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**ValleyRide schedules two public hearings to discuss proposed new fare policy**

BOISE – The public is invited to attend two hearings in Nampa and Boise next week to learn more about a proposed new fare policy for ValleyRide public transportation services.

The public hearing dates are:

- **Wednesday, January 2, 4-7 p.m., Nampa City Hall, City Council Chambers**
- **Thursday, January 3, 4-7 p.m., Boise City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup>-floor Bonneville Room**

Valley Regional Transit (VRT) staff will be available at the public hearings to discuss the proposed new fare policy and gather comments.

The proposed fare policy will provide a single pricing schedule for ValleyRide fixed-line bus service in Nampa/Caldwell and Boise/Garden City, and for service between Ada and Canyon counties. It also will offer more fare options for ValleyRide customers.

The proposed policy does not increase fares for Boise/Garden City or ACCESS paratransit service. However, fares for intercounty and Nampa/Caldwell fixed-line services will increase. The last fare increase for ValleyRide bus services was May 1, 2005.

The VRT Board of Directors is scheduled to consider the new policy at its January 16, 2008 meeting. If approved by the Board, the fare policy will be implemented following the installation of fixed bus stops in Ada County. The installation is expected to be completed by late spring or early summer 2008.

For more information about the proposed new fare policy, visit: [www.valleyride.org](http://www.valleyride.org), or call RideLine at 345-RIDE (7433).

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