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Open House on proposed Meridian bus service scheduled for Thursday, March 13th

MERIDIAN – An open house to provide information and collect public comment about a proposed Saturday ValleyRide bus route in Meridian is scheduled for **4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13th, 2014**. The open house will be held in conference rooms A and B at Meridian City Hall, 33 E. Broadway Ave.

Valley Regional Transit has been working with the City of Meridian to develop a ValleyRide fixed-line bus route that would serve the city on Saturdays. The City of Meridian will provide up to \$60,000 in funding for the bus service. If approved, the new route would go into operation in August 2014.

Meridian is currently serviced by two ValleyRide Bus routes – the Route 40 Nampa/Meridian Express and the Route 42 Nampa/Meridian Limited Stop. These two routes operate weekdays and are primarily designed to get commuters to and from school and work.

The proposed new route would provide Saturday-only bus service to various locations within the city. Possible stop locations include shopping centers, downtown businesses and city parks. The route would operate a minimum of six hours and up to nine hours.

Four proposed route options were developed. Route 1 would provide service between Boise Towne Square Mall and various locations in Meridian. Routes 2-4 would circulate solely within the City of Meridian.

To learn more about the bus route proposals, including how to provide comment if you cannot attend the open house, visit: <http://www.valleyregionaltransit.com>