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**ValleyRide Boise general manager named to “Top 40 Under 40” list**

Billy Wingfield II, general manager of ValleyRide Boise bus services, has been named to Mass Transit Magazine’s “Top 40 Under 40” list, which honors professionals who have made significant contributions to the public transit industry.

Wingfield, employed by Veolia Transportation, served as ValleyRide operations manager from July 2007 until November 2011, when he was named general manager.

As general manager, Wingfield has oversight of more than 85 employees. For fiscal year 2012, Valley Ride achieved record ridership of 1.24 million passengers on its 16 fixed-line bus routes.

During his tenure, Wingfield has a long list of accomplishments, including: establishing and implementing a new employee orientation and training program; improving safety related incidents/accident record; and restructuring the Operations and Maintenance Department, resulting in streamlined administrative functions, increased procedural efficiencies and a reduction in overall costs.

“I am honored to receive this award, but it would not have been possible without the dedicated, hardworking employees at ValleyRide,” Wingfield said.

Wingfield has a bachelor of science in business administration with a minor in human resource management from Boise State University. He was an all-conference Boise State football scholarship athlete, including all-conference honors and team captain for three years.

Wingfield isn’t the only transit industry professional in this year’s “Top 40 Under 40” list with ties to ValleyRide. Also named to the list was Dr. Robert Schneider, who served as general manager of ValleyRide Boise bus services from February 2007 to November 2011. Schneider is currently executive director of Central Midlands Transit based in Columbia, South Carolina.

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