

PUBLIC TRANSIT

The planning and implementation of robust high-capacity public transit service in the Treasure Valley is long overdue. We are experiencing and expect to continue to experience precipitous population growth. Currently, we compensate for the effects of that growth on our system for moving people around our community in the most expensive way possible — by continually adding lanes and widening roads. Dense housing that allows people to live in close proximity to services, recreation and employment opportunities is part of the solution, but recent surveys by COMPASS indicate that the majority of current residents will want suburban-style housing on large lots in the future. The Treasure Valley already has many sprawling communities that revolve around distinct activity centers, so effective transit service will need to connect these centers in order to allow people to access the opportunities they offer. Many of these centers lie along a distinct corridor that may also have some existing usable infrastructure, making it prime for high capacity transit. COMPASS is conducting a survey about potential options. I urge you to respond before the survey closes on Feb. 27!

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