

TOPIC	FY2023-2027 Transportation Development Plan Calendar
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Summary

The Valley Regional Transit (VRT) Board of Directors approved the FY2023-2027 Transportation Development Plan (TDP) and FY2023 budget development calendar in their October 2021 meeting. The calendar directs VRT staff to review project concepts for future years of the TDP and facilitate discussion of priorities with the regional transit team, Regional Advisory Council, local stakeholders, and the VRT Executive Board.

FY2023 Development Activities by Quarter

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
5-Year TDP	Initiate/Priorities	Draft Update	Revise	Finalize
Service Planning	Draft Concepts	Draft Proposal	Revise	Finalize
Service Implement	Contracts	Bid	Construct	Schedule/Train
Budget Development	Assumptions	Cost Allocation	Discussions	Finalize

As part of that process we will be meeting with the staff of all our stakeholders to discuss potential service change concepts, and near-term investment priorities over the next few months. In January the VRT Board of Directors will consider the TDP investment priorities that will guide the types of service, capital and other investments that will be included in the draft TDP.

For Meridian the TDP would address service and capital needs for specialized services such as Harvest Transit and the Meridian Veteran's Shuttle and fixed route services such as routes 30 Pine, 40 Nampa Express, and 42 Happy Day Transit Center/Towne Square Mall. It would also include any potential projects connecting Meridian to other communities such as Kuna, Eagle and Boise.

The stakeholder and board input would lead to a draft plan we anticipate releasing to the public in May of 2022.

Current Service Performance

Overall September fixed route ridership was up 14% over August. Routes 40 and 42 outperformed the system at large growing 23% in September compared to August. Routes 40 and 42 carried 3,227 passengers in September and more than 8,300 in the fourth Quarter.

We are continuing to monitor ridership and will plan the launch of the 30 Pine as ridership rebounds.

Harvest transit had 2,620 passengers in the fourth quarter of FY2021.

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