



City of Nampa  
Special Council Meeting  
March 12th, 2018  
4:30 PM

## **Roll Call**

*All matters listed within the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.*

## **Proposed Amendments to Agenda**

Any Items Added Less Than 48 Hours Prior to the Meeting Are Added by Council Motion at This Time

## **New Business**

1) Discussion on VRT's New Six Year Capital and Service Plan Called ValleyConnect 2.0

## **Next Meeting**

**Regular Council at 6:30 p.m. – Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 - City Council Chambers**

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**TOPIC:** ValleyConnect 2.0

**DATE:** February 1, 2018

**Background:**

Valley Regional Transit (VRT) is in the process of updating the ValleyConnect, VRT’s six year capital and service plan. This update is being coordinated with the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) Communities In Motion update and will reflect the regions goals and objectives for public transit. ValleyConnect 2.0 will guide future VRT activities and be used to help coordinate VRT activities with our funding partners and community stakeholders.

The growth our region is experiencing is putting significant pressure on infrastructure across the region. In response, arterials and freeways are being widened. These changes are having real impacts on people and the way they enjoy their community. As one would-be transit rider put it; “Now is the time for Valley Regional Transit to step up and provide a solution. Comprehensive public transportation makes sense.”

By not providing transit service, we are requiring residents of the Treasure Valley to own and operate their own vehicle to access all the opportunities in the region. This is a significant financial burden. Based on Census data and average vehicle operating costs per mile, the residents in the Treasure Valley spend approximately \$1.5 Billion a year on maintaining and operating their own vehicles, so they can get where they need to go. As the region grows, that number will increase.

By contrast we spend roughly \$15 million year on fixed route and demand response services, or 1% of what the public spends on driving and less than half of the more than \$35 million spent on student transportation for public and charter schools in Ada and Canyon County. In other words, we already spend more than enough money on transportation. The purpose of ValleyConnect 2.0 is to show how we can actually lower the average household costs of transportation by investing in a much expanded public transportation network.

ValleyConnect 2.0 will include plans for significant growth in fixed route and other VRT programs. This growth is based on Communities in Motion and a review of our peers.

**ValleyConnect 2.0 Overview**

The plan will explore the transit activities that VRT would take if additional funding were available in the following two fixed route scenarios:

Scenario	Est. Fixed Route Operating Dollars	Est. Annual Fixed Route Service Hours	Est. Total Capital Costs
Current	\$10,000,000	100,000	\$15,000,000
Intermediate Scenario	\$20,000,000	200,000	\$98,000,000*
Growth Scenario	\$40,000,000	400,000	\$191,000,000*

\*Includes \$23M in deferred maintenance on existing network

ValleyConnect 2.0 is a plan for how the residents of Ada and Canyon counties can maintain the freedom to move even while the region continues to add more jobs, people and opportunities.

- Increase the number of jobs and households with access to transit: Connect Meridian, Kuna, Eagle, Nampa, Caldwell, Parma and Wilder.
- Increase the amount of transit service by 4 times. (There is currently approximately 100K annual service hours.)
- Create a grid of frequent reliable transit: Nine (9) frequent routes across Ada and Canyon County – 15 minutes all day with service until 9:00 p.m. or later. (There are currently no frequent services.)
- Create a grid of congestion-free transit services: Over 100 of Miles of Premium service (There are currently no premium services. State St. would be the first. ValleyConnect 2.0 would also add Fairview, Vista, Overland, Chinden, Curtis, Nampa Caldwell Blvd, and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave/Garrity)
- Increase the hours of operation: Most all-day services (almost 70%) have service until 9:00 p.m., eight (8) routes run seven (7) days a week. (That would be 15 routes that run until 9:00 p.m. or later. Currently, there are only two (2).)
- Increase transit use: Target ridership increase – 800% to between 10-12 million annual boardings (Today we have approximately 1.2 million.)
- Deploy “Mobility as a Service”: Expand the reach of fixed route transit by integrating all travel options, bus, bike and car share, ride hailing etc. into a single, easy to use approach.

