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Transit improvement projects to be presented at public meeting

Boise – The public is invited to the first open house for a study that involves three related public transit projects. The open house will be held **Jan. 17 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 213 N. 9th Street in downtown Boise.**

At the open house, the public will have an opportunity to review and provide 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 at the open house.

The multimodal center and downtown circulator are the first two projects of the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study. The study involves three projects:

- **Multimodal transportation center:** A facility to bring together various transportation modes and services in a single location.
- **Downtown transit circulator:** A transit service that would connect primary destinations within and adjacent to downtown Boise.
- **I-84 priority corridor:** A plan for high-capacity transit service for locations along I-84 within Ada and Canyon counties.

The first phase of the study is the development of a multimodal transportation center that could house buses, streetcars and regional high-capacity transit such as passenger rail or bus rapid transit. It could include functions such as transit information, bicycle parking, public art, restrooms and retail space. Construction is expected in late 2009 or early 2010.

Valley Regional Transit (VRT) and the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) are conducting the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study in partnership with the City of Boise, Ada County Highway District and the Capital City Development Corp.

The Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study is preceded by previous transportation studies such as *Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030* and the *2005 Downtown Mobility Study*, which identified the need to improve transit services in the region.

For more information about the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study, visit www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/specialprojects.htm

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