



Barber Pool Conservation Area  
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# August 2023 Membership Meeting

*In-person and Recorded Meeting - 17 August 2023*



# Agenda – August 2023

- Valley Regional Transit – Network Redesign Proposal
- Dallas Harris Elementary School – Update
- Firewise - Update
- BVNA Transportation Efforts - Update
- Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District Survey Results
- Board Work Session

Neighbors in attendance: Approximately 30

Board member attendance: All present (Hall for work session only)

[The video of this meeting can be viewed here](#)



# PROPOSAL NOW LIVE

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## ENGAGE

### ATTEND YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

**AUG 31** NAMPA  
Nampa City Council Chambers  
Open House 5PM | Hearing 6PM

**SEP 07** BOISE  
Boise City Council Chambers  
Open House 5PM | Hearing 6PM

**SEP 12** MERIDIAN  
Valley Regional Transit Offices  
Open House 5PM | Hearing 6PM

**SEP 14** CALDWELL  
Caldwell CPD Community Room  
Open House 5PM | Hearing 6PM

## REVIEW

### WE APPLY YOUR COMMENTS

**SEP 15** PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS  
VRT Staff reviews comments

**OCT 02** VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSIT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Reviews public comment & votes on proposal

**EVERYONE HAS  
A RIGHT TO  
SPEAK UP &  
SHARE THEIR  
THOUGHTS**

**SERVICE CHANGES** **SUMMER**  
**IMPLEMENTED 2024**

# Valley Regional Transit

Elaine Clegg – Chief Executive Officer

Stephen Hunt – Chief Development Officer

Jason Rose – Communications Director

# FY2024 Final Network Redesign Proposal



**valley**regional**transit**



# FY2024 Network Proposal New or Improved Service

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**BETTER  
BUS  
ROUTES**

**16%**  
more  
riders  
by 2025

## Benefits:

- **Increased frequency** to **15/30** minutes on 7, **30/60** minutes on 6 and 12
- **Saturday Service** added on select routes
- **Improved cross-town connections** to all 15-minutes routes on 6 and 12
- **Connections between downtowns improved;** Boise, Meridian, Nampa and Caldwell
- **Restored fixed-route service** on the Nampa/Caldwell and Garrity Boulevards
- **New fixed-route service** in south Caldwell serving Caldwell High School and the YMCA
- **Doubled # of People within a ¼ mile of 30-minute** all-day fixed-route service
- **34% Increase in # of People within ¼ mile of 15-minute** commute

# FY2024 Network Proposal Responses/Impacts

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## Responded to public comment:

- **Maintained service** on Routes 10 (Hill Rd), 17 (Warm Springs), 2 (SE) and 28 (Frank Church HS)
- **Maintained express service** between Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian and Boise
- **Expanded the Lyft transit connections** to areas to minimize loss of service

## Localized negative impacts:

- **Loss of service fixed-route service:** routes 1 (Harris Ranch) and 4 (Bench) 8 (West Bench)
- **Reduced service** along the Hill Road corridor
- **Reduced Service Area** for Canyon County On-Demand– simplified to follow major roadways

# FY2023 & FY2024 by the numbers



Description	2023	2024/25 estimate
Annual Riders	996,508	1,153,098 (16%)
Annual Cost	\$8.98M	\$9.85M (9.7%)
Population Served	158,000	145,000 (-9%)
Jobs Served	114,000	113,000 (-1%)
Population with Access to 15-minute Service (1/4 mile)	19,400	28,400 (+34%)
Population with Access to 30-minute Service All Day (1/4 mile)	19,400	38,900 (+100%)
% of Frequent Service	21%	32% (+11%)
% of Coverage Service	79%	68% (-11%)

# Route by Route Review by benefit, response and impact

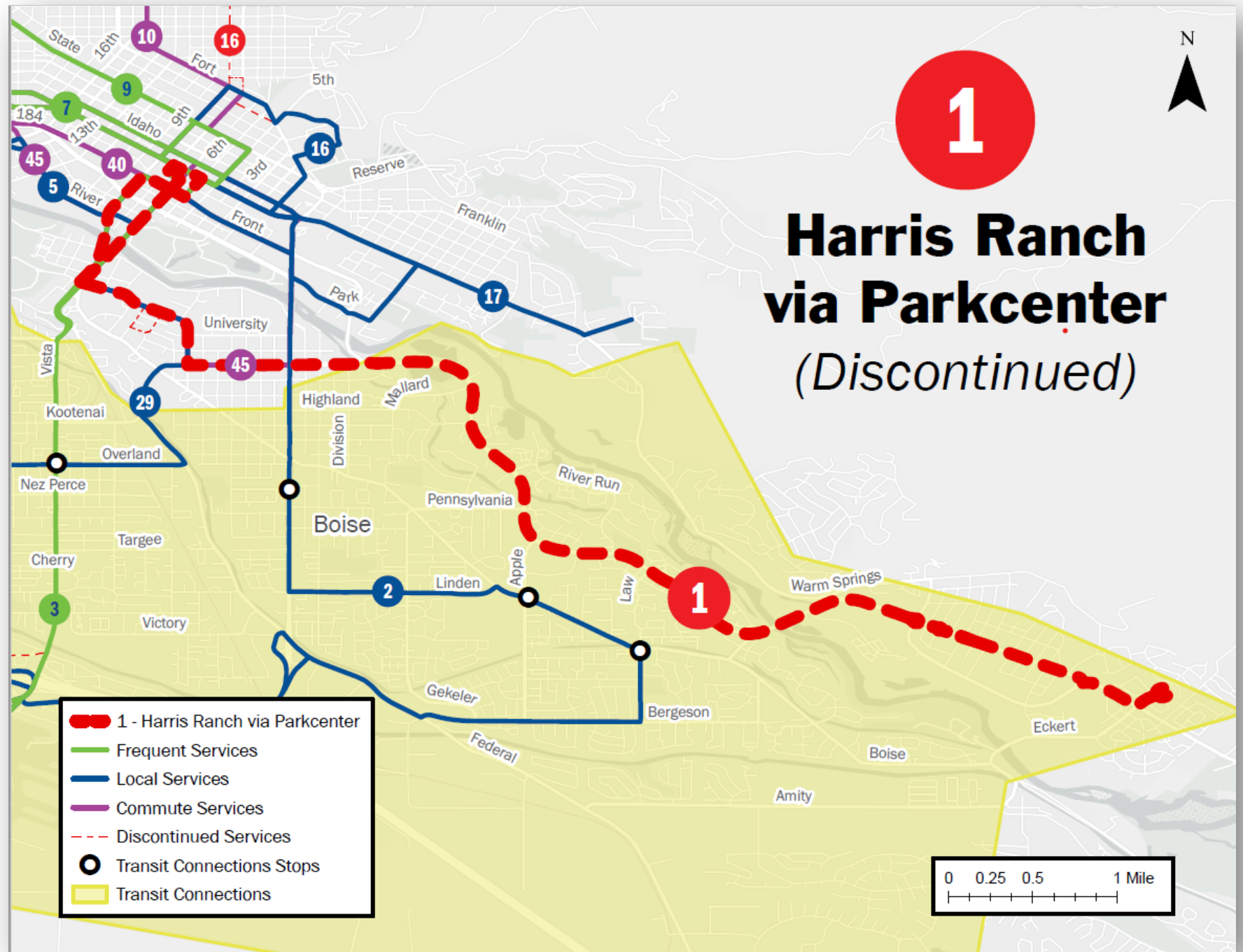


## Impacts:

- **Loss of localized fixed-route service:** on Parkcenter and to Harris Ranch

## Responded

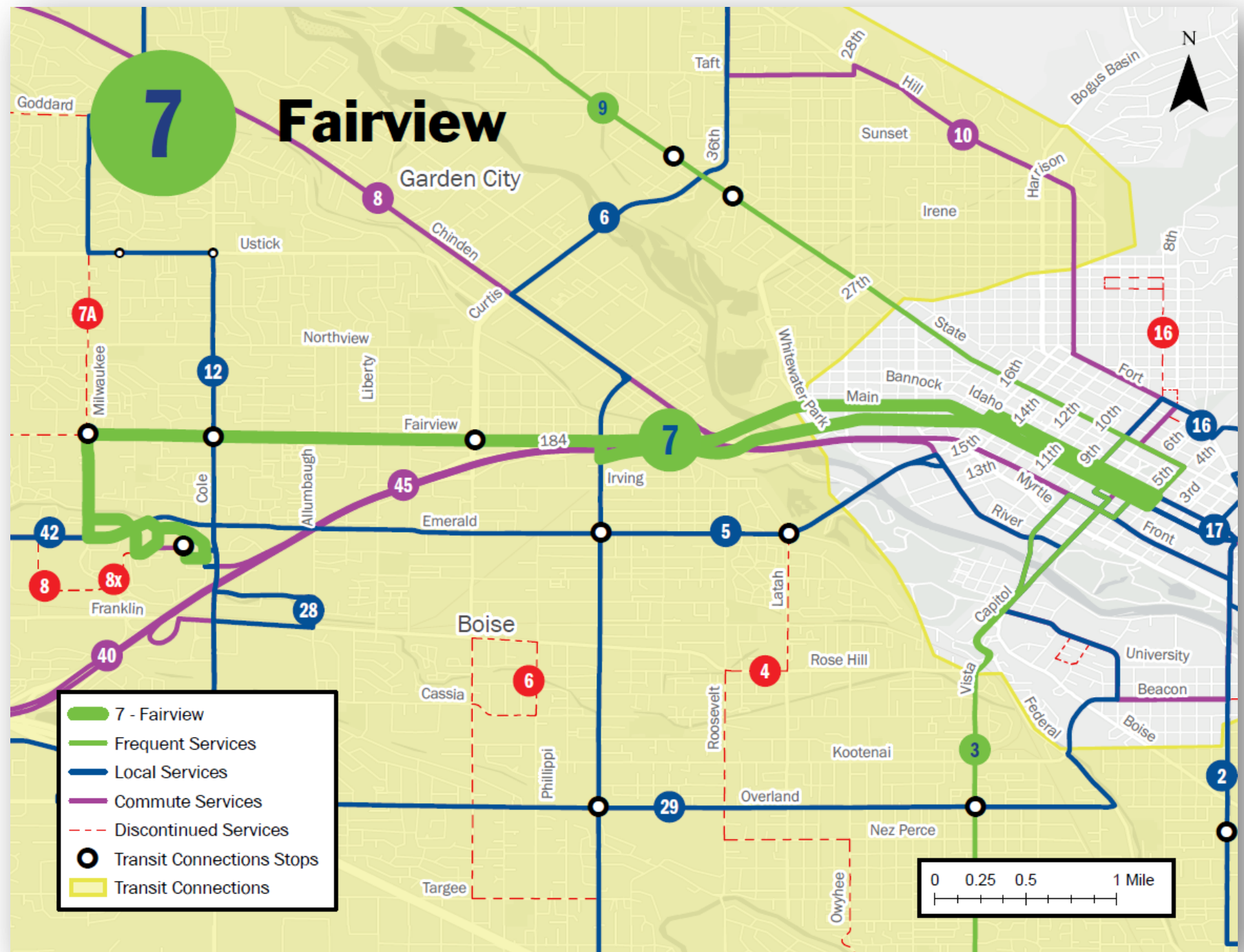
**Expanded:** Lyft Transit Connection service area and stops



## Benefits:

- Increased frequency to 15/30 minutes
- 34% Increase in # of People within ¼ mile of 15-minute service

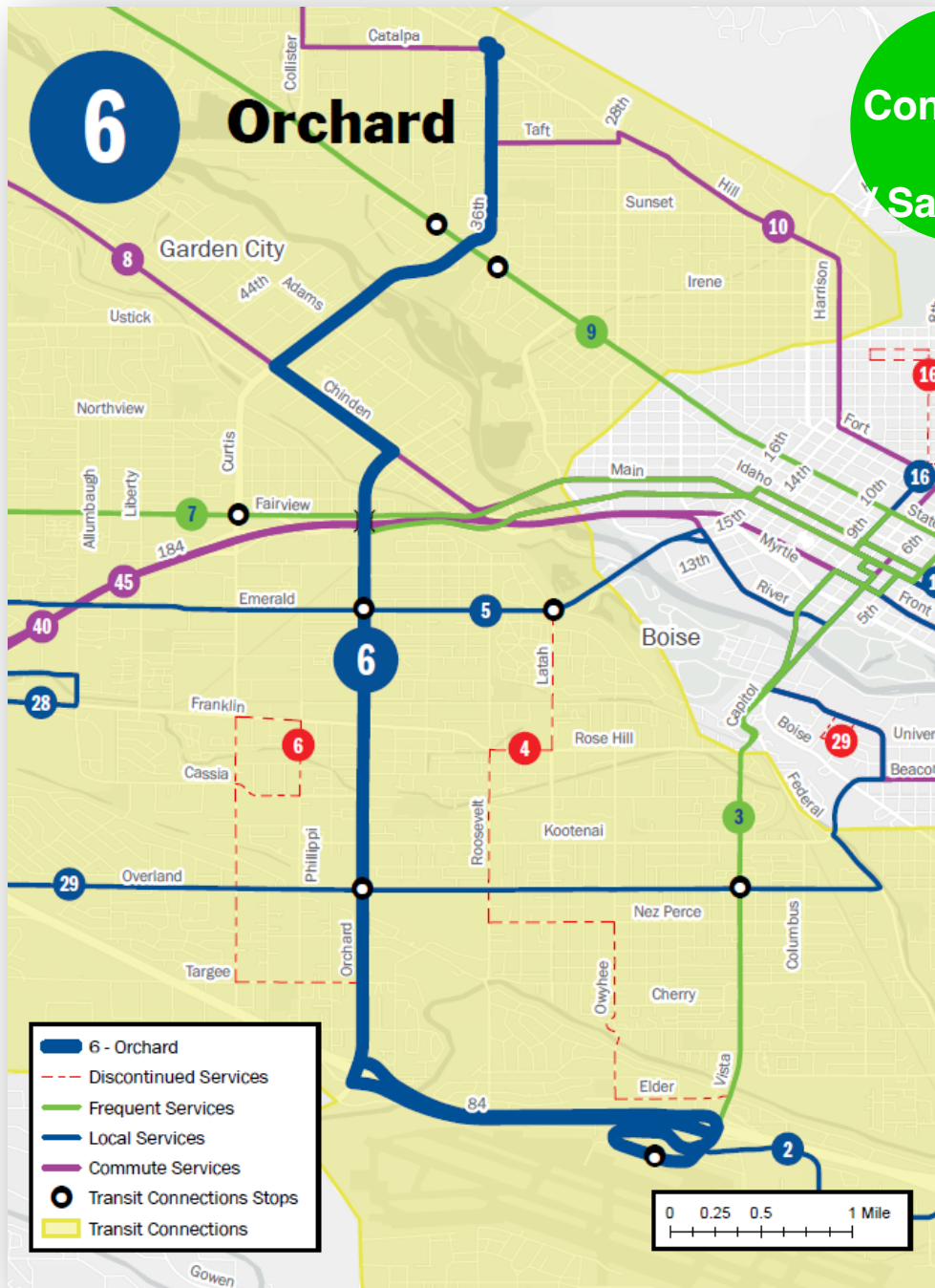
Frequency





## Benefits:

- Improved cross-town connections and connects two 15-minute routes
- Increased Saturday Service hours/  
Saturday Service added
- Doubled # of People within a ¼ mile of 30-minute all-day fixed route service



