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Why is High-Capacity Transit Needed in our Region?

1. Lessen future stress on the region's transportation infrastructure due to population and employment growth.

By 2050, the city areas of Boise, Meridian, Nampa, and Caldwell (within the study area) will account for 78% of the region's jobs

Ada County grew by 81% between 2000 and 2023 and is expected to grow by another 35% by 2050, from 545 thousand in 2023 to 733 thousand in 2050

Canyon County grew by 95% between 2000 and 2023 and is expected to grow by another 40% by 2050, from 257 thousand in 2023 to 359 thousand in 2050

2. Provide greater mobility choice given the region's forecasted deteriorating travel times.

By 2050, travel times between Caldwell and downtown Boise are projected to increase by 50% (peak morning/ evening directions)

Transit reliability will continue to degrade with growing congestion.

3. Support the region's east-west travel patterns

The region's focused East-West travel patterns will persist between the region's business, governmental, cultural, and educational centers.

By 2050, 31% of all study area commute trips will focus on downtown Boise.