

“Potential Routes” Maps

Five potential route options are under consideration, including the no action option.

1. No Action. The Communities in Motion 2050 long-range transportation plan includes a list of transportation projects that are reasonably expected to be complete by 2050, given current funding levels. “No Action” assumes that only these transportation projects will be completed by 2050. Each potential high-capacity transit option will be compared to each other and to “No Action” to determine its relative potential benefits and challenges.
2. Boise Cutoff Commuter Rail. This route connects Boise from the Boise Depot to downtown Caldwell via commuter rail primarily within the freight rail corridor.
3. I-84/I-184. Connects Main Street Station in downtown Boise to downtown Caldwell, primarily using I-84 and I-184.
4. Arterial Options (Fairview Avenue/Cherry Lane and Franklin Road). While the Franklin Road route was not proposed to advance into Tier 3, initial outreach to study stakeholders showed interest in combining Fairview Avenue/Cherry Lane and Franklin Road routes to better connect activity centers along Franklin Road. The map below shows both route options which are identical from downtown Caldwell to Franklin Road in Nampa and from Orchard Street into downtown Boise.
5. Boise Airport and Micron Extensions. While not evaluated as part of Tier 2, connections to the Boise Airport and Micron have been identified by the community as important destinations to connect to via high-capacity transit. Connections to these destinations by relevant route options will be evaluated in Tier 3.