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ValleyRide schedules two public hearings on proposed service reduction

BOISE – The public is invited to attend two hearings in Middleton and Eagle next week to learn more about a proposal to eliminate the Highway 44 Express ValleyRide bus route, Valley Regional Transit (VRT) announced Tuesday.

The public hearings are scheduled for:

- **7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, the Trolley Station, 310 E. Main St., Middleton**
- **7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Eagle City Hall, 660 E. Civic Lane**

The Highway 44 Express, which began operating in June 2007, provides commuter service to Caldwell, Middleton, Star, Eagle and Boise via one eastbound bus run in the morning and one westbound run in the late afternoon. A Sept. 9 decision by the Eagle City Council not to provide funding to help pay operating costs has left the future of the route in doubt.

The VRT Management Committee is scheduled to make a final decision on the service reduction at its October 19 meeting. Those who cannot attend the public hearings can learn more about the proposal by visiting www.valleyregionaltransit.org, or calling 846-8547, ext. 4215. The deadline for submitting public comment is Saturday, Oct. 10. Written comments may be sent to: Valley Regional Transit, attn: Mark Carnopis, 830 N. Main St., Ste. 230, Boise, ID, 83642.

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