ValleyConnect 2.0 was developed in collaboration with local jurisdiction land-use and development plans. It is supportive of Boise’s Transportation Action Plan, providing higher levels of transit service on identified mixed use corridors. It is supportive of Nampa’s plans to intensify development in the Nampa Gateway corridor. It is being integrated with Kuna’s Comprehensive Plan update. It connects growing communities of Kuna, Star, and Middleton. It integrates the current Bus Rapid Transit plans for State Street which connect the cities of Boise, Eagle and Garden City and supports transit oriented development in that corridor. It supports the rapid development in Meridian and would enhance Meridian’s investments in non-motorized bicycle and pedestrian paths. It increases access to health care facilities such as the St. Luke’s and St. Alphonsus campuses in both Ada and Canyon counties. It improves transit accessibility to educational facilities. It creates high quality, frequent transit connections between Caldwell and Nampa and connects with developing centers such as the Indian Creek in Caldwell, the Treasure Valley Marketplace and the Village at Meridian.

## Peer Study

Although ValleyConnect 2.0 is a plan of aggressive transit growth in the Treasure Valley, the growth scenario is a conservative estimate for the amount of public transportation service that the public is asking for.

The table below shows that compared to our peers the Treasure Valley invests less than one-fifth of the average of our peers in transit operations per capita. By quadrupling the amount of service in the Treasure Valley we will begin investing in transit operations at a scale more on par with our peers.

### Transit Peer Comparison: 2014 National Transit Database

Transit Agency	Service Area Population	Total Operating Expenses	Annual Operating Cost/Capita
Valley Regional Transit	349,684	\$9,624,981	\$27.52
Spokane Transit Authority (WA)	409,271	\$59,413,530	\$145.17
Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (Reno NV)	327,768	\$31,429,617	\$95.89
City of Tucson (AZ)	544,000	\$74,107,836	\$136.23
Metro Transit System (Madison, WI)	253,075	\$54,088,838	\$213.73
Average of Peers	383,529	\$54,759,955	\$142.78

## Outreach Events

Over the next several weeks we will be engaging the public and our stakeholders to collect input on the Final Draft ValleyConnect 2.0 plan. From the public we are seeking input on service and capital investment priorities. From jurisdictions and other stakeholders we are asking for input on how well the network concepts support their plans for growth.

To review the ValleyConnect 2.0 final draft, please click on the link below:

[https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/media/1355/valleyconnect1\\_25\\_18.pdf](https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/media/1355/valleyconnect1_25_18.pdf)

## Attachment

*Schedule of Upcoming Public Outreach Meetings*

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## ValleyConnect 2.0 Public Outreach Meetings (updated 03-02-18)