Connections  
Saturday



## Benefits:

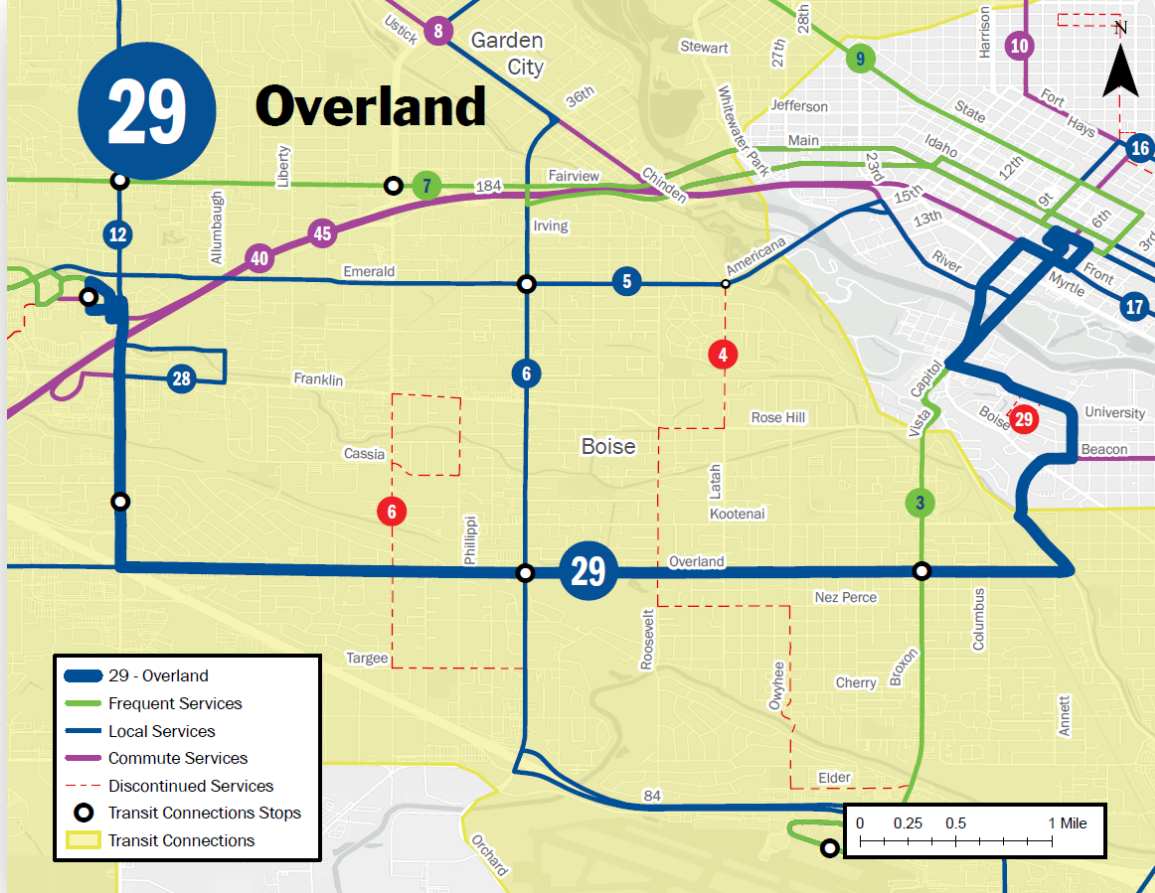
- Improved connections between TSM Boise State and MSS
- Improved connections with the 3 & 6
- Increased Saturday service hours 5pm to 8pm

## Responded:

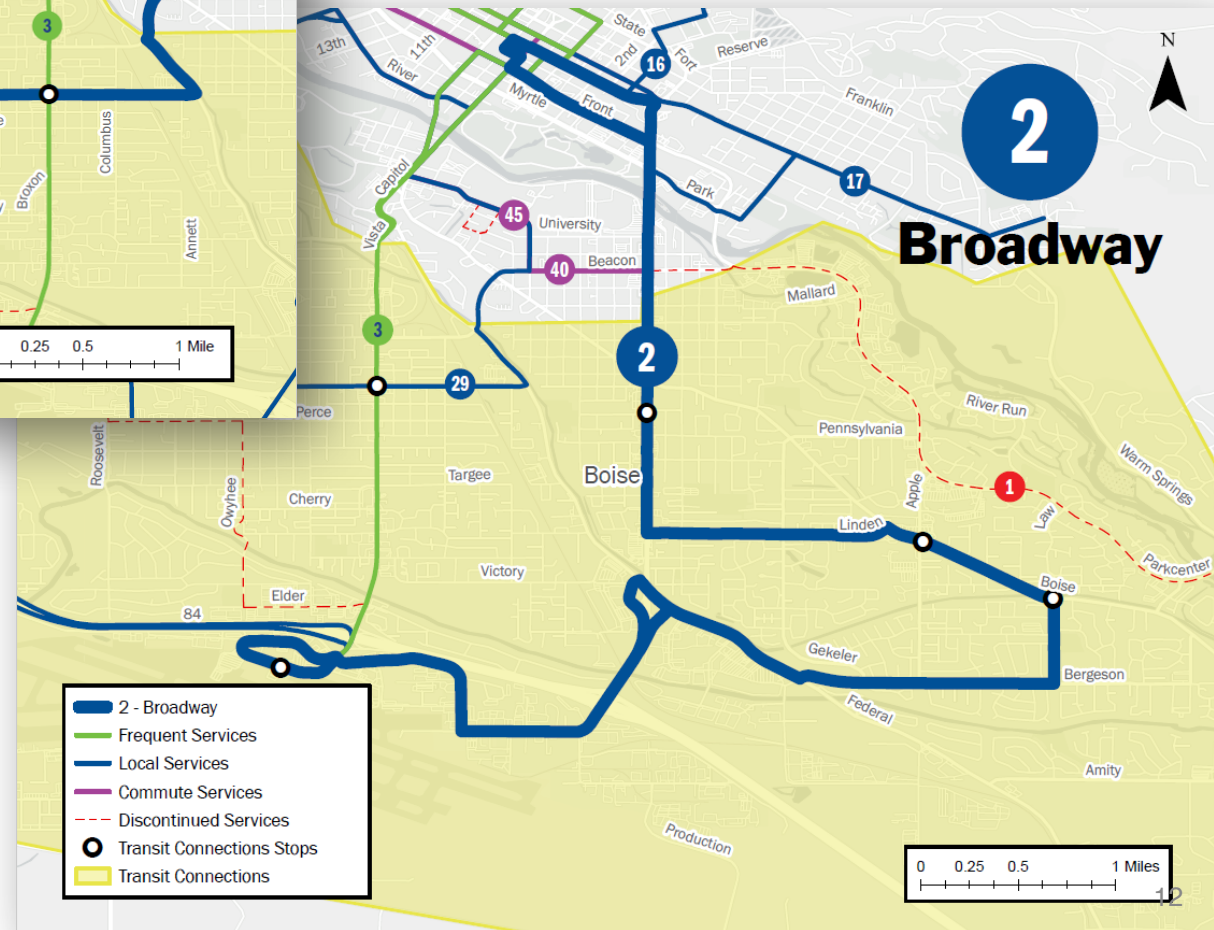
- Extended service maintains Bench connection to MSS
- Maintained service in SE Boise

## Impacts:

- Loss of localized fixed-route service: in Boise Bench
- Loss of localized fixed-route service: on Parkcenter and to Harris Ranch



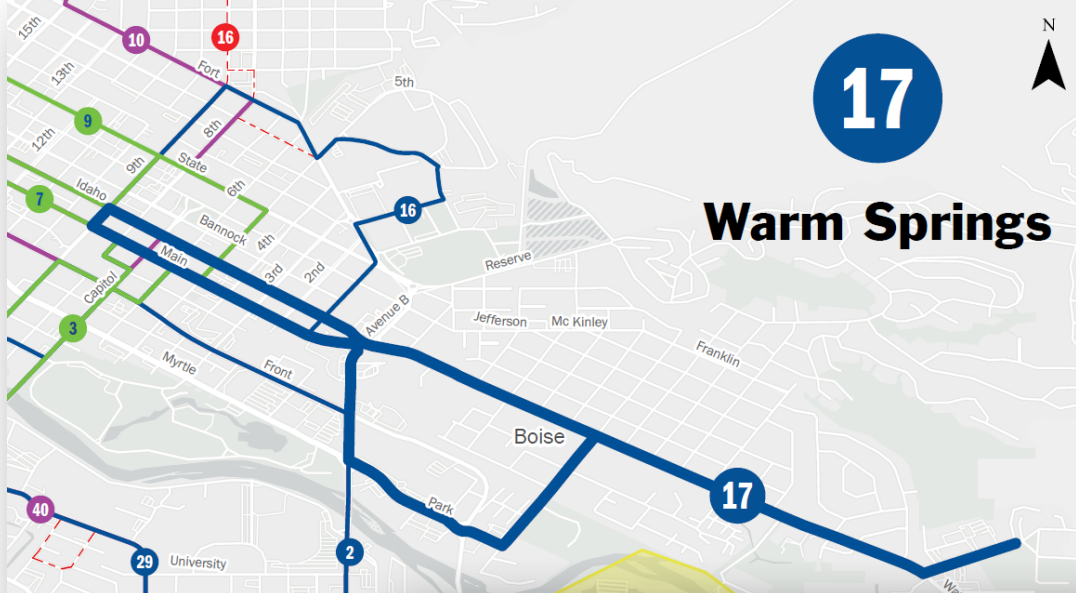
All Day  
Connections



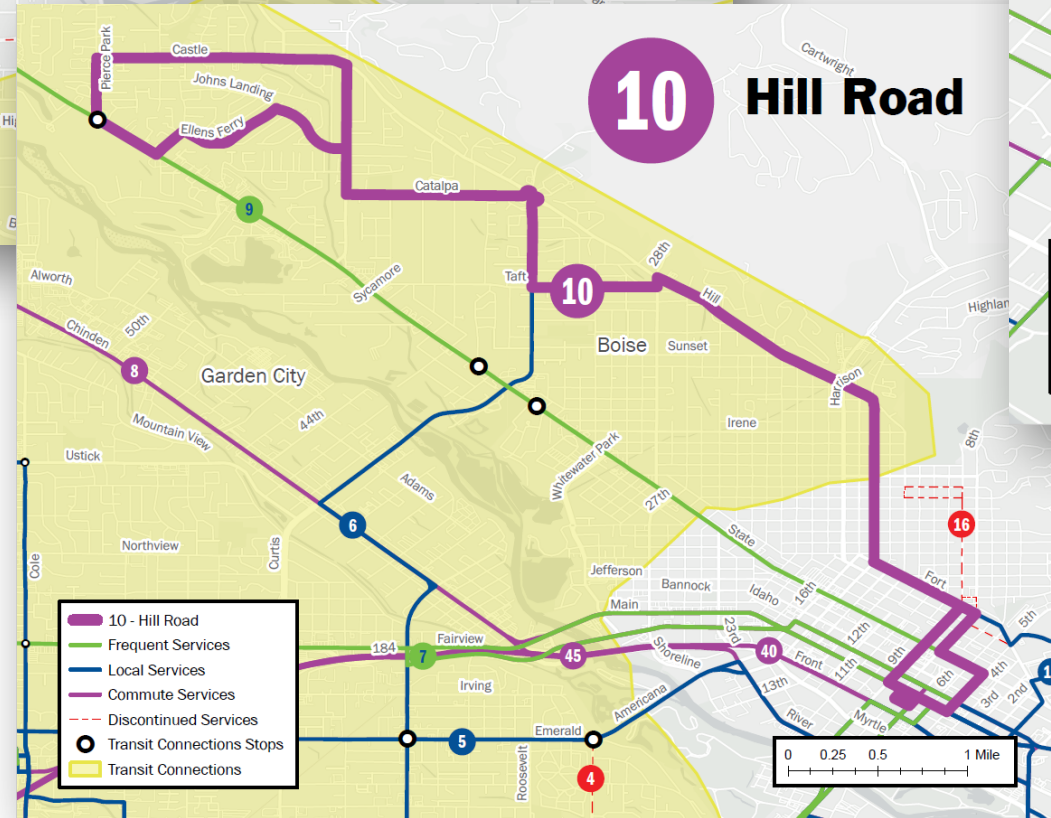


# Responded

- **Maintained Service** on route or during peak hour/  
**Maintained Service** to key destination
- **Extended** Route 6 to Hill Rd. and Transit Connections
- **Loss of localized fixed-route service:** within Boise North end



