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VRT schedules open houses, public hearings for proposed ValleyRide bus service changes

MERIDAN -- Valley Regional Transit (VRT) is considering changes to its ValleyRide bus services and is seeking public comment.

The proposals includes three service change options for the Nampa/Caldwell fixed route service and two service change options for inter county service between Ada County and Canyon County. Minor changes to ValleyRide Boise Routes 10 (Hill Road/Maple Grove), Route 16 (VA shuttle) and Route 17 (Warm Springs) are also being proposed.

The public can provide input in several ways:

1). Attend one of three open houses/public hearings:

- Tuesday, March 1, Happy Day Transit Center, 5907 Cleveland Blvd. in Caldwell
- Wednesday, March 2, Nampa Public Library, Meeting Room A, 212 12th Ave. South
- Thursday, March 3, U.S. Bank Plaza, second-floor conference room, 101 S. Capitol Blvd. in Boise

The meetings will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public hearings are scheduled to begin at approximately 6 p.m.

2). Online at www.valleyride.com/service-changes. Detailed information about the proposals is available on the webpage. Participants can comment on some or all of the proposed service options via an online survey.

3). By contacting Mark Carnopis, VRT Community Relations Manager, at 208-258-2702 or via Email: mcarnopis@valleyregionaltransit.org. The deadline for providing comment is **Sunday, March 13th**.

The proposed service alternatives are designed to improve on-time performance, maximize existing transit resources, and accommodate growth near the existing service areas. Any changes to existing ValleyRide bus service would be implemented in August 2016.