit circulator to downtown Boise and regional high-capacity transit to the Treasure Valley.



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OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008 • 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
213 N. 9th Street, Boise, ID 83702
(Northwest corner of 9th and Idaho streets in downtown Boise)

You are invited to review and give input on possible locations and functions of a multimodal transportation center. Possible routes and vehicle types for a downtown transit circulator will also be presented.



TREASURE VALLEY HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT STUDY

Previous transportation studies including the *Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030* and the *2005 Downtown Boise Mobility Study* identified the need to improve transit services in the Treasure Valley. Both plans recognize that a viable region needs an enhanced multimodal transportation system.

The Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study is the next step in improving transit services in the Treasure Valley. It involves three projects:

- **MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER** — A facility that brings together various transportation modes and services at a single location.
- **DOWNTOWN CIRCULATOR** — A service that provides efficient connections between primary destinations within and adjacent to the downtown.
- **I-84 PRIORITY CORRIDOR** — A plan for high-capacity transit service for locations along the I-84 corridor within Ada and Canyon counties.

This study is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, local jurisdictions and partnering organizations.

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER PROJECT

The first phase in the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study is the development of a multimodal transportation center.

The multimodal center in downtown Boise will serve as a “hub” for various transportation services. It will be a vital and attractive center in downtown Boise.

In time, the center could house buses, streetcars and regional high-capacity transit such as passenger rail or bus rapid transit. It could also include functions such as transit information, bicycle parking, public art, restrooms and retail space.

Federal funds are available to design and construct the facility. The required local matching funds are anticipated to come from local governments and public-private partnerships.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2009 or early 2010.

MULTIMODAL CENTER PROJECT SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2007 – JANUARY 2008

Identify and analyze possible locations and functions.

Invite public to review and give input at a public open house on Jan. 17, 2008.

SPRING 2008

Select location and complete site concept design.

Conduct environmental review. (All projects using federal funds are required to conduct an environmental review.)

Invite public to review and give input at a public open house.

SUMMER 2008

Complete funding plan. (The plan will identify funding for the operation and maintenance of the center.)

Initiate final design.





PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public input is important to the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study.

Please join us at a public open house to review and give input on possible locations and functions of a multimodal transportation center. Possible routes and vehicle types for a downtown transit circulator will also be presented.

Drop by to review informational displays and speak with project staff.

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If you cannot attend, please visit www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/specialprojects.htm to review the information presented at the open house and submit your comments.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

VRT and COMPASS are conducting this study in partnership with Ada County Highway District (ACHD), City of Boise and Capital City Development Corp.

The VRT board of directors will make final decisions. The Downtown Policy Advisory Committee, consisting of volunteer community leaders, is serving as an advisory group to the study. They will make recommendations to VRT.

THANK YOU to the following community leaders who are serving on the Downtown Policy Advisory Committee:

Chairman Dale Higer
Private Sector Representative (At Large)

Rebecca Arnold
ACHD Commissioner

David Eberle
Boise City Council

A.J. Balukoff
COMPASS Board

Ed Dahlberg
Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce

Rob Hopper
Valley Regional Transit Board

Cheryl Larabee
Capital City Development Corp.

Monte McClure
Idaho Transportation Department Board

Jim Tomlinson
Downtown Boise Association

Paul Woods
Ada County Commissioner

VOCABULARY

Multimodal: Transportation options such as bus, streetcar, bus rapid transit, automobile, pedestrian, bicycle, passenger rail and others.

Circulator: A transit service designed to move people throughout the downtown area.

High-Capacity Transit: One of many bus or rail technologies designed to provide frequent service along heavily traveled corridors.

2009-2010

Purchase land and construct facility.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit

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About VRT

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About *Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030*

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