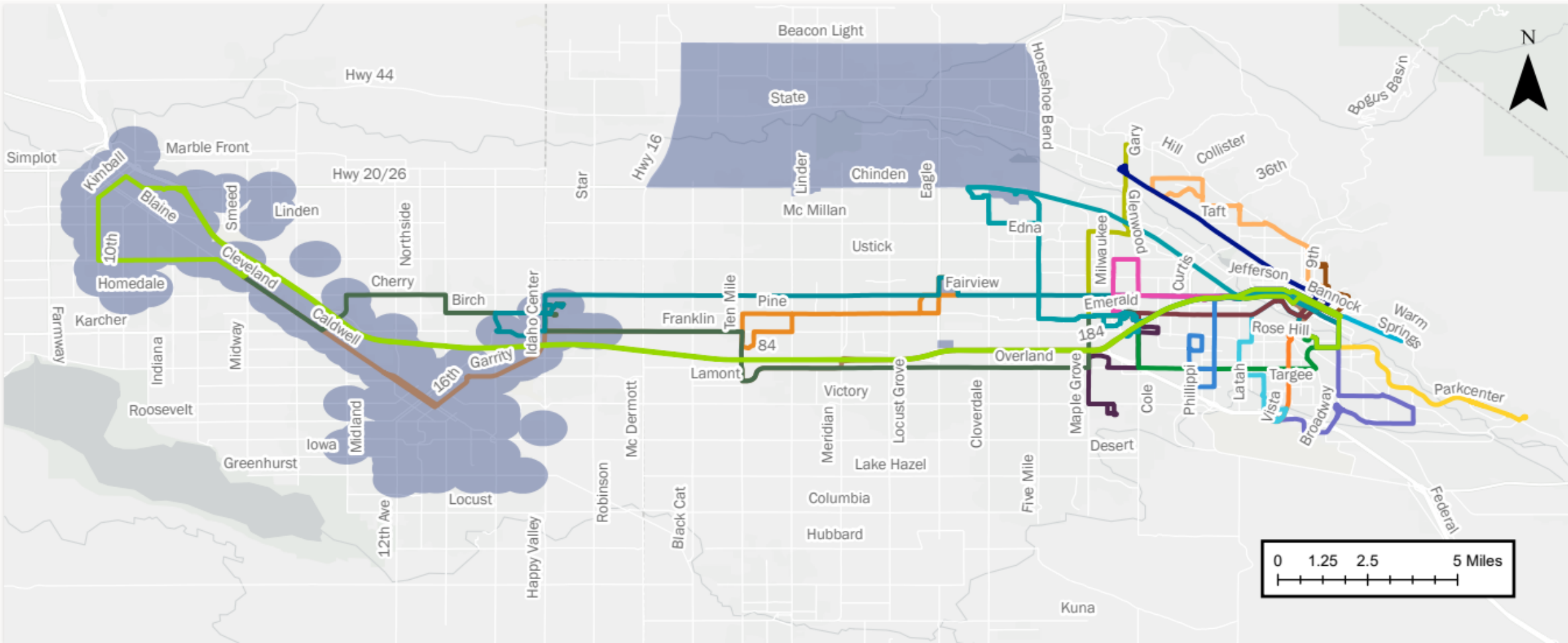
Maintained Services



# FY 2023 Service Network & FY 2024 Service Network Compared

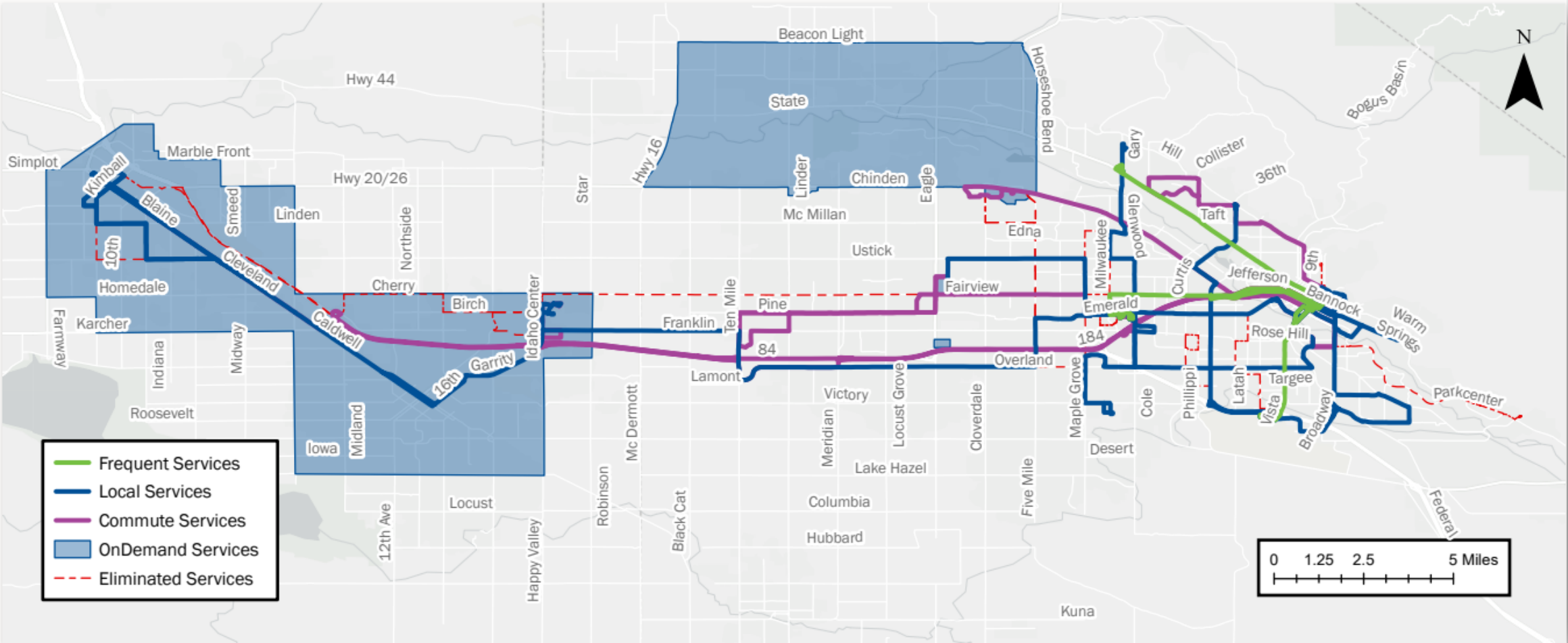
# FY2023 Service – Network

Population Served (1/4 mi)	158,000
Jobs Served (1/4 mi)	114,000



# FY2024 Service - Network

Population Served (1/4 mi)	145,000 (-9%)
Jobs Served (1/4 mi)	113,000 (-1%)





# Jane\* Maps & Accessibility and Mobility Modeling

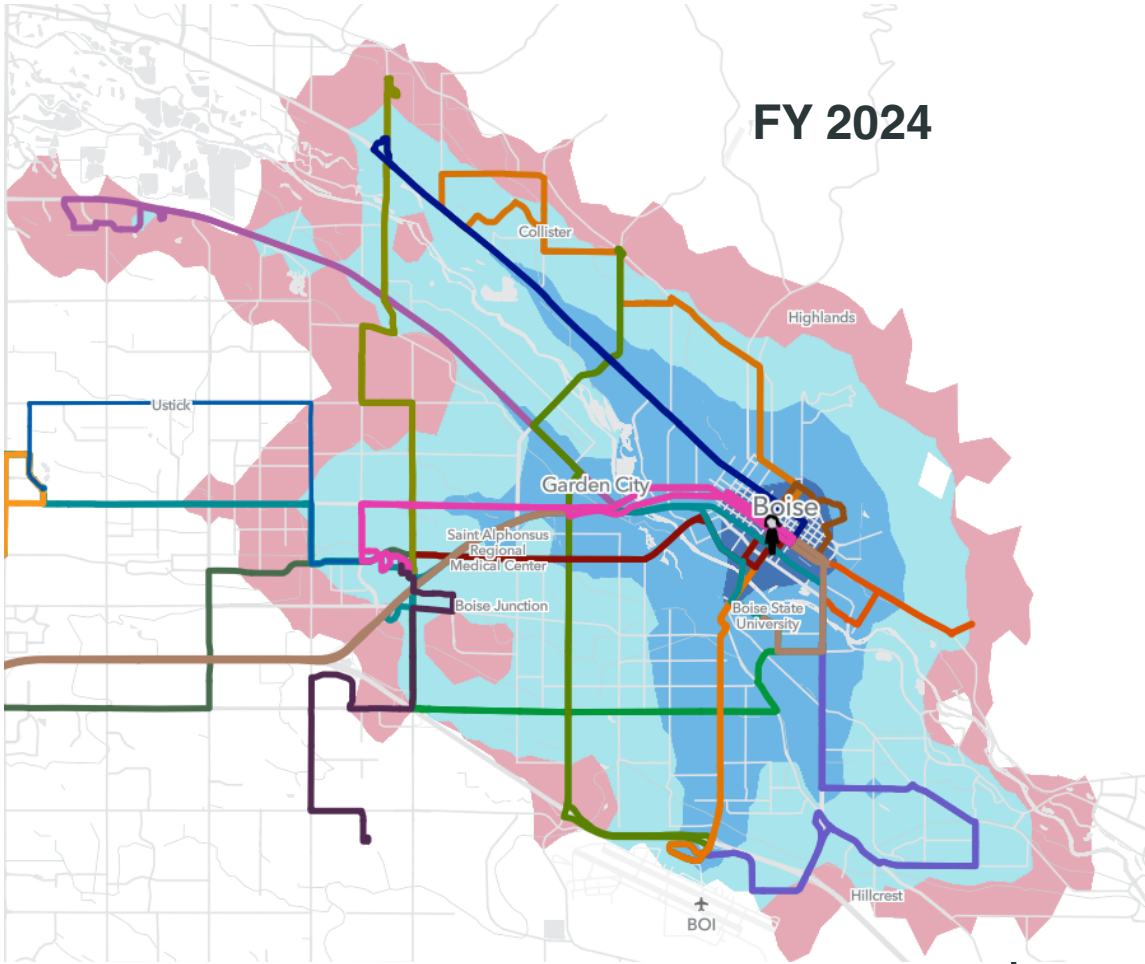
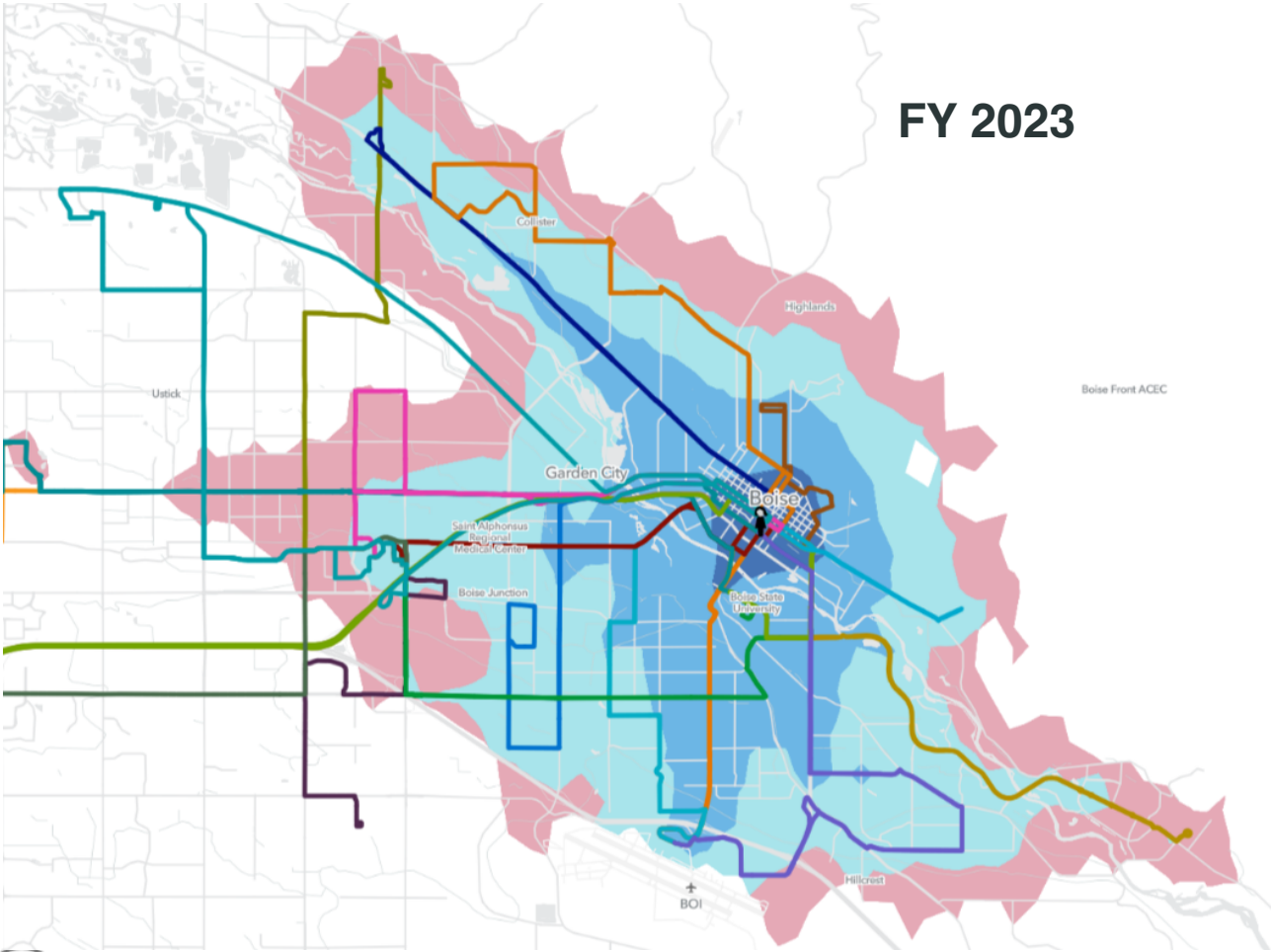
\* Jane is Remix's\* travel time isochrone that visualizes access and mobility across a transit network based on the area that can be reached by "Jane" [or any person] from a set point within a set amount of time.

\* Remix is the bus network software that VRT uses.

# FY2023 – FY2024 MSS @5pm

MSS = Main Street Station

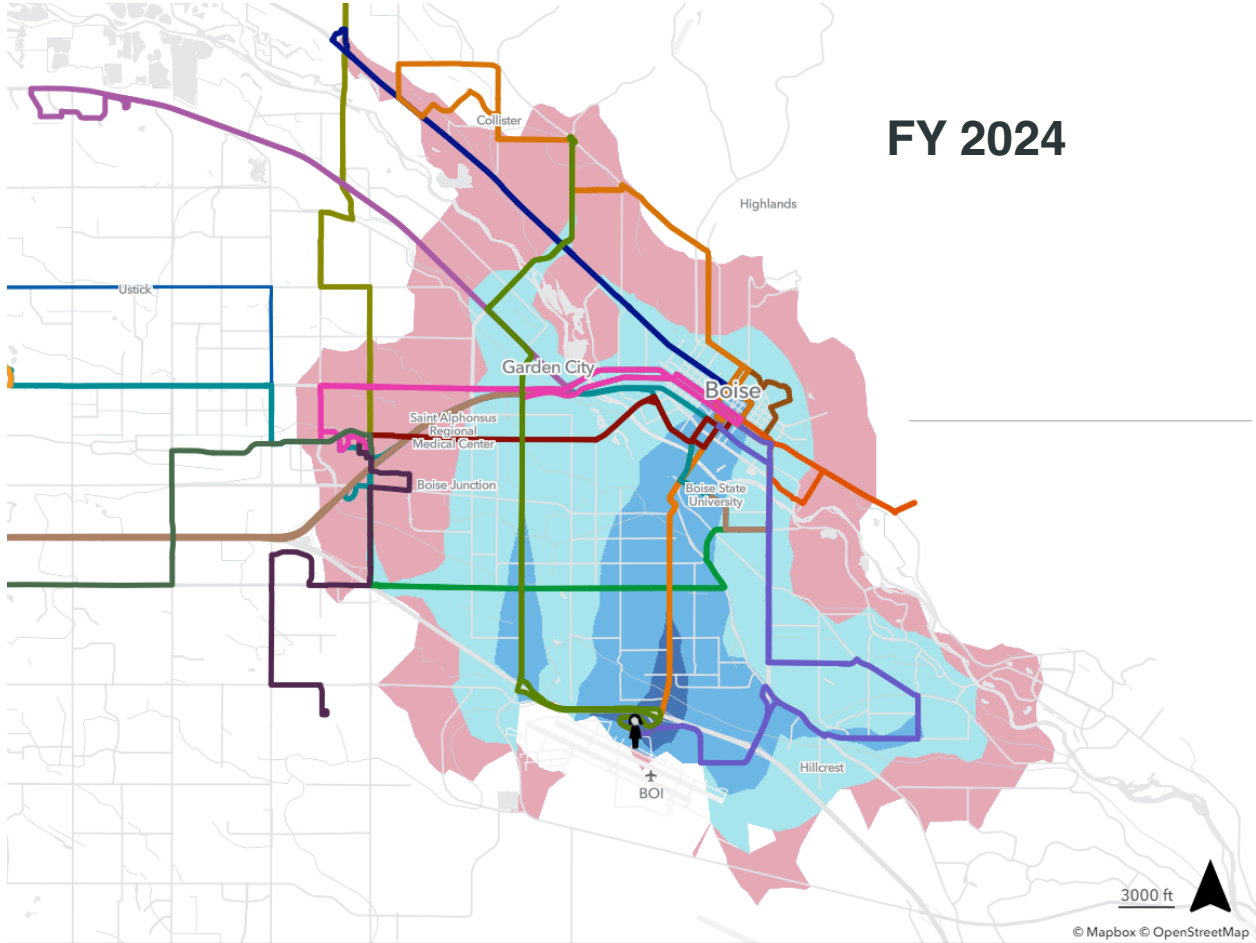
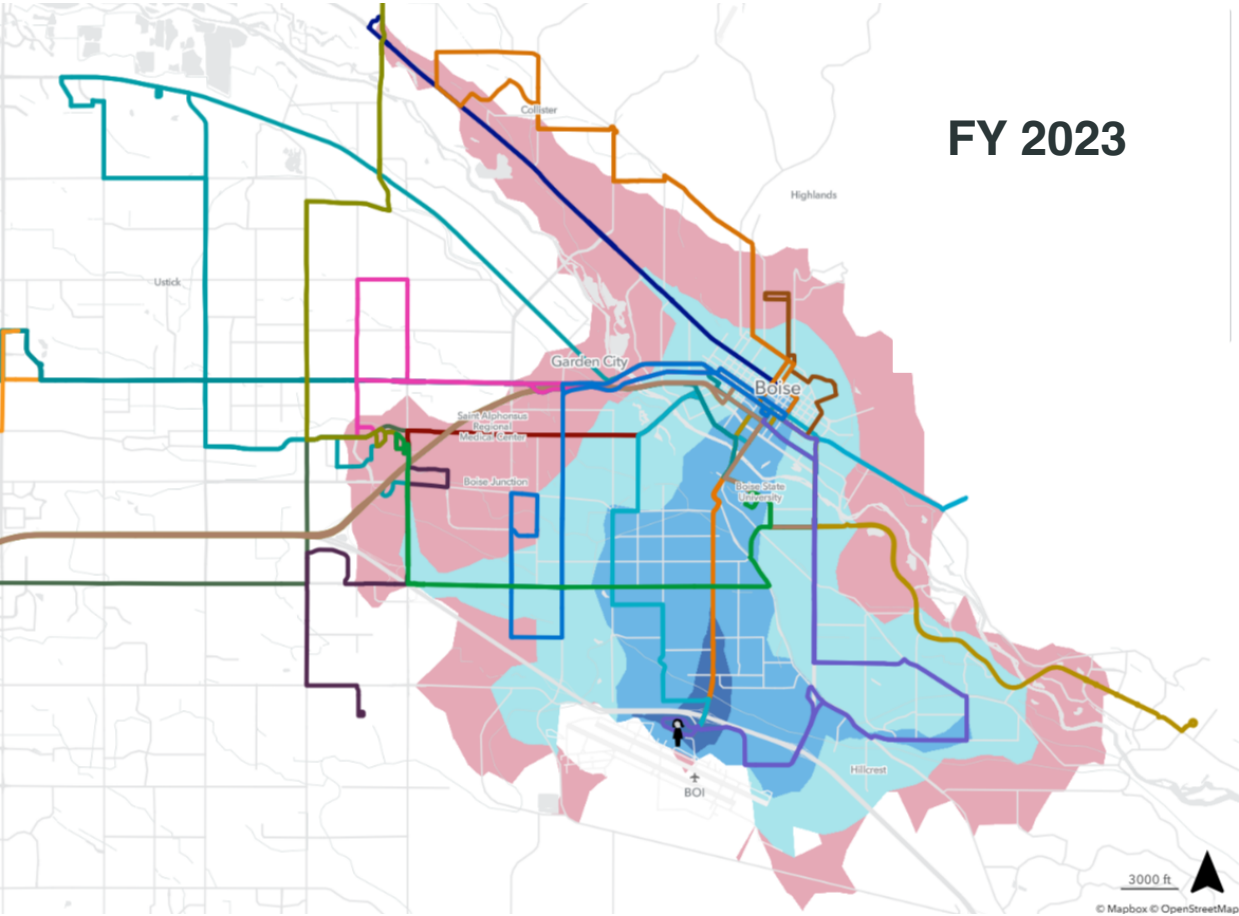
FY2024 estimated "Jane" service reach		
Travel Time	Population Reached	% Change
15	2,798	0%
30	49,052	3%
45	123,908	10%
60	166,064	9%



# FY2023 – FY2024 BOI

@ 5:30pm

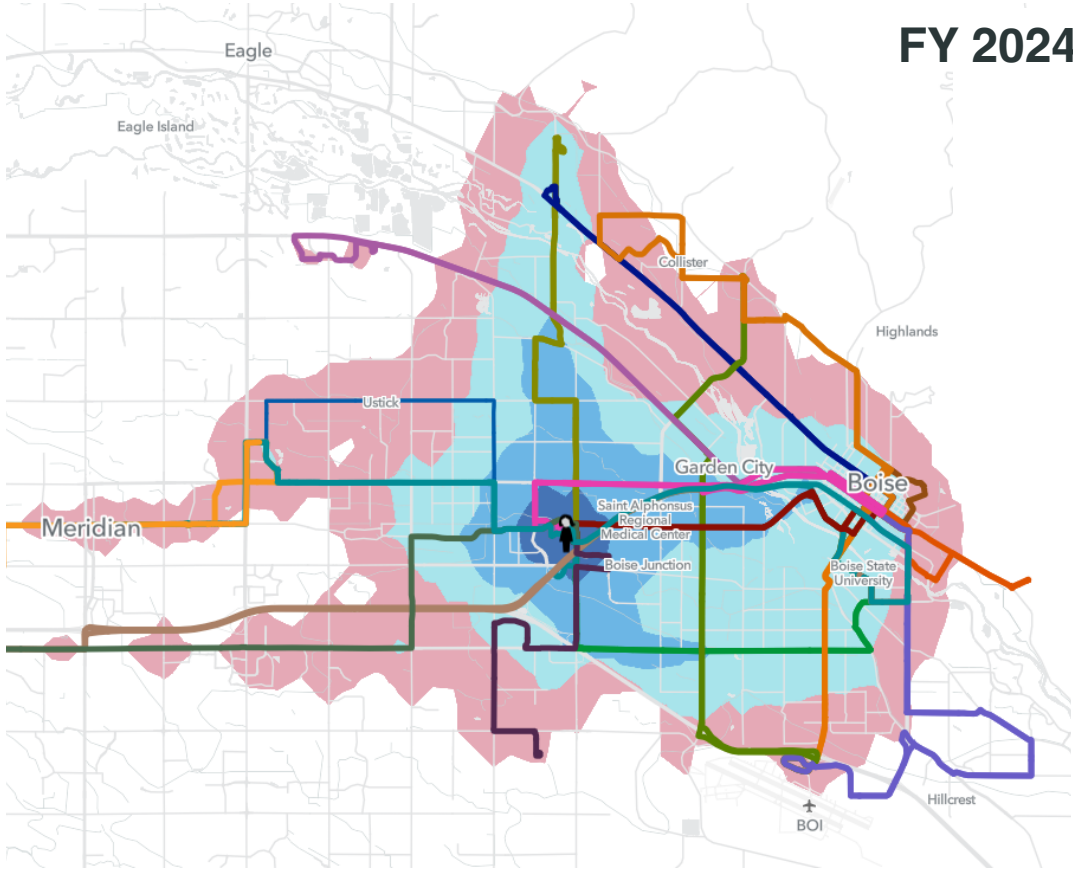
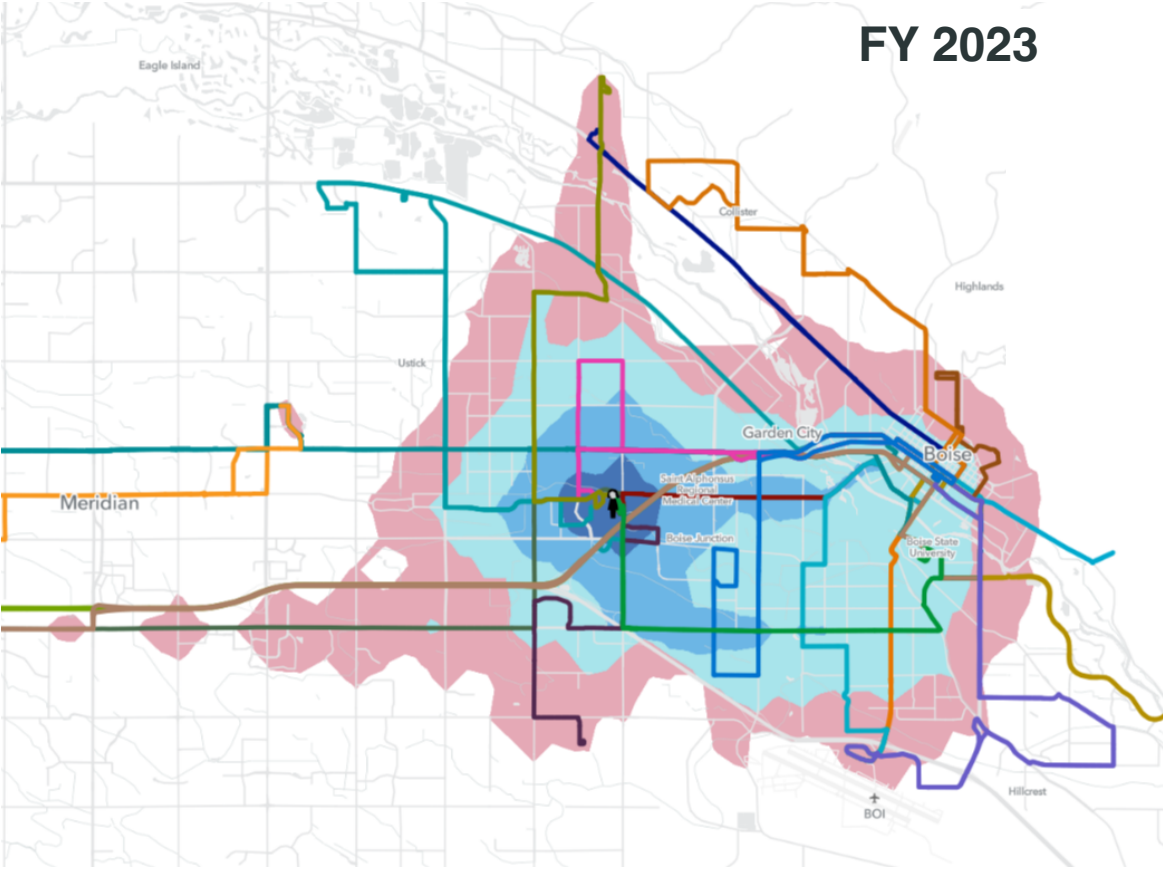
FY2024 estimated "Jane" service reach		
Travel Time	Population Reached	% Change
15	1,911	0%
30	22,043	- 4%
45	70,350	+ 11%
60	121,369	+ 13%



# FY2023 - FY2024 TSM

<sup>TSM</sup>  
@5pm = Towne Square Mall

FY2024 estimated "Jane" service reach		
Travel Time	Population Reached	% Change
15	2,531	+ 5%
30	28,965	+ 31%
45	90,109	+ 25%
60	175,008	+ 32%





# Specialized Services Changes

can mitigate impacts to coverage loss

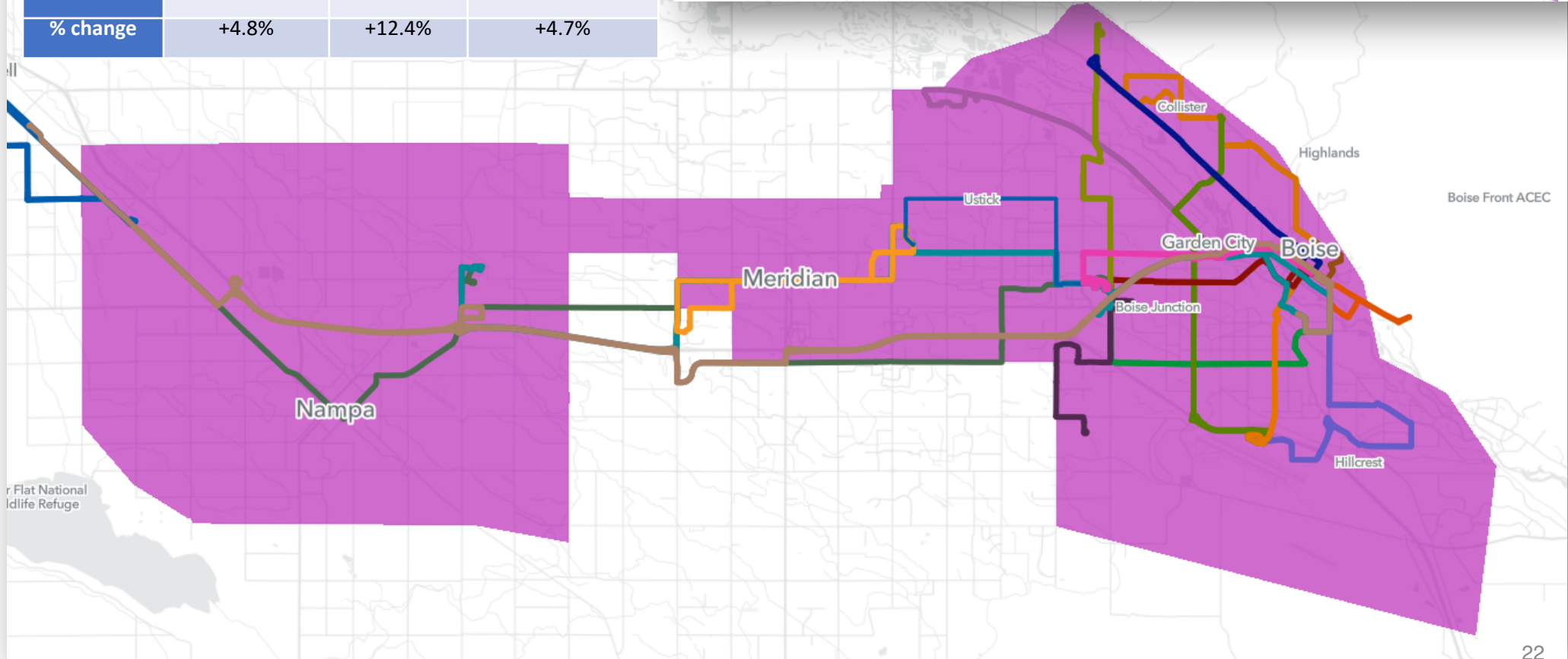
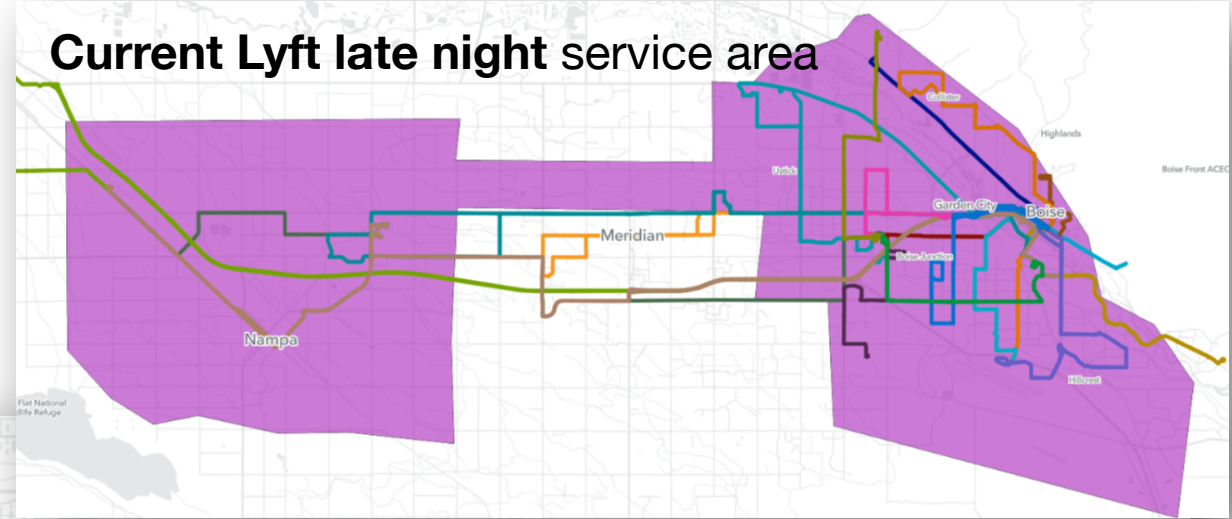
# VRT Late Night

## Benefits:

- **Expanded Service area**  
better matches job and housing locations
- **Service need**  
for late night workers

Lyft Late Night	Population within service area	Jobs within service area	Service area square miles
2023	355,100	164,700	142.7
2024	372,300	185,100	149.4
% change	+4.8%	+12.4%	+4.7%

Current Lyft late night service area

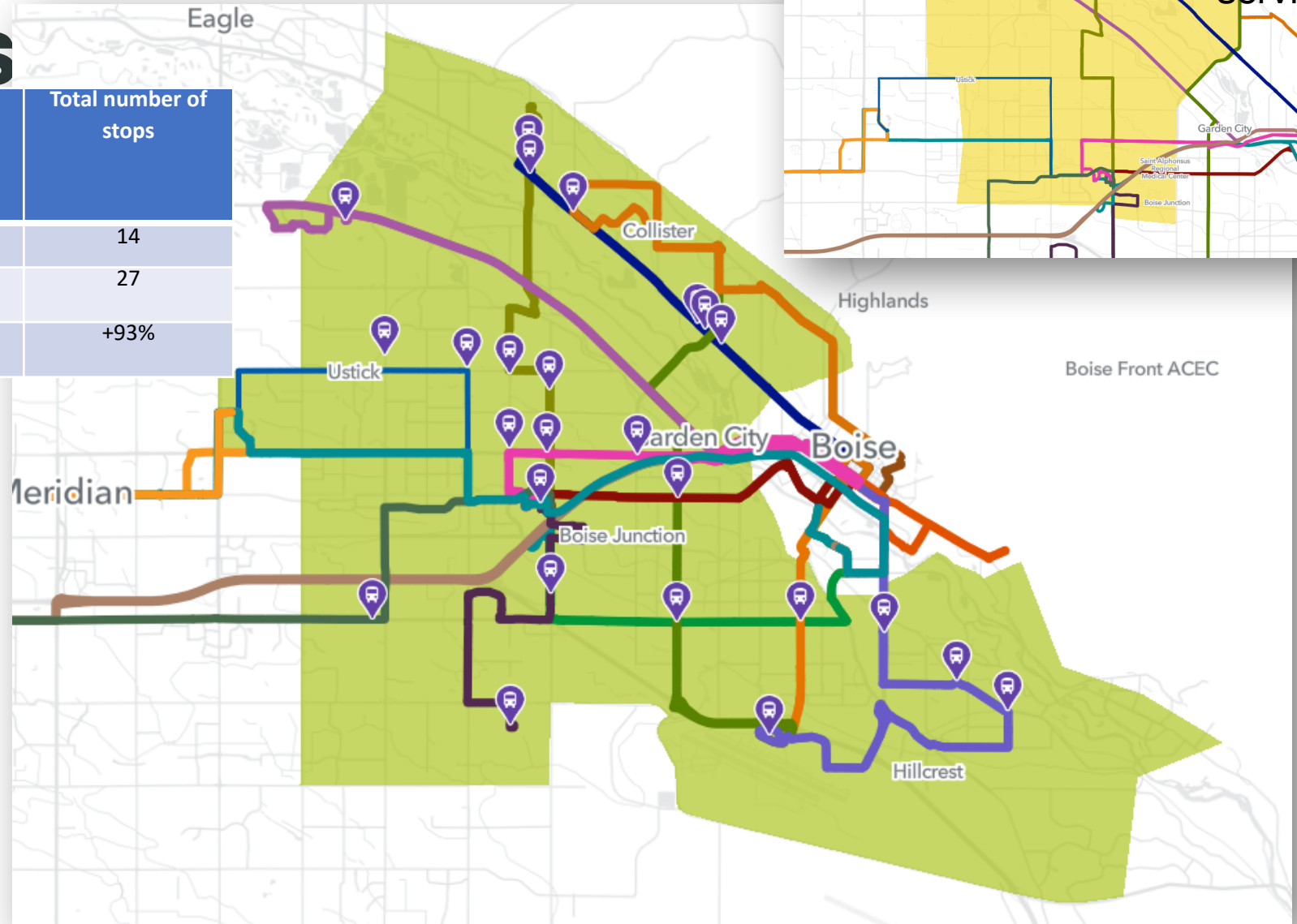


# Lyft Transit Connections

Lyft Transit connections	Population within service area	Jobs within service area	Service area square miles	Total number of stops
2023	86,500	42,900	22.2	14
2024	199,300	93,800	59.4	27
% change	+130%	+118%	+168%	+93%

## Responded:

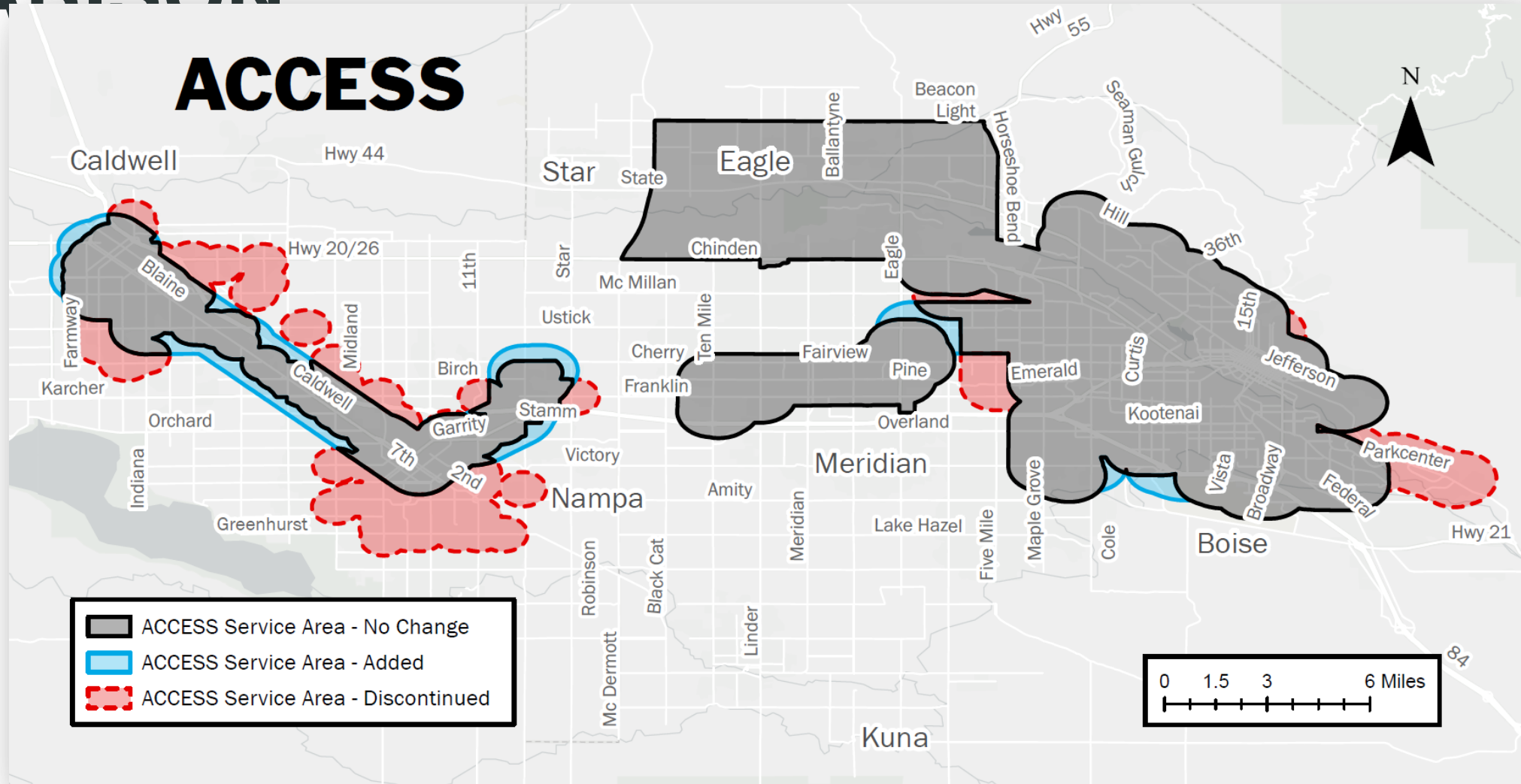
- **Expanded transit connections** to areas to minimize loss of service on routes 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, & 12



