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Let's Ride Treasure Valley!

COMPASS Invites Residents to Weigh in on Potential Future High-Capacity Transit in the Treasure Valley

Meridian, ID – Could high-capacity transit help meet the needs of the Treasure Valley's growing population? You tell us!

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is hosting two in-person open houses to gather input as it begins a study of high-capacity transit options– “*Let's Ride Treasure Valley!*” – to connect the Cities of Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian, and Boise.

High-capacity transit options could include rail, light rail, or bus rapid transit, and they could take any of several different routes between Caldwell and Boise, but generally would parallel Interstate 84. The study will help narrow down the best routes and types of service.

Learn about the *Let's Ride Treasure Valley* study and weigh in on its purpose, need, and goals for the project and initial concepts at one of two identical in-person open houses:

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Library! at Cole and Ustick
7557 W. Ustick Rd., Boise
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Caldwell Public Library
1010 Dearborn St Caldwell
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This project will build on COMPASS' previous high-capacity transit planning. It is a larger and more formal type of study than has been done before and is an early step in the required federal environmental review process.

While this study represents a significant step toward high-capacity transit, lack of funding remains an obstacle. Idaho does not have a dedicated funding source for public transportation, which is needed to operate any sort of high-capacity transit system. Without dedicated funding, work on any type of high-capacity service will remain in the planning stages.

Learn more and provide input:

- At either of the open houses (above)
- Online: compassidaho.org (through October 10, 2024)
- Email: info@compassidaho.org
- US mail: COMPASS, 700 NE 2nd Street, Suite 200, Meridian, ID 83642
- Request materials be mailed to you: 208/855-2558 or info@compassidaho.org

Comments will be accepted through **October 10, 2024.**

NOTICE: This is a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study, and all draft and final planning products produced during this PEL process may be adopted during a subsequent environmental review process in accordance with 23 USC 168, with the goal of not revisiting during future National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes.