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DOWNTOWN BOISE MULTIMODAL CENTER E-NEWS | WINTER 2013

The Multimodal Center E-News will be distributed to keep you updated and informed about developments with the Downtown Boise Multimodal Center.

Process and schedule update

Gardner Company, a real estate development firm with offices in Boise and Salt Lake City, has come forward as a potential developer/partner for the Downtown Boise Multimodal Center.

EARLY 2014

Select public private partner

UPDATE

Gardner Company is in the process of preparing detailed financial and development plans for their proposed site.

SPRING 2014

Complete environmental analysis of proposed site

An environmental review of the proposed project area will be completed and will be published in a document called an Environmental Assessment (EA). Completing an EA for the proposed location for the multimodal center is required by the Federal Transit Administration.*

Present the draft EA to the public for review and comment

The community will have the opportunity to review and comment on the Environmental Assessment. Public review ensures all environmental issues and concerns with the proposed site have been identified and analyzed.

MID-TO-LATE 2014

Design multimodal center

Once the EA is approved and the financial and budget agreements have been finalized with Gardner Company, design of the Downtown Boise Multimodal Center can begin.

Throughout the design process, the public will have opportunities to review and comment on features and elements of the multimodal center.

Begin construction

The developer plans to begin construction of the Downtown Boise Multimodal Center.

The Downtown Boise Multimodal Center is expected to be complete, operational and open to the public in 2016.

Project update

Valley Regional Transit (VRT) has been making significant progress regarding the proposed Downtown Boise Multimodal Center.

After considering the current economic and political environment, VRT believes a public-private partnership is the best way to ensure the successful development of the Downtown Boise Multimodal Center.

In November, VRT began a process to identify and select a qualified and experienced private partner. The potential partner would work with VRT to develop and construct a multimodal center as part of a mixed-use project in the core of downtown Boise.

*VRT anticipates the multimodal center will cost \$11.9 million to design and build. The Federal Transit Administration awarded VRT \$9.5 million in federal funds to build the Downtown Boise Multimodal Center. Boise's Capital City Development Corporation is providing the required local match of \$2.4 million.

MULTIMODAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A citizens advisory group – whose membership includes many of downtown Boise's key stakeholders – has started to work with VRT at a high level of involvement to help guide the development of the multimodal center. This group, called the Multimodal Advisory Committee, or MAC, held its first meeting in June 2013. The MAC will continue to meet to provide input on the multimodal center's design and assist with public outreach efforts.

Thank you to all of those who have been participating in the MAC – your contribution and input is invaluable. The MAC will meet again early next year to discuss the environmental review process.

The MAC is open to the public. If you are interested in joining, please email Rosemary Curtin at Rosemary@rbci.net or call (208) 377-9688.

THE DOWNTOWN BOISE MULTIMODAL CENTER WILL BRING MANY BENEFITS AND PREPARE THE TREASURE VALLEY FOR THE FUTURE

- It will consolidate local and regional transit services and other transportation functions in a single location, and provide user-friendly transitions among public transit services, walking, bicycling and other transportation modes.
- The center will serve as a gateway to downtown for commuters, tourists and visitors and be a catalyst for implementation of broader downtown land-use and economic development goals.

STAY INFORMED AND INVOLVED

- **Stay informed** by reading these newsletters. The next newsletter is expected to be distributed in early 2014.
- **Join the Multimodal Advisory Committee (MAC)** by contacting Rosemary Curtin at Rosemary@rbci.net or (208) 377-9688.
- **Attend an open house** in 2014 to review and comment on the draft environmental analysis of the multimodal center. VRT will advertise the date, time and location for the open house.
- **Visit www.valleyregionaltransit.org** or contact Mark Carnopis, VRT Community Relations Manager, at (208) 258-2702 or mcarnopis@valleyregionaltransit.org.