# ACCESS COMPARISON

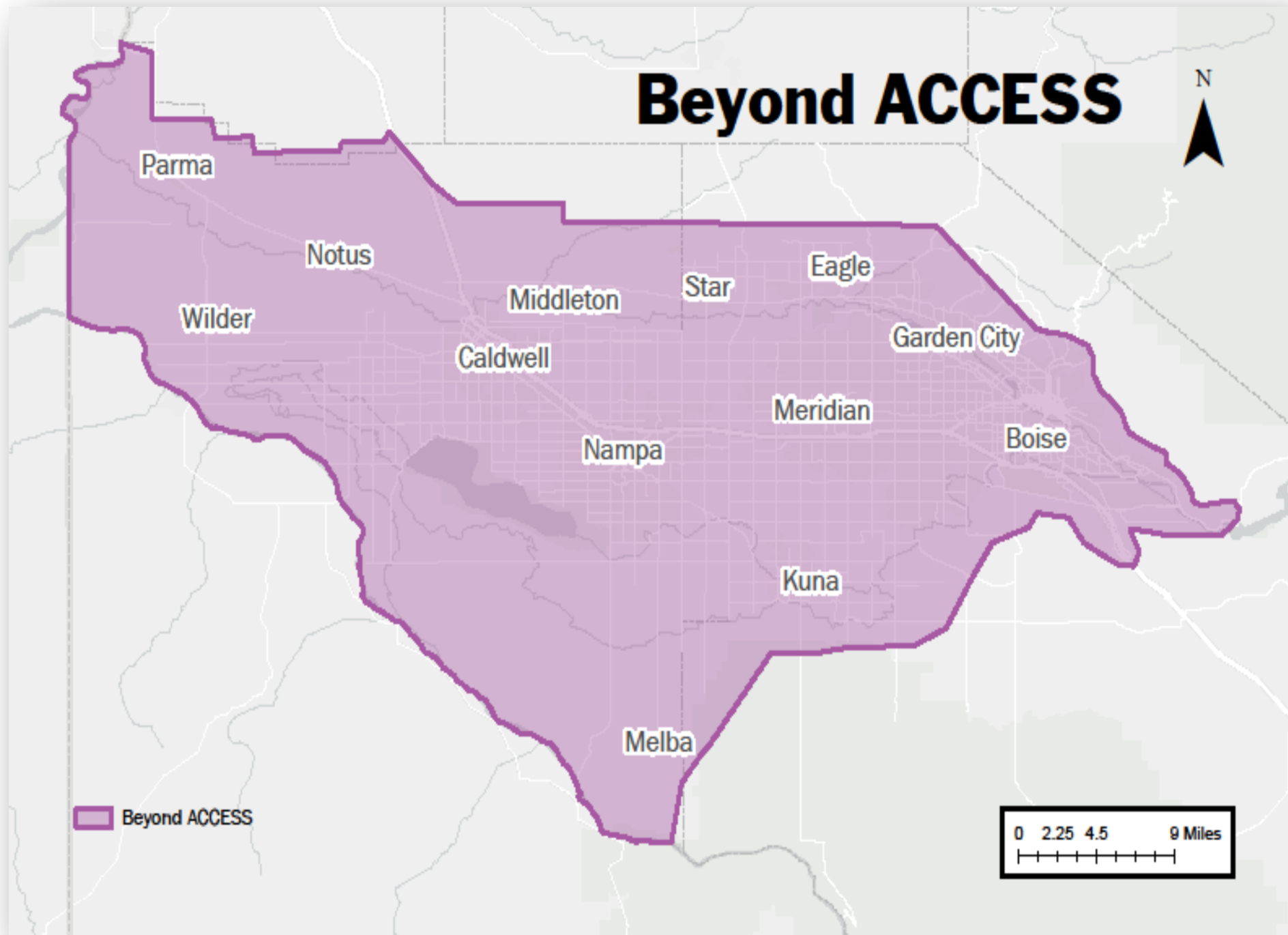
## Impacts:

- **Reduced Service Area:**  
due to loss of localized fixed-route services



# Beyond Access

- **Leveraging changes in VRT's specialized transportation services:** minimize the impact of a smaller ACCESS service area



# SCHEDULE

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- **Aug. 31:** VRT Hearing in Nampa
- **Sept. 7:** VRT Hearing in Boise
- **Sept. 12:** VRT Hearing in Meridian
- **Sept. 14:** VRT Hearing in Caldwell
- **Sept. 15:** Midnight public comment ends
- **Oct. 2:** VRT Board Approval
- **Summer, 2024:** Service Change Implemented



**Thank you.**  
**Questions?**

**Stephen Hunt, [shunt@rideVRT.org](mailto:shunt@rideVRT.org)**  
**Jason Rose, [jrose@ridevrt.org](mailto:jrose@ridevrt.org)**  
**Elaine Clegg, [eclegg@rideVRT.org](mailto:eclegg@rideVRT.org)**

# Valley Regional Transit



Route #1 Schedule: <https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/routes/harris-ranch-via-parkcenter/>

VRT Tools and Apps: <https://www.valleyregionaltransit.org/tools-and-apps/>

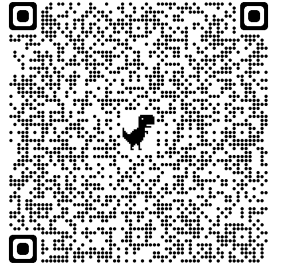
## **Board Followups (Public Testimony deadline is September 15):**

- BVNA (Hallam) to draft email template for board review for neighbors to use to contact city requesting they provide additional funds to allow Route #1 to be maintained. Provide to neighbors ASAP
- BVNA (Hallam) to draft email for board review from BVNA with same request.
- Route #1 will remain open through this school year (until June 2024)

# How to Engage with VRT



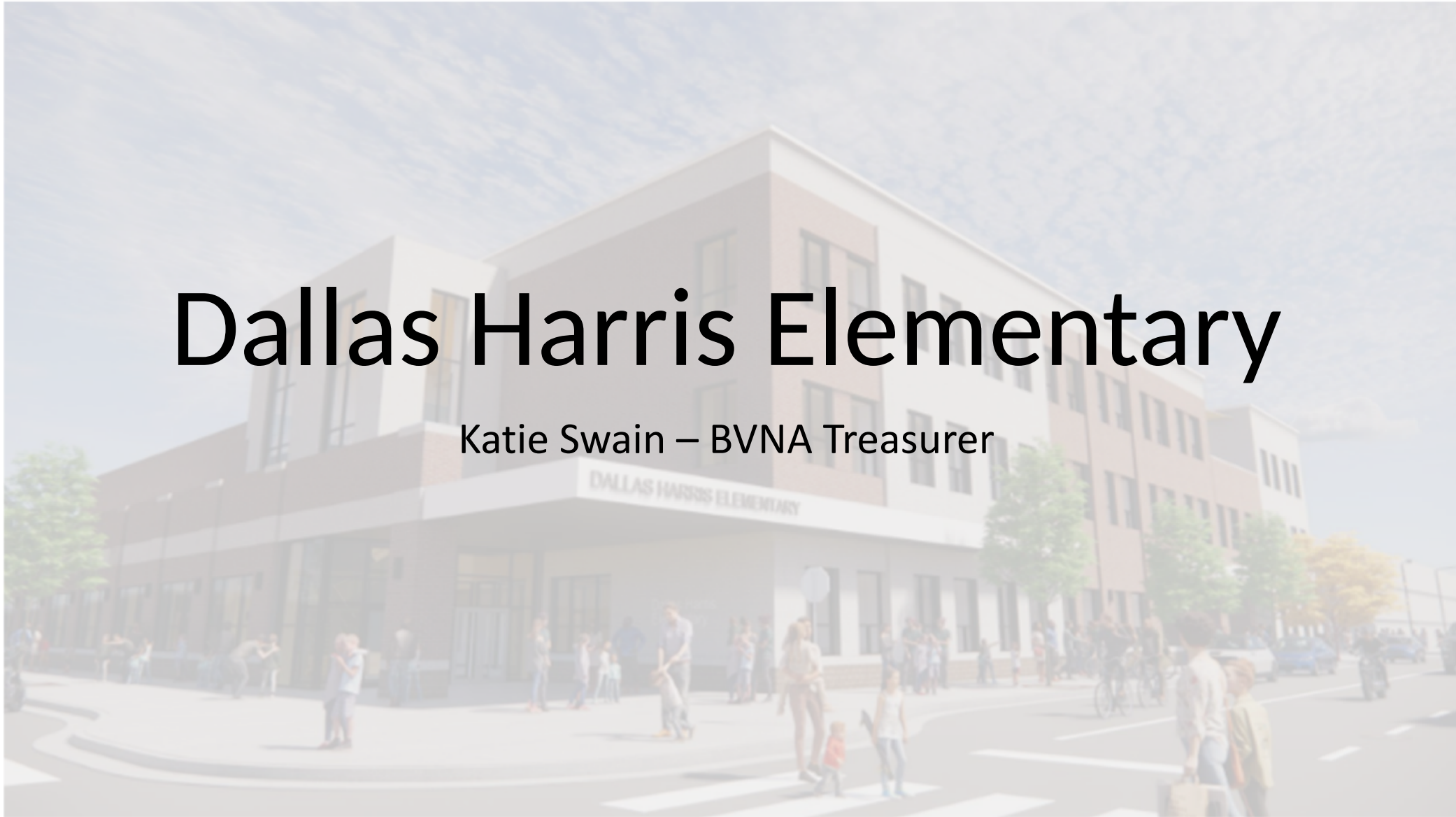
- VRT Bus Network Redesign Media Kit – QR code to right
  - [https://valleyregionaltransit-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/jrose\\_ridevrt\\_org/Ek8DxZuWBPdEo2R0kw191p0B8h8D-PUBWcS82uBGWLXKNw?e=AdbWhC](https://valleyregionaltransit-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/jrose_ridevrt_org/Ek8DxZuWBPdEo2R0kw191p0B8h8D-PUBWcS82uBGWLXKNw?e=AdbWhC)
- VRT is seeking public input beyond what they heard at our August monthly meeting. Public comments open until 15 September via:
  - Online Survey: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/441ddc9afbbf47938fabb715cdfcbac1>
  - Email: [feedback@rideVRT.org](mailto:feedback@rideVRT.org)
  - Phone Message: 208.258.2702
  - Public Hearings: schedule on Slide 26 ([link](#))





# Dallas Harris Elementary

Katie Swain – BVNA Treasurer





# Dallas Harris Elementary School Update



Completion date still on target for Mid October for a November 2023 start date.

Safe Routes to School meeting to be held September 30<sup>th</sup>, detailed information to come from BSD in September.



# Firewise Update

Roy Tweedle, BVNA Director

# Firewise Update



- BVNA Continues to Receive Reports of Dramatic Increases in Homeowner Property Insurance Rates
  - Reports come from all HOA locations in the Barber Valley
  - Some homeowners reporting +50% annual rate increases

# Firewise Update Continued



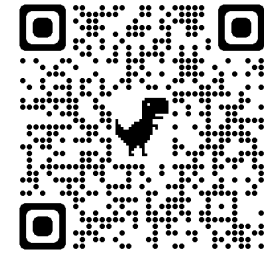
- HOA Actions Completed:
  - **Barber Station:** Firewise application completed by Barb Shelley
    - In review by Jerry McAdams, Boise Firewise rep/Boise Fire Department
  - **River Heights:** HOA Board will meet with Jerry McAdams on August 23 to answer their questions
    - River Heights Board concerned about financial commitments to Firewise Program
  - **Triplett:** Has Firewise application. Nikhil Natarajan invited to August 23 HOA meeting to get answers to questions.
  - Hoping to get other HOAs interested in reducing the risk of wildfire - discuss this with your HOA Board!
    - Spring Creek? Mill District? Finis Terra? Tesoro (future)?

Questions? [Contact BVNA](#)



# ALL Barber Valley HOAs Need to Get Serious About Firewise!

*(attend an HOA meeting and express your support)*



## Get Your Neighbors Involved

Local solutions and individual responsibility are the cornerstones of a Fire Adapted Community. Because fire doesn't stop at property lines, it's important that neighbors and community members work together.

As of 2022, eleven (11) neighborhoods in Ada County are nationally recognized [Firewise USA](#) sites:

1. Avimor
2. Boise Heights
3. Cartwright Ranch
4. Central Foothills
5. Dry Creek Ranch
6. East Valley
7. Harris Ranch North
8. Hidden Springs
9. Highland Nines
10. Morningside Heights
11. Warm Springs Mesa

**Please Note! And thank you to those HOAs for taking Firewise serious. We live in an extreme wildfire risk area and we need homeowner support for Firewise efforts**

These communities have created a Firewise plan specific to their neighborhood, followed the program's principles, and have taken direct action to minimize their risk from wildfire. If you live in one of these neighborhoods, your ongoing efforts are essential to reducing wildfire risk. If you don't, there are many principles from the Firewise program you can apply to your own property or neighborhood.



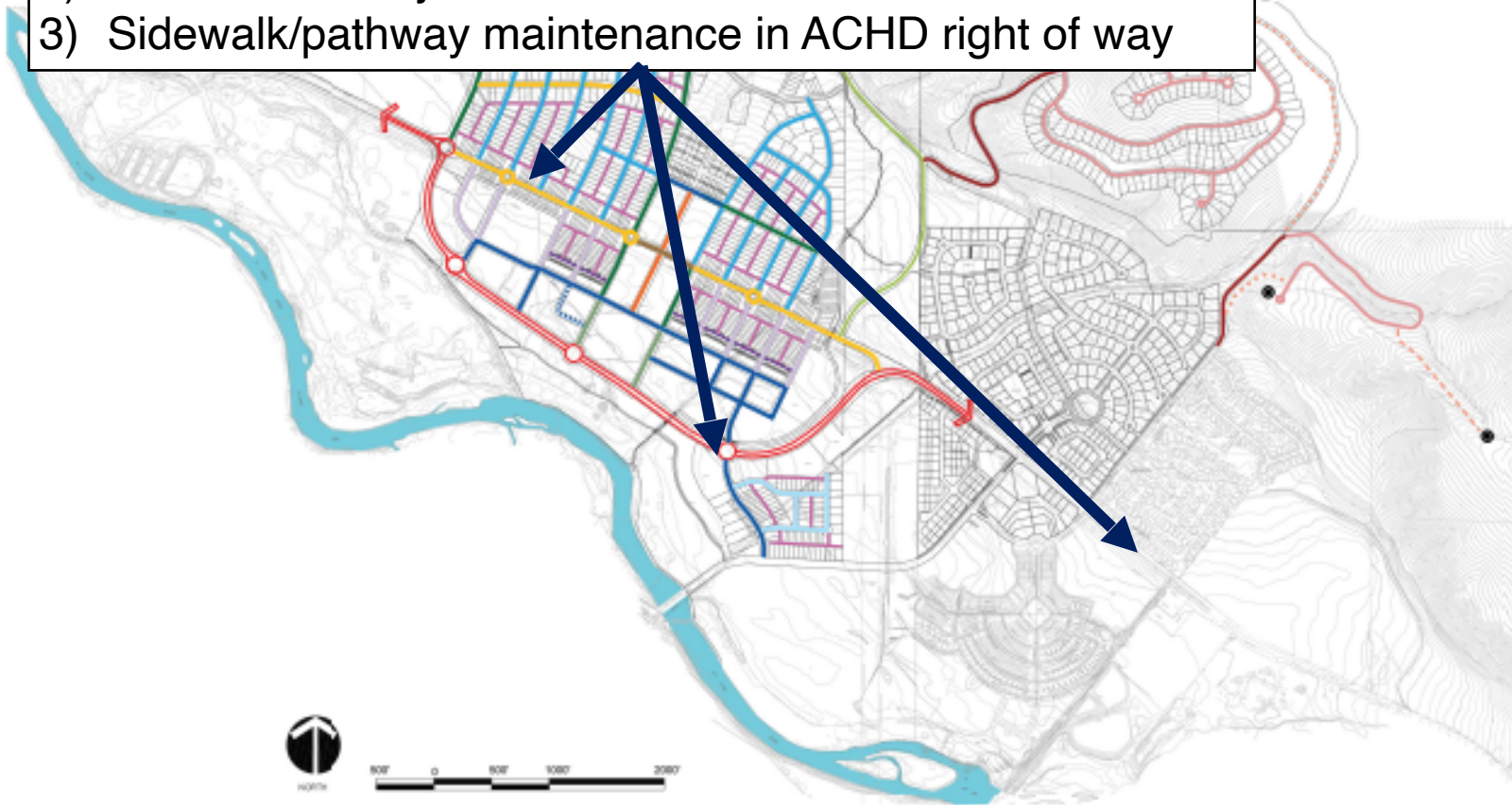
# Transportation

Zach Piepmeyer – BVNA Director

# HR Traffic Circulation Plan

## Traffic Investigation Requests

- 1) Parkcenter – ongoing; no ACHD response yet
- 2) Millbrook – not yet submitted
- 3) Sidewalk/pathway maintenance in ACHD right of way



A. VOLUME I  
2) DETAILED PLANS  
a) CIRCULATION PLANS  
i) Roadway Plan




- LEGEND
- 1 Two-lane Parkway with Roundabouts (4-lane R.O.W.)
  - 2 Two-lane Street with Diagonal Parking
  - 3 Two-lane Collector with Green Median and Roundabouts
  - 3A Two-lane Collector with Green Median
  - 4 Two-lane Collector with Green Median and Urban Sidewalk
  - 5 Two-lane Collector
  - 5A Two-lane Collector with Urban Sidewalk
  - 6 Two-lane Rural Road Preserve
  - 7 Two-lane Residential Local Street
  - 7A Two-lane Residential Local Street with One Side Ribbon Curb
  - 8 Two-lane Mixed Use Local Street with Urban Sidewalk
  - 8A Two-lane Mixed Use Local Street
  - 9 Foothills Two-lane Collector
  - 10 Foothills Two-lane Local Street
  - 11 Two-lane Commercial Alley
  - 12 Two-lane Residential Alley
  - Potential Roundabout
  - Easement Access For United Water
  - Secondary Emergency Access

## Notes :

1. A traffic impact study may be required if there is a significant change in the current land use plan.
2. A turn lane warrant analysis may be required on a case by case basis depending on the proposed land use. Contact ACHD to determine if a turn lane analysis is required prior to submitting a development application.
3. When parcels abutting Warm Springs Avenue are preliminary platted provide current roadway segment traffic counts and intersection counts (raw data) for the segment of Warm Springs Avenue abutting the site and the nearest intersection(s) (Wise Way/Warm Springs, Old Hickory Way/Warm Springs, or Millbrook Way /Warm Springs). ACHD will analyze the data to determine if roadway or intersection improvements are needed to mitigate the development.
4. Requests for modifications of ACHD policy will be made with preliminary plat applications.
5. All sidewalks shall be located outside of ACHD Right-of-Way. Public sidewalks shall be located within an easement to be dedicated to and accepted by the City of Boise. Sidewalks may be allowed in ACHD right-of-way crossing the Idaho Power corridor and at pedestrian ramp locations.

# Numerous Inquiries Re: Traffic & ACHD



- Parkcenter Blvd – Traffic Noise (motorcycles) and speed
  - BVNA submitted a Traffic Investigation Request on behalf of Parkcenter neighbor.  
TIR link at QR code here 
- Millbrook Way – Cut-Through Traffic, Crossings to Greenbelt, Crossings to DHE, Parking
  - Neighbor went to HOA management company and copied BVNA
- BVNA will review our “Links” page on our website to ensure it’s clear how to best tackle these issues
  - ACHD link (TellUs) and BPD traffic enforcement links are there for your use
    - We’ll try to help quickly (e.g., Parkcenter request above) but we often don’t have the volunteer bandwidth to solve the growing number of neighborhood issues that are presented for BVNA action
    - Best course of action is to rally numerous nearby neighbors to all use the same tool to engage with government – and include BVNA so we can pitch in when our engagement will be most effective based on our existing relationships.





# BVNA Requests to ACHD - ongoing



- BVNA request to ACHD for modifications to streets near Dallas Harris Elementary
  - Signage and Pavement markings that will hopefully calm WSA 'bypass' traffic
- Valley-Wide speed reduction to 35mph
- Centerline pavement markings on WSA: solid double yellow to prohibit passing

*Figure 1: Current Posted Speed Limits on Warm Springs Ave/Parkcenter Blvd*





# Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District

John Mooney - BVNA Board President

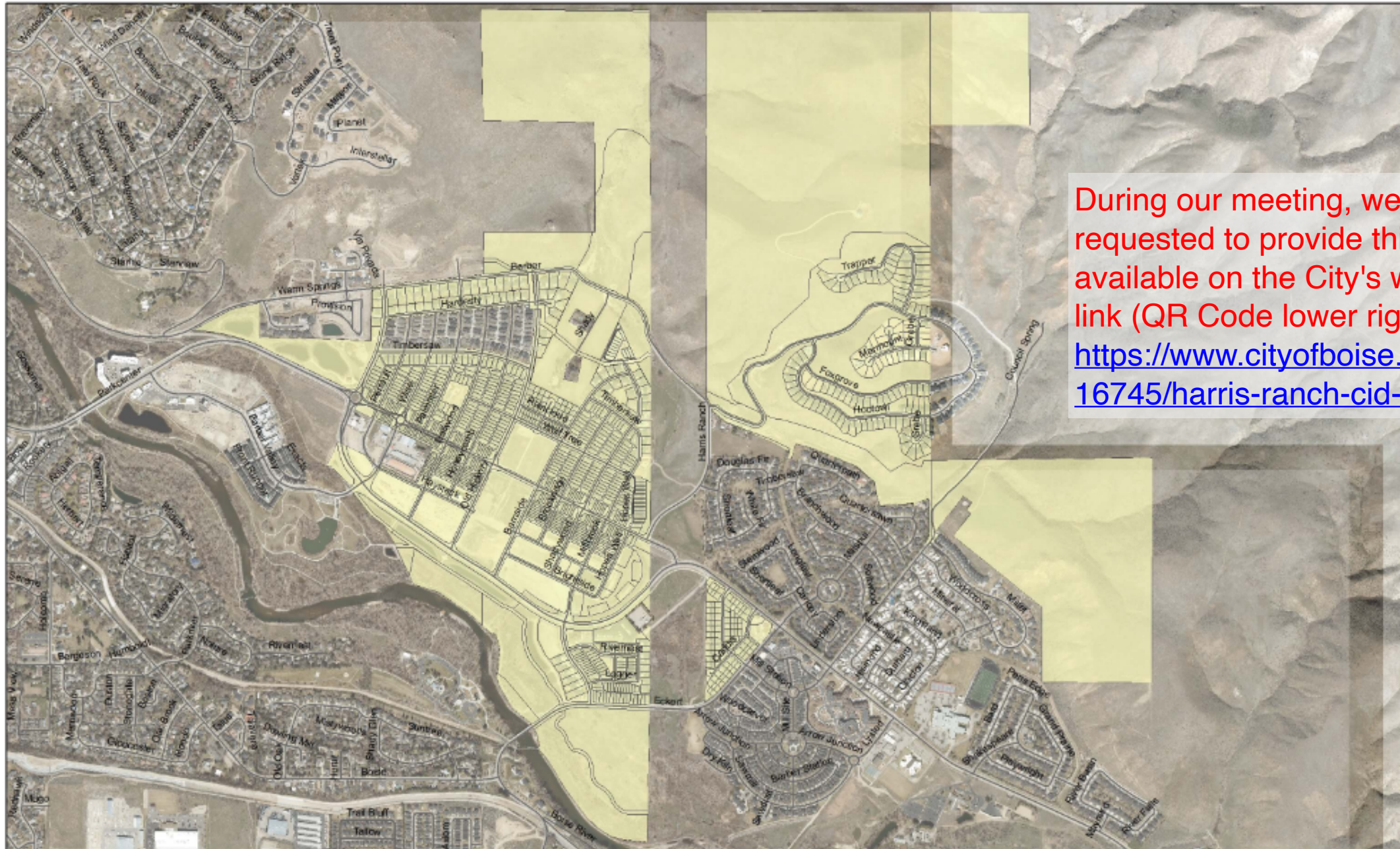


# Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District



During our meeting, we were requested to provide this map link. It's available on the City's website at this link (QR Code lower right):

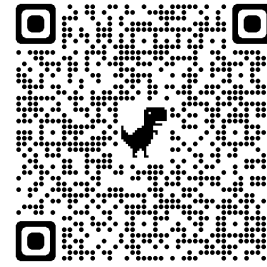
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— Roadway    Harris Ranch

# What is the Harris Ranch CID?



- City Website at the QR Code or:
  - <https://www.cityofboise.org/departments/finance-and-administration/city-clerk/harris-ranch-cid/>
- From the City's webpage:
  - *"The Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District No. 1 ("District") is a separate and distinct legal entity from the City of Boise created in accordance with Idaho Code Title 50 Chapter 31, which encourages the funding and construction of regional community infrastructure in advance of actual development growth. The District facilitates the cost of community infrastructure projects for Harris Ranch primarily through the issuance of municipal bonds."*



# FAQs – From the City’s CID Webpage (1)



- **Q: What is a CID?**

- A: CID stands for “Community Infrastructure District.” These were allowed by the legislature as a means for developers to obtain tax-exempt funding for providing publicly owned infrastructure within their development. The law states that there are three purposes of a CID:
  - to encourage funding and construction of regional community infrastructure in advance of actual developmental growth that creates a need for such additional infrastructure;
  - to provide a means for the advance payment of development impact fees...and the community infrastructure that may be provided thereby; and
  - to create additional financial tools and financing mechanisms that allow new growth to more expediently pay for itself.

- **Q: Where can I find the entire CID law?**

- A: Title 50 Chapter 31 of the Idaho Code.



- **Q: How is a CID created?**

- A: A developer submits an application to the City Council. The City Council may approve or reject the application. If they approve the application and establish the District, the Council appoints three of its members to serve as the District’s Board of Commissioners.

- **Q: Is the CID a City agency?**

- A: No. It is a separate taxing district with a separate employer identification number. The City is not responsible or liable for the district. It has taxing, assessing and bonding powers separate and apart from those of the City.



# FAQs – From the City's CID Webpage (2)



- **Q: How does the CID raise money?**
  - A: There are several avenues to raise money. The District may require developer reimbursements. It may also levy a tax of no than 0.1 mill (.0001%) to cover administrative costs. The District may issue general obligation bonds and levy a property tax of up to 3 mills (.003%) to pay debt service on the bonds. It may also enact special assessments for the purposes of paying for infrastructure. Bonds may be issued to allow residents to pay their assessments over time. Finally, the District may issue revenue bonds.
- **Q: Does the CID need authorization to issue bonds?**
  - A: Yes. A 2/3 vote of owners and residents living within the district is required to issue bonds. When the Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District was formed, 2/3 of voters living within the district voted in favor of issuing of G.O. bonds in the principal amount of \$50,000,000.00.
- **Q: Can tax levies and special assessments be increased?**
  - A: The general obligation bonds and administrative levies may not be increased above the statutory 3 mills and 0.1 mill respectively. Once a special assessment is set, it may not increase more than 2% per year to a maximum cap of 10%.

# What is the “CID Litigation”?



- The Harris Ranch CID Taxpayer’s Associations was formed by a group of our neighbors in the District to challenge several HRCID issues.
- The litigation is currently in the Fourth District Circuit Court:
  - Petitioners/Appellants: WILLIAM DOYLE, an individual; LAWRENCE CROWLEY, an individual; THE HARRIS RANCH CID TAXPAYERS’ ASSOCIATION, an Idaho nonprofit association
  - Respondents/Appellees: THE HARRIS RANCH COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT NO. 1; TJ THOMSON, in his official capacity as Chairperson and Board member of the Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District No. 1; HOLLI WOODINGS, in her official capacity as Vice-Chairperson and Board Member of the Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District No. 1; ELAINE CLEGG, in her official capacity as Board member of the Harris Ranch Community Infrastructure District No. 1
  - Intervenor: HARRIS FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, an Idaho limited partnership

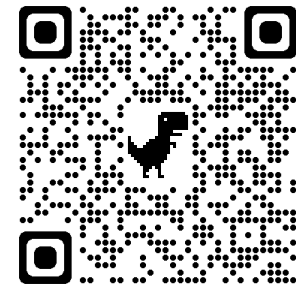
# Why the Survey?



- BLUF...Bottom Line Up Front
  - BVNA initiated this survey because we determined it was our duty in accordance with our bylaws to *“educate members about issues affecting neighborhoods”*.
  - The Board voted in July that the CID issue was ‘affecting our neighborhood’ and we were uncertain if our previous neutral, third-party position that we stated in November 2022 was still valid.
    - The survey is intended to inform the BVNA Board regarding future advocacy on behalf of settlement, continued litigation, or continued third-party neutrality.
    - We took this action after years of board discussion and deemed it our responsibility to communicate our position, rather than remaining silent on a complex legal matter directly affecting our community.

# Our Concerns Are Long-Standing.....

September 2020 Meeting Minutes/CID Education Session →



**BVNA** <board@bvnaboise.org>

Fri, Aug 7, 2020, 11:05 AM



to dhasegawa, me ▾

Mr. Hasegawa,

I serve as the president of the Barber Valley Neighborhood Association. A large number of our neighbors live in the Harris Ranch CID and we've become aware of the concerns of many of those neighbors regarding the management of the CID. Our NA Board has remained out of these types of issues, as they involve HOAs and relationships with the developer. We have concentrated our limited volunteer time on projects and issues that benefit the entire neighborhood, vice specific developments and 'HOA issues'. Only a few of our board members actually reside in the CID and therefore we don't understand the issue very well. Would you or someone from your staff be able to educate us on how the CID operates and the concerns some of our neighbors are expressing? We want to be well informed when/if those neighbors come to the NA Board for support or action.

