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ValleyRide to implement program to assist those with limited mobility

BOISE – Beginning Monday (May 4), qualifying ValleyRide patrons with disabilities that affect their mobility will be able to “flag” down buses near bus stops with limited public access.

The new ADA Accessible Bus Stop Policy allows qualifying patrons to obtain an orange flag or card that they can use to hail a bus near a bus stop that they cannot gain close access to.

“The installation of more than 850 bus stops last year marked a major improvement to the ValleyRide bus system, but it did create concern about accessibility to some of those stops,” said Gloria Chigbrow, Service Development Manager – Mobility for Valley Regional Transit (VRT). “This innovative program will give a bus patron with limited mobility the flexibility to catch a bus close to his or her stop.”

This is an interim policy. VRT is currently conducting an analysis of each bus stop to determine accessibility needs and to prioritize improvements to those sites. VRT has been awarded federal stimulus funds and will use some local monies to implement accessibility improvements.

Those interested in participating in the program need to complete a flag stop qualification form. This form and information about the Accessible Bus Stop Program is available at www.valleyride.org or by calling RideLine customer service at 345-RIDE (7433).

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