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Implementation of new ValleyRide bus route along Highway 44 delayed

BOISE – The planned May 1 startup date for a new ValleyRide commuter bus route serving Caldwell, Middleton, Star, Eagle and Boise has been pushed back, Valley Regional Transit (VRT) announced Monday (April 23).

Negotiations on a bus lease agreement with an out-of-state firm will not be completed in time to get the buses into service. A new startup date has not yet been set.

The new Route 44 Express will provide one morning run originating in Caldwell and ending at the Boise Airport and one late afternoon run from Boise back to Caldwell. There will be one stop each in Eagle, Star and Middleton.

The delay in completing lease negotiations also will affect plans to put into service larger-capacity buses on each of two intercounty routes that have experienced crowded conditions.

Valley Regional Transit is the regional public transportation authority for Ada and Canyon counties. VRT owns and operates the fixed-line bus service in Boise and Garden City and contracts with First Transit to provide fixed-line service in Nampa and Caldwell and three intercounty routes. First Transit will also operate the new Route 44 Express.

To learn more about the Route 44 Express, including fares and stop times, visit www.valleyride.org.

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