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday	February 5	Meridian Transportation Commission	4:00 p.m.	Meridian City Hall - 33 East Broadway Ave. - Meridian
Tuesday	February 6	TVCRC Quarterly meeting (Treasure Valley Community Resource Comm.)	10:00 a.m.	Health & Welfare - Caldwell
		Kuna City Council	6:00 p.m.	Kuna City Hall - 751 W. 4th Street - Kuna
		Star City Council	7:30 p.m.	Star City Hall - 10769 West State Street - Star
Thursday	February 8	Boise Elevated	4:00 p.m.	Zions Bank Building at 8th and Main - 7th-Floor Conference Room - Boise
Monday	February 12	CCDC Board	12:00 p.m.	CCDC - 121 N 9th Street Suite 501 - Boise
		Ada County Commissioners	1:30 p.m.	Ada County Courthouse - 200 W. Front Street - Boise
		Canyon County Hub (United Way)	2:00 p.m.	Nampa Family Justice Center- 1305 3rd Street S - Nampa
Tuesday	February 13	United Way convened meeting in Ada County	9:00 a.m.	United Way Basement Conf Room-3100 S. Vista Ave - Boise
		United Way convened meeting in Canyon County	3:00 p.m.	Canyon County Public Admin Bldg – 111 N. 11 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Caldwell
		Wilder City Council	6:00 p.m.	Wilder City Hall – 219 Third Street - Wilder
Monday	February 19	Notus City Council	7:00 p.m.	375 Notus Road - Notus
Tuesday	February 20	Healthy Impact Nampa Food Access Committee	3:30 p.m.	Hispanic Cultural Center – 315 Stampede Drive - Nampa
		Caldwell City Council	6:00 p.m.	Caldwell Police Department Community Room–110 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street - Caldwell
Wednesday	February 21	ACHD Commissioners	12:00 p.m.	3775 Adams Street – Garden City
		Open House Nampa 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Rebuild Project (VC2.0 survey info available)	4:30-6:30p	Nampa Public Library – 215 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South - Nampa
		Open House at Main Street Station (Transit Advisory Group)	4:00 -7:00 p	Main Street Station – 777 W. Main Street - Boise
		Garden City Community Collaborative	4:00 p.m.	Genesis off Chinden in Garden City
		Middleton City Council	6:30 p.m.	6 N. Dewey Ave - Middleton
Thursday	February 22	Boise Chamber Transportation Committee	8:00 a.m.	Boise Chamber-1101 W. Front Street, Suite 100 - Boise
Thursday	February 22	Boise GreenBike Movie Event – VC2.0 information available	6:00 p.m.	Egyptian Theatre – 700 W. Main St - Boise
Friday	February 23	Meridian Downtown Business Association	8:30 a.m.	731 N. Main Street - Meridian
Monday	February 26	Parma City Council	7:00 p.m.	Parma City Hall - 305 N 3rd Street - Parma
Tuesday	February 27	Ada County Hub (United Way)	2:00 p.m.	Life’s Kitchen - 1025 S. Capitol Blvd - Boise
		Eagle Open House at Eagle City Hall	4-5:30 p.m.	Eagle City Hall - 660 E. Civic Lane - Eagle
		Eagle City Council	5:30 p.m.	Eagle City Hall - 660 E. Civic Lane - Eagle
		Nampa Transportation Master Plan Workshop	4:00-6:00pm	Nampa Civic Center – 311 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street South - Nampa
Wednesday	February 28	COMPASS Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)	8:30 a.m.	COMPASS/VRT Board Room-700 NE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street - Meridian
		Meridian Development Corporation	4:00 p.m.	Meridian City Hall – 33 East Broadway Avenue - Meridian
Thursday	March 1	Kuna Advisory Committee - VC2.0 information available	4:00 p.m.	Kuna City Hall - 751 W. 4th Street - Kuna
		Open House at Main Street Station (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday)	4:00 -7:00 p	Main Street Station – 777 W. Main Street - Boise
Monday	March 5	Caldwell Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee	12:00 p.m.	Stewart’s Grill – 2805 Blaine Street - Caldwell
Tuesday	March 6	Canyon County Commissioners	1:30 p.m.	Canyon County Courthouse - 1115 Albany Street - Caldwell
		Healthy Impact Nampa-Transportation Equity	4:00 p.m.	Nampa Public Library - 215 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South - Nampa
		Greenleaf City Council	7:00 p.m.	Greenleaf City Hall – 20523 N. Whittier - Greenleaf
Wednesday	March 7	ITD – Interagency Working Group	2:00 p.m.	ITD Headquarters – 3311 W. State Street
Monday	March 12	Nampa City Council	4:00 p.m.	Nampa City Hall – 411 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street South - Nampa
		Garden City – City Council	5:30 p.m.	Garden City – City Hall – 6015 Glenwood St. – Garden City
Tuesday	March 13	Meridian City Council	3:00 p.m.	Meridian City Hall - 33 East Broadway Ave. – Meridian
Wednesday	March 14	CCDC Staff/City of Boise Planning Staff	2:00 p.m.	CCDC – 121 N. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Suite 501 - Boise
Thursday	March 15	ITD Board	TBD	TBD
	TBD	Boise City Council	TBD	Boise City Hall – 500 S. Capital Boulevard – Boise
Monday	April 2	PUBLIC HEARING at VRT Board of Directors Meeting	12:00 p.m.	VRT Board Room – 700 NE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street - Meridian