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**Valley Regional Transit Board approves new regional fare policy**

BOISE – The Valley Regional Transit Board of Directors on Wednesday (January 16) approved a new regional fare policy for ValleyRide bus services.

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.

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 by utilizing technological improvements to the fare boxes on intercounty and Nampa/Caldwell fixed-line buses.

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 new fare increases will help offset the rising cost of providing transit services.

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

Valley Regional Transit, the regional public transportation authority for Ada and Canyon counties, operates bus services under the ValleyRide name. Current ValleyRide bus services include fixed-line routes in Boise, Garden City, Nampa and Caldwell, and intercounty service between Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian, Middleton, Star, Eagle and Boise.

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