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Valley Regional Transit schedules open house for proposed downtown Boise multimodal center

BOISE – Valley Regional Transit (VRT) has scheduled an open house for **Wednesday, Oct. 17** to provide information and gather comments about the proposed multimodal center to be built in downtown Boise. The proposed site is a surface parking lot located on the southwest corner of 8th and Jefferson.

The open house is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The location is the first floor of the Garro Building, 816 W. Bannock.

Valley Regional Transit currently stages ValleyRide buses along a five block stretch of Main and Idaho streets downtown. The proposed location at 8th and Jefferson would provide a central location with quick access to downtown Boise for transit customers. It is immediately adjacent to a pedestrian-friendly area and would provide easy access to downtown for workers, visitors and shoppers. The state employs about 2,300 workers in the nearby Capitol Mall complex.

A multimodal center would serve as a central transportation hub downtown that could include public buses, bicycle facilities, car sharing, vanpools, carpools, taxis and airport shuttles.

The VRT is currently conducting an environmental assessment that will examine the effects of locating the transit center at the 8th and Jefferson site. A decision about whether to locate the center at this location will be made after the environmental assessment is complete, which is expected to be early in 2013.

To learn more about the downtown multimodal center project, and how to provide comment if you cannot attend the open house, visit www.valleyregionaltransit.org, or call 208-258-2702. The deadline for public comment is Oct 27, 2012.

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