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Valley Regional Transit receives green light on proposed Saturday bus service in Meridian

MERIDIAN – A public bus route that would provide Saturday bus service to various destinations within Meridian city limits could be in service as early as this fall.

As currently planned, the bus route would operate on a 30-minute service schedule between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Destinations served by the buses could include Settlers Park, Roaring Springs/Wahooz, Kleiner Park, downtown Meridian, and many businesses along the route.

Approval for the route has come from the Meridian City Council and the Valley Regional Transit Executive Board. The city of Meridian is providing \$60,000 in operating costs for the route.

The Saturday bus service would complement existing weekday ValleyRide commuter bus service. Meridian is currently served by two ValleyRide routes – Route 40 Nampa/Meridian Express and Route 42 Nampa/Meridian Limited Stop.

“This new Saturday service is a great step forward in our effort to solve transportation issues and to provide more access to recreation, shopping, and employment within Meridian,” said Meridian City Councilman David Zaremba. “It is designed to be the first part of a complete bus service plan, and its success will guide us in determining when more service is needed.”

Zaremba is a member of the Meridian Services Planning Team, made up of staff from Valley Regional Transit, the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho, the city of Meridian, and Meridian Development Corporation. The team is currently working on finalizing the route taken by the buses and identifying bus stop locations.

A procurement request to provide the new bus service is expected to be issued in early to mid-June.

To learn more about the route, visit valleyregionaltransit.org.