

# TREASURE VALLEY HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT Study Update

Local agencies are working together to expand transportation choices through the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study.



## Look inside for an update on three components of the study:

- **Multimodal Transportation Center** – A transit center that will bring together many modes and services.
- **Downtown Circulator/Boise Streetcar** – Transit service that will circulate downtown Boise.
- **High Capacity Transit Corridor** – A plan for future high capacity transit throughout the Treasure Valley.

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## The Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study is moving to the next phase.

Valley Regional Transit (VRT) will design and construct the multimodal center. The City of Boise and Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC) will transition into the next phase of the downtown circulator study through the Boise Streetcar Initiative.

## MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER

### PROPOSED SITE

The proposed site for a downtown Boise transit station is a half city block on the east side of 11th Street between Bannock and Idaho streets. It is ideally located close to the downtown core and accessible by the proposed downtown streetcar route and most bus routes.

### FUNDING & DESIGN

Federal funding is available for design and construction of the public facility. A 20 percent local funding match is required and will come from local public and private sources. The ground level of the building could include:

- Bus bays
- Landscaping
- Customer services
- Indoor waiting areas
- Restrooms
- Retail spaces
- Public art
- Bicycle parking
- Carpool and vanpool pick-up and drop-off

VRT and Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) are working toward a public-private partnership that will enhance the center and contribute to the high-density urban feel of downtown Boise. Additional uses such as parking are anticipated as part of private development above the multimodal center.

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**Winter 2008** Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

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**Winter 2008/09** Review of EA by the Federal Transit Administration

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**Spring 2009** Negotiations with property owner

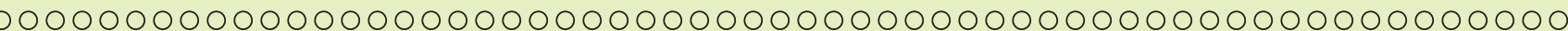
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**Summer-Fall 2009** Building and site design/Public comment period on site design

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**2010** Construction begins

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## BOISE STREETCAR

Planning for the streetcar has been ongoing since fall of 2007 under the Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study. The Boise Streetcar Initiative is a joint effort by the City of Boise and Capital City Development Corporation (CCDC) to identify a funding source for implementation, construction and operation of the streetcar.

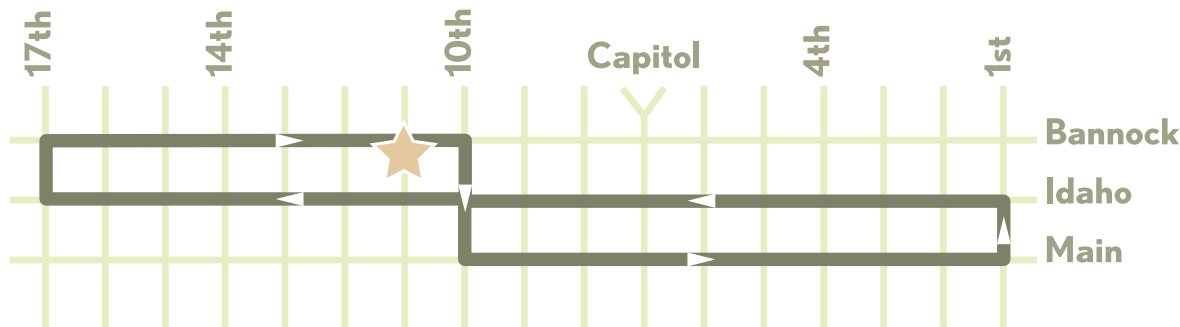
### PROPOSED ROUTE


The streetcar is envisioned as an extension of the pedestrian realm in Boise's central business district. The planned first

segment of the streetcar will connect the central business district to major destinations such as St. Luke's Hospital, the Ada County Courthouse, the planned multimodal center, and possible development opportunities at the west edge of downtown.

The first segment of the streetcar would operate on Main and Idaho streets between 1st and 10th streets and then on Idaho and Bannock streets between 10th and 17th streets. As the project advances, there may be reasons to modify this route to better meet project objectives.

### PROPOSED STREET CAR ROUTE AND MULTIMODAL CENTER



 Denotes proposed multimodal center site.







## BACKGROUND

- Valley Regional Transit (VRT) and Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) are conducting the study in partnership with local agencies.
- Previous transportation studies including the *Communities in Motion: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030*, the *2005 Downtown Boise Mobility Study*, and *VRT's 2005 Treasure Valley in Transit Plan* identified the need to improve transit in the Valley.
- The Treasure Valley High Capacity Transit Study is the next step in expanding transportation choices in the Valley.



## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDY IS AVAILABLE AT:

[www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/specialprojects.htm](http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserv/specialprojects.htm)

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