



# ***Alternative Transportation Programs***

## **➤ Volunteer/Driver Reimbursement Program**

A volunteer transportation service for seniors, veterans, those with disabilities, and others. The Volunteer/Driver Reimbursement Program, a service of Valley Regional Transit (VRT), provides low-cost transportation to individuals with mobility needs in Ada, Canyon and Gem counties. The program will eventually expand to include most of southwest Idaho.

**Volunteer Drivers volunteer their time and vehicle and may use a VRT handicap accessible van (depending on passenger needs).**

The Volunteer/Driver Reimbursement Program:

- ✓ Goes a step beyond fixed line (regular ValleyRide city bus) or ACCESS (Paratransit) bus service. The GoRide Volunteer/ Driver Reimbursement program has positive aspects for driving opportunities and riding options for the handicapped and the elderly.
- ✓ Serves a large geographic area (ex: Ada, Canyon and Gem counties) and hours beyond traditional 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. service.

Quick facts about Volunteer Drivers:

- ✓ A driver may use his or her own vehicle. Volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles are reimbursed at 55.5 cents per mile. (As a demonstration – round-trip from Parma to Boise VA is 84 miles. Round trip reimbursement is \$46.)
- ✓ Wheelchair accessible vans are available.
- ✓ No minimum number of hours to drive – you just need a valid drivers license, clean driving record, car safety inspection, background check, and completion of a short training program.

Quick facts for Passengers

- ✓ Service is limited to outside existing ValleyRide bus and ACCESS routes
- ✓ Rides dependent upon scheduling with a Volunteer Driver
- ✓ This is not a replacement for ACCESS paratransit service
- ✓ The program is designed specifically to assist people in leading active, social lives by providing service seven days per week at a very low cost

## ➤ Job Access Vanpool

An effective, low-cost transportation alternative for low-income individuals. By partnering with area businesses, VRT will provide new 12-passenger vans for the daily work commute within Canyon County and between Canyon County and Boise. Employers are encouraged to talk to VRT about sponsoring a van. Valley Regional Transit is responsible for all maintenance and upkeep; passengers simply sit back and enjoy the ride to work.

- ✓ There is a minimum of six passengers to participate (including driver) and
- ