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**Conversion to fixed-location ValleyRide bus stops to become final Monday (Nov. 3)**

BOISE – The days of being able to flag down a ValleyRide bus are coming to an end. Beginning Monday (Nov. 3), ValleyRide buses in Ada County will only pick up patrons at fixed-location bus stops.

The installation of 725 bus stop signs in Ada County began June 27 and was completed Friday (Oct. 31). During the installation period, ValleyRide patrons could either flag down the bus or wait at a bus stop.

The bus stop locations were selected according to safety, spacing between stops, popular pickup locations, 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.

The sign installation in Ada County comes on the heels of a successful changeover from a flag-down system to fixed bus stops in Canyon County. A total of 136 bus stops have been installed along the four fixed-line routes that serve Nampa/Caldwell.

For more information about the bus stops, visit: [www.valleyride.org](http://www.valleyride.org).

ValleyRide, the transportation division of Valley Regional Transit, provides fixed-line bus service in Boise, Garden City, Nampa and Caldwell, and intercounty service between Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian, Middleton, Star, Eagle and Boise.

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