Valley Regional Transit
Shared Mobility Leader
Presentation Purpose

1. Provide overview of RPTAs
2. Present ValleyConnect 2.0 highlights
3. Discuss topics for upcoming fiscal year
Public Transportation History

- 1973  Boise Urban Stages (BUS)
- 1990s Treasure Valley Transit (TVT)
- 1998  Regional Public Transportation Authority
- 2003  Implemented Master Agreement with City of Boise
- 2005  System restructure to create regional system
- 2010  Services operated by private contractors
- 2015  Implementing specialized transportation services
- 2018  ValleyConnect 2.0
What is an RPTA

- **Regional Public Transportation Authority**
  - Established in state code (Idaho Code Chapter 21, Title 40)
    - Accountable to local governments
    - Exclusive jurisdiction over publicly funded transportation
    - Provide public transportation services
    - Encourage private transportation programs
    - Coordinate both public and private transportation programs

- **Board of Directors**
  - Composed of up to 29 members
  - Public elected or appointed officials from each jurisdiction
  - Represent 19 jurisdictions
  - Service population of approximately 650,000 residents
Organizational Structure
Organizational Governance

- **Board of Directors**
  - Representative of local governments
  - Meets four times per year
  - Sets budget and policy
  - Delegates authority

- **Executive Board**
  - Officers and at-large leaders of board
  - Meets 11 times per year
  - Oversees work of organization
Valley Regional Transit

Vision
Valley Regional Transit envisions a region with comprehensive public transportation choices designed to meet the needs of citizens and businesses and to support livable, healthy, and sustainable communities through adequate and secure funding to support those choices. (VC2.0 approve by VRT Board 04/02/18)

Mission
Valley Regional Transit’s mission is to leverage, develop, provide, and manage transportation resources and to coordinate the effective and efficient delivery of comprehensive transportation choices to the region’s citizens. (VC2.0 approved by VRT Board 04/02/18)
VRT Priorities

• Priority 1
  • Effectively leverage existing funding sources in conjunction with securing new sources to ensure adequate and stable resources for a comprehensive regional public transportation system in Ada and Canyon counties.

• Priority 2
  • Deepen and broaden public understanding of and support for a comprehensive regional public transportation system designed to increase access to transportation choices for all Ada and Canyon counties’ citizens.
Valleyconnect 2.0 Goals

1. Provide safe and reliable multi-modal transportation choices considering the entire trip from origination to destination.

2. Prioritize investments in efficient fixed-route service that expands public mobility while leveraging, maximizing and enhancing the utilization of the existing transportation assets and resources.

3. Ensure comprehensive transportation choices and access that support economic growth and enhance quality of life for the region.
Organizational Strategies

• Demonstrating financial stewardship
• Building communities through partnership
• Developing institutional capacity
Regional Advisory Council

- Formed in 2007 as the Regional Coordination Council (RCC)
- Changed to Regional Advisory Council (RAC) in 2019?
- Standing committee of VRT
- Representative membership of key customer groups
- Advisory to the VRT Board of Directors
  - Advocate for needs of customers
  - Policies, services and programs affecting representative populations
  - Liaison to community
Vision

We envision an accessible regional transportation system that is built upon meaningful stakeholder input and feedback.
Mission

The Regional Advisory Council’s mission is to use a customer-centered focus to ensure that VRT’s policies, services, and outreach meet the mobility needs of the community.
Values

- The RAC contributes to...
  - ...community benefit
  - ...the public’s investment
  - ...geographic equity
  - ...high-quality customer service
  - ...being action oriented
  - ...teamwork
  - ...open communication
Advisory Process Flow

Issue Identification (Staff or RAC)

Findings and Recommendation (Staff and/or Subcommittee)

Information

Consultation

Final Recommendation (Staff)

Advisory Recommendation

Majority Recommendation
Minority Recommendation(s)
Staff Recommendation
Federal Transportation Bill

- Surface Transportation Program (transit and highways)
- Establishes and authorizes federal programs and funding
- Annual appropriations established by Congress
- Sets transportation policy
- Bill horizon is established in code (two to six years)
- Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST)
  - Five-year authorization
  - Sets program priorities
VRT Local Funding

• Jurisdiction contributions
  • Per capita assessment
  • Unduplicated population
  • Special members pay flat rate
  • Support regional administration and operations

• Operations contributions
  • Directly fund service operations
  • Allocated among several jurisdictions where service is located

• Miscellaneous
  • Fares
  • Advertisement
Federal Funding

- Section 5307
  - Capital infrastructure, equipment, preventative maintenance, planning, operations (restricted), mobility management
  - VRT recipient for large urban and small urban

- Section 5339
  - Capital infrastructure, equipment, preventative maintenance
  - VRT recipient for large urban and ITD for small urban

- Section 5310
  - Older adults and persons with disabilities capital and services
  - VRT recipient for large urban and ITD for small urban
Valleyconnect 2.0
Better use of space

- 1 full Bus = 19 Cars
- 40 feet of roadway compared to 280 feet of roadway
Better use of space
Why Transit Saves Households Money

$1.5 Billion

$15 Million
Why Transit Saves Households Money

• Households can save up to $8 or $9 thousand dollars a year
ValleyConnect 2.0 Highlights

More People More Places More Often

9 Frequent route across the Treasure Valley
ValleyConnect 2.0 Highlights

Make public transportation faster

More late night and weekend service
Increase transit rides by 800%

1.3 million Now
10 - 12 million Future

Deploy integrated “Mobility as a Service” options and new technologies
ValleyConnect 2.0 - Context

Communities in Motion 2.0
Population, employment and traffic projections
Identifies a gap of 300K hours

Local Comprehensive Plan
Comprehensive plan
Defines policies and zoning

ValleyConnect 2.0
Aspirational transit plan that responds to jurisdictional needs
Defines design principles and network scenarios
## ValleyConnect 2.0 Scenarios

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VC 2.0 supports your community
• 5 Network Design principles define how routes work together and ensure maximum public mobility

• 8 Route Design Guidelines ensure productive useful service
Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Current – Downtown Caldwell
Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Growth – Downtown Caldwell
Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Current – CWI

Legend
minutes
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16 - 30
31 - 45
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Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Growth – CWI
Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Current – VMP & State
Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Growth – VMP & State
Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Current - MSS
Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Growth – MSS
Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Current – Ustick and 5 Mile
Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Growth – Ustick and 5 Mile

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Transit Freedom: Mapped

Transit Accessibility 7AM Current – The Village at Meridian

Current

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Transit Accessibility 7AM Growth – The Village at Meridian

Growth Scenario
Filling the Gaps

- Eagle, Meridian, Star, Kuna senior centers
- Harvest Transit (Meridian)
- Supportive Housing and Innovative Partnerships (SHIP)
- Village Van
  - PSSI
  - English Language Center
- Access 2 Independence – Boise
- Rides to Wellness
- Valley Regional Transit Late Night
“Ride between the lines”

- Extend the reach - first and last mile connections
  - Lyft Connections to Transit

- Improve mobility in low-density or poor performing areas

- Mitigate impacts of network changes

- Coordinate efforts
FY2020-21 Projects

• COVID-19 Resiliency Plan/Transportation Development Plan
• Service enhancements
  • Boise service changes
  • State Street Corridor – Eagle extension
  • Meridian local service
• On-demand Transit Pilot – Canyon County
• Rides 2 Wellness expansion – Canyon County
• Innovative Re-launch Boise Bike Share
• Marketing fundamentals
  • Website and Customer tools
  • Rider’s First Campaign
  • Safe Travels Treasure Valley
Thank You!

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