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Three new ValleyRide bus routes to serve Nampa, Caldwell, Western Canyon County

MERIDIAN – Three new ValleyRide bus routes scheduled to begin next week in Canyon County will provide service to key social service agencies in Caldwell and offer first-time transit service to four cities in the western part of the county.

All three routes will provide service between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Each route will operate one day a week. Here is more information about the new routes:

- **Route 73** will offer Monday fixed-route service between Notus, Parma, Wilder and Greenleaf and Middleton to the following locations in Caldwell: Health and Welfare, the Department of Labor, the Veterans Administration Community Clinic, Southwest District Health and the YMCA. The route will also serve Farmway Village in Wilder and the new Terry Reilly Health Services Clinic in Middleton. The one-way fare will be \$3.
- **Route 57** will operate on Tuesdays (beginning March 20). It will offer Dial-A-Ride bus service between a specific geographic area in Nampa and the same Caldwell locations as Route 73. The one-way fare will be \$1.
- **Route 58** will run on Wednesdays (beginning March 21). It will offer Dial-A-Ride bus service between a specific geographic area within Caldwell and the same city locations as Route 73. The one-way fare will be \$1.

Dial-A-Ride service involves vans or small buses operating in response to calls from passengers to the transit operator, who schedules a vehicle at least two (2) working days in advance to pick up the passengers and take them to the Caldwell locations. To schedule a ride, call 208-345-7433.

More information about the routes are available at valleyride.org or by calling **rideline** customer service at 208-345-RIDE (7433). Local and universal ValleyRide bus passes are valid on the new routes.

The three new routes replace ValleyRide Caldwell Route 55 Franklin Smeed, a fixed-line pilot bus route that ended service on February 17 due to low ridership. Route 55 had been in service since June 2011.

The new routes are a part of a project to improve transportation services in the Caldwell area, including much needed service to social service agencies. All funding for this project has been provided by the Idaho State Independent Living Council (SILC) through a federal grant.

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