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A MotivePower locomotive sits on the tracks near its Boise, ID plant. Photo: David Day/Special to BoiseDev

## TRANSPORTATION

In January, [BoiseDev](#) gave you an in-depth look at the possibility of a light rail from Caldwell to Boise.

For over a decade, the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho, known as COMPASS, has been collecting information for long-term transportation plan.

[\[Light rail from Caldwell to Boise? It's a steep climb\]](#)

“The first two surveys indicated that there was interest in a high-capacity transit system for the Treasure Valley,” COMPASS Associate Planner Rachel Haukkala said.

From January 19th through February 27th, over 11,700 people took the most recent survey which aimed to identify specific needs and wants.

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## Survey results

- 39% of respondents would use high-capacity transit primarily to get to work or school, while 32% would use it primarily for social events or a night out.
- Stop locations (41%) and schedule (25%) would be the most important factors in a choice to use high-capacity transit.
- 92% would support or use high-capacity transit at least occasionally if it met their needs; 6% would neither use it nor support it. The remaining 2% indicated they would need more information to answer.

“While the survey results were predominantly in favor of high-capacity transit, it will still be many years before final decisions are made or a system is in place,” COMPASS Associate Planner Rachel Haukkala.

The survey also included opportunity for open-ended comments.

“Any future plans would include significant additional public input and would need public support for funding,” Haukkala said.

For more information on this survey and its results, head to the COMPASS website, [here](#).



