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Fixed-location bus stop system for ValleyRide Nampa/Caldwell buses in effect beginning Monday (March 10)

NAMPA – Beginning **Monday (March 10)**, anyone wanting to ride a ValleyRide bus in Nampa or Caldwell will have to catch it at a fixed bus stop.

Prior to the changeover to fixed-location bus stops, the Nampa/Caldwell system operated as a flag down system. A person wanting to catch a bus could wave at the bus to get it to stop along its route.

A total of 136 bus stops have been installed along the four fixed-line routes that serve the two cities. Bus operators have been educating riders about the change. Information about the change to a fixed-stop system, including the locations of the bus stops, is available on the buses, at www.valleyride.org, or by calling RideLine customer service at 345-RIDE (7433).

ValleyRide is the transit services division of Valley Regional Transit (VRT). VRT operates fixed-line bus service in Boise, Garden City, Nampa and Caldwell, and five intercounty routes between Ada and Canyon counties. The Boise/Garden City fixed line service will operate as a flag-down system until late summer, when the installation of fixed-location bus stops in Ada County is expected to be completed.

New bus stop locations were selected according to safety, spacing between stops, locations where most people wanted to board the bus, and reducing impacts on traffic flow. The fixed-stop system will have numerous benefits, including improving on-time performance and better ensuring that a bus operator will see someone wanting to catch the bus.

Benches will be installed at most bus stops, and some shelters will be established at the most heavily used bus stops in the coming year.

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