# More Bylaw Background.....



- The Board of Directors may act on issues that it deems may affect the Association members as it sees fit as long as the Board has, by majority vote, considered such action and approved such action.
- The Board may from time to time call a meeting of the membership before taking action on any such public issue when the Board deems such a meeting necessary. It is the intent of this section that the Association shall represent the consensus of the members, and if consensus cannot be reached, then no representation shall be made in the name of the Association on behalf of its members.



# CID Survey Results



## All Participants

217 people have responded to your survey  
BVNA CID Survey.

Question 5 has 217 answers (Radio Buttons)

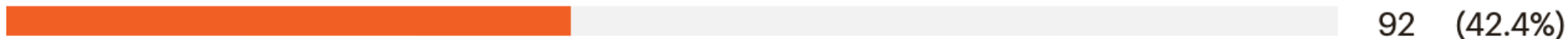
BVNA Email List = ~900 (24% response rate)  
CID parcels = 1233  
Barber Valley = 3300  
~37% of BVNA membership lives within HRCID boundaries

**“Please indicate the location of your property, relative to the CID boundaries.”**

My property is WITHIN the CID boundaries.



My property is OUTSIDE the CID boundaries.



# CID Survey Results

## All Participants



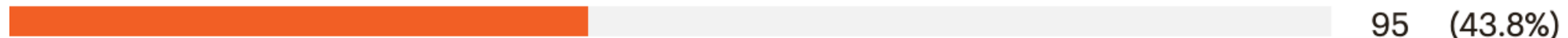
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# CID Survey Results



## Participants **WITHIN** the CID Boundaries

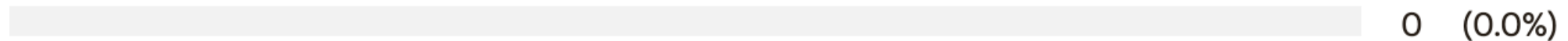
Question 5 has 125 answers (Radio Buttons)

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My property is WITHIN the CID boundaries.



My property is OUTSIDE the CID boundaries.



# CID Survey Results



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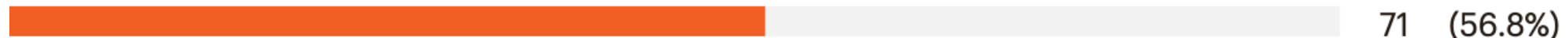
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# CID Survey Results



## Participants **OUTSIDE** the CID Boundaries

Question 5 has 92 answers (Radio Buttons)

**“Please indicate the location of your property, relative to the CID boundaries.”**

My property is WITHIN the CID boundaries.

0 (0.0%)

My property is OUTSIDE the CID boundaries.

92 (100.0%)



# CID Survey Results



## Participants **OUTSIDE** the CID Boundaries

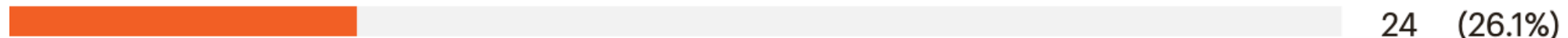
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# Neighbor Questions Regarding the Survey (1)



- Q: What part of development has paused because of the litigation?
  - A: Alta Harris park. We have been working with the City Parks Department for years on this issue. This latest email (March 2023) confirmed the City's position:



**Sara Arkle** <sarkle@cityofboise.org>

to nahallam, Rob, Trevor, me, Gary, board ▼

Tue, Mar 14, 2:27 PM



Hi Rob,

Thanks for checking back in. Unfortunately, I don't have an update for you at this time. The information I provided in July is still relevant. The lawsuit is preventing the CID from moving forward with any project and the City will not have impact fees available to consider development until 2025.



Sara Arkle (she/her)

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# Neighbor Questions Regarding the Survey (2)



- Q: If you are not part of the litigation, why is the BVNA board looking to now get involved and take a side in a lawsuit?
  - A: We haven't taken a side in the litigation, but we were concerned that there was a growing frustration amongst our neighbors regarding the litigation impacting development. Thus – the survey to better understand the opinions of our community.
- Q: BVNA should stay neutral and out of the litigation discussion as that is solely between Harris Ranch residents and the developer. No need to survey the entire Barber Valley.
  - A: The BVNA Board disagreed and believes the legal dispute impacts the entire Barber Valley.

# Neighbor Questions Regarding the Survey (3)



- Q: Why the simple black and white, yes or no survey question? As you noted, your survey attempts to reduce a very complicated issue down to a yes or no answer, an approach which really shows little respect for your constituents.
  - A: We discussed a more elaborate survey but determined a concise survey would elicit more participation and serve our objective (what does the community think of the litigation?)
- Q: Why ask for our personal information (name and email)?
  - A: Simply to ensure we didn't get an unreasonable number of survey responses from email addresses that were not currently on our email distribution list. Names were not and will not be disclosed to any third party; as is the case with all our previous surveys

# CID Media Coverage - BoiseDev



- 1) August 2023: **Judge allows bonds, payments to developer in Harris Ranch CID to move forward while lawsuit continues**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2022/08/23/harris-ranch-cid-suit-no-stay/>
- 2) May 2023: **Neighbors file second lawsuit against Harris Ranch CID in long-running dispute**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2023/05/11/harris-ranch-second-lawsuit/>
- 3) April 2023: **Judge denies Harris Ranch neighbors suit over CID. Taxpayers' group considering next steps**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2023/04/26/harris-ranch-suit-denied/>
- 4) March 2023: **'Really unfortunate for everybody': Boise taxpayers to front another \$100,000 for Harris Ranch suit**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2023/03/03/boise-harris-ranch-cid-fees/>
- 5) January 2023: **Fight over special Boise taxing district heads to court**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2023/01/20/harris-ranch-cid-lawsuit/>
- 6) December 2022: **Barber Valley Neighborhood Association asking neighbors, developer to resolve CID lawsuit**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2022/12/07/barber-valley-neighborhood-association-asking-neighbors-developer-to-resolve-cid-lawsuit/>
- 7) August 2022: **Judge allows bonds, payments to developer in Harris Ranch CID to move forward while lawsuit continues**
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- 8) May 2022: **Harris Ranch residents argue for stay on issuance of bonds to Harris Ranch developer in court as lawsuit continues**
  - <https://boisedev.com/2022/05/26/harris-ranch-residents-argue-for-stay-on-issuance-of-bonds-to-harris-ranch-developer-in-court-as-lawsuit-continues/>
- 9) April 2022: **'Donut holes' & 'taxation without representation': New Idaho law impacts CIDs – including Harris Ranch and future areas**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2022/04/14/idaho-cid-law/>
- 10) March 2022: **Election with few voters could mean nearly \$1 billion in debt & interest for future residents**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2022/03/24/spring-valley-cid/>



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- 11) January 2022: **Harris Ranch owners drop defamation & trademark suit against taxpayers' group, with another legal fight action pending**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2022/01/06/harris-ranch-owners-drop-defamation-trademark-suit-against-taxpayers-group-with-another-legal-fight-action-pending/>
- 12) December 2021: **Boise looks at changes to plan for E. Boise park as construction costs rise**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2021/12/20/alta-harris-park-boise/>
- 13) December 2021: **Harris Ranch residents sue over infrastructure district payments in escalating fight**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2021/12/07/harris-ranch-cid-suit/>
- 14) November 2021: **Harris Ranch family, developer sue residents opposed to taxing district**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2021/11/08/harris-ranch-lawsuit/>
- 15) October 2021: **Harris Ranch Board OKs millions worth of projects amid neighborhood opposition**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2021/10/07/harris-ranch-cid-projects/>
- 16) September 2021: **Boise's Harris Ranch board hires outside legal counsel after facing neighborhood criticism**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2021/09/08/harris-ranch-cid-board-hires-outside-legal-counsel-after-facing-neighborhood-criticism/>
- 17) September 2021: **Boise taxpayers will front cash to pay for potential legal fight over Harris Ranch taxing district**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2021/09/28/city-of-boise-will-cover-up-to-250000-in-legal-fees-for-harris-ranch-cid-after-residents-threaten-lawsuit/>
- 18) July 2021: **Boise residents object to possible \$1.9 million payment from tax dollars to developers**
  - <https://boisedev.com/news/2021/07/21/harris-ranch-cid/>



Barber Pool Conservation Area  
Photo Courtesy of Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands



## Meeting Wrap-up



# Board Work Session

# New & Past Business

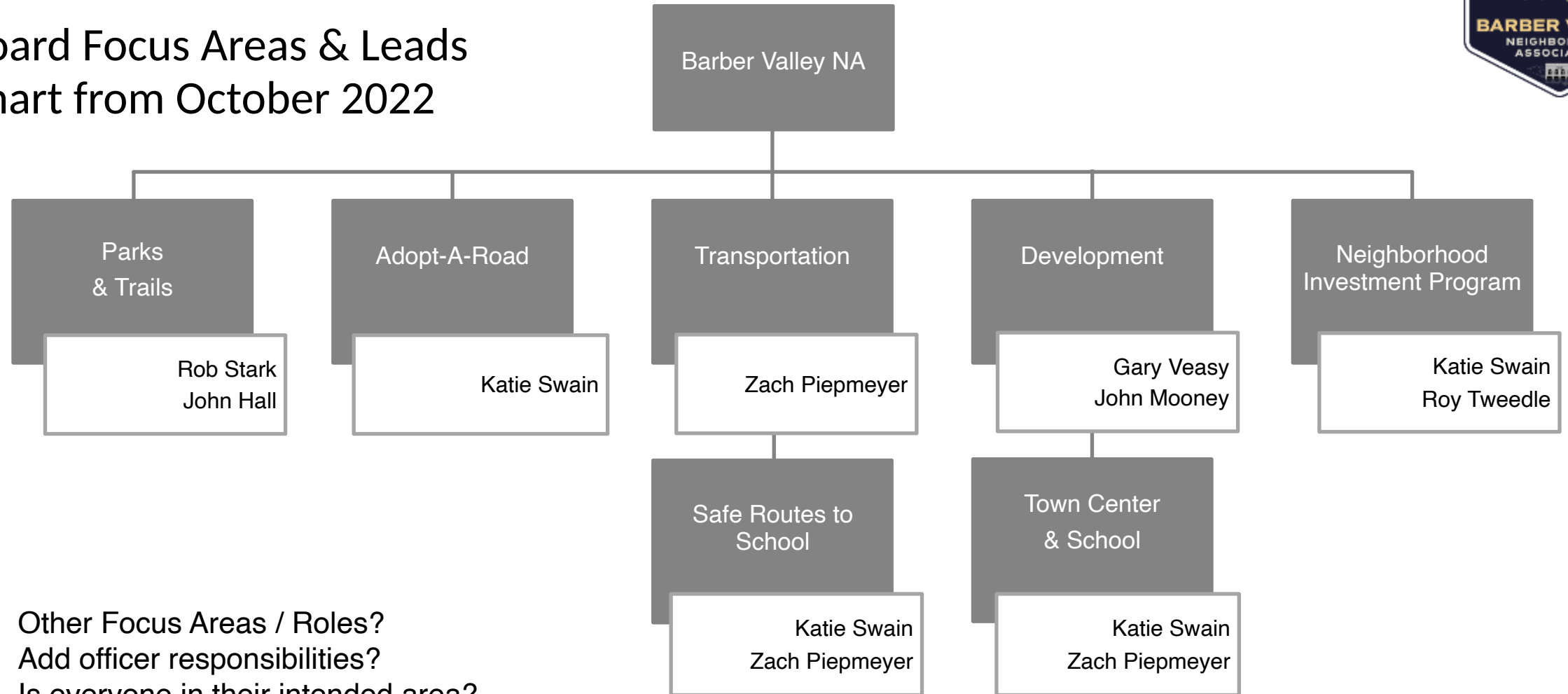


- VRT position – Harris Ranch **Hallam to draft neighbor template and BVNA position ASAP due to 12 Sept deadline**
- CID debrief from meeting and next steps (if any)
  - Discussion of NA membership list per Erin Barker's question **Barker to contact city to determine requirements, if any**
  - BVNA Board participation **Publish results**
- Neighborhood Collab update - Roy **Meeting last week apparently did not take place**
- Alta Harris Park - pressure / letter of concern **Stark to assist Hall with research and recommendation to Board of a strategy**
- Carry-overs from last month:
  - Warm Spring (East End) corridor study - updates? **Piepmeyer to continue to monitor**
    - Information is here: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/warmspringsconcept>
    - Comment summary Infographic: <https://engage.achdidaho.org/18344/widgets/66246/documents/45609>
  - **ACHD Open House (Rob) Nothing material to report**
  - Update on Woven/WSA **Veasy to continue to lead work with city and ACHD on frontage improvements and calming prior to project's final subdivision map hearing. Piepmeyer to discuss street trees at East Valley frontage with city's urban forester**
  - BVNA request (striping and speeds). **Piepmeyer to complete draft for board review (slide 38)**
  - "Passive" donation update? **Swain working with Zion Bank to determine Zelle or other options for member donations**
  - Previous BVNA Meeting with Gugino and subsequent Mayor appointee (Stead) **Brief discussion**
  - September or October Candidate night **Consider plan for a town hall type candidates' night at 12 October BVNA meeting**
- Website position letter update **Not discussed. Draft developed - Veasy will continue to develop until live**
- **BVNA will discuss damage caused by The Timbers to public areas on Warm Springs (street trees and sidewalks). BVNA will also inquire as to the status of the Parkcenter/Warm Springs proposed roundabout, given that VRT is retreating from the Barber Valley and they initiated the roundabout project – does that remain a high priority City transportation project?(Mooney)**



# New Business

## Board Focus Areas & Leads Chart from October 2022



Other Focus Areas / Roles?

Add officer responsibilities?

Is everyone in their intended area?

Does this provide clarity?

Org Growth – we're getting busier with added neighbors & need a bit better organization and sharing of duties

Discuss roles and responsibilities further in September