

# Glossary of Terms

This document contains a list of acronyms and definitions for terminology related to the State Street Transit and Traffic Operational Plan.

## Acronym List

ACHD – Ada County Highway District

BRT – Bus Rapid Transit

CAC – Community Advisory Committee

COMPASS – Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho

DBMMC – Downtown Boise Multimodal Center

HOV – High Occupancy Vehicle

ITD – Idaho Transportation Department

ITS – Intelligent Transportation Systems

LRT – Light Rail Transit

ROW – Right-of-Way

SH – State Highway

TAC – Technical Advisory Committee

TOD – Transit Oriented Development

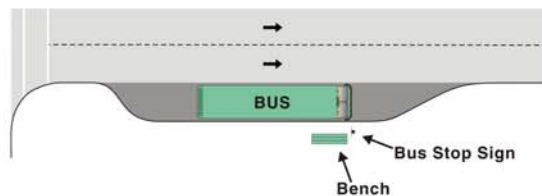
TTOP – Transit and Traffic Operational Plan

VRT – Valley Regional Transit

## Terminology List

### ***Bus Bay***

A designated area located to the side of the main roadway for buses to stop and pick up and drop off passengers, without interrupting traffic.



### ***Curbside Running Way***

A transit lane located near the outside curb and used by transit vehicles and right-turning vehicles.



### ***Downtown Boise Multimodal Center***

A proposed transit station in Downtown Boise where passengers can transfer between different modes of transportation (i.e., bus, light rail, cars, bicycles, walking).

### ***Frequency***

The interval of time scheduled between the arrivals of two consecutive buses at the same stop. For example, the existing Route 9 on State Street operates at 30 minute frequency.

### ***High Capacity Transit System***

A transit system that includes one of many bus or rail technologies, such as bus rapid transit, light rail or heavy rail, designed to provide frequent service along heavily traveled corridors.

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## ***Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)***

Technology-based applications for improving the safety and performance of roadway and transit systems, such as timed signals.

## ***Land Use Master Plan***

A long-range land-use plan for State Street that will identify development opportunities, TOD sites, design principles; zoning code changes, and pedestrian/bicycle plans.

## ***Median Running Way***

A transit lane located in the center of the roadway and used only by transit vehicles.



## ***Park & Ride***

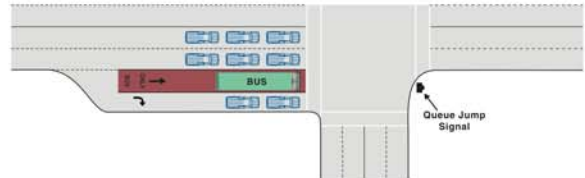
A facility for passengers to park their vehicles while riding transit, vanpools or carpools.



## ***Queue Jump Lane***

Right-turn lanes or separate designated bus lanes where transit vehicles are not required to turn right, gaining the ability to travel through an intersection without waiting in a queue (line) of through vehicles. For example, buses could get a green light before the through traffic.

Queue jump lanes typically operate in conjunction with transit signal priority at certain intersections.



## ***Right-of-Way (ROW)***

Right-of-way is a strip of land that is reserved for public use. Examples could be a street, road, bus lane, rail alignment, sidewalk, or path.

## ***Running Way***

The facility or environment in which transit operates. Mixed-traffic, median, and curbside running ways are evaluated on State Street.

## ***Transit Signal Priority***

An operational strategy that moves “late” transit vehicles through an intersection by modifying the traffic signal. For example, a “late” bus could receive a green light to travel through the intersection, in order to stay on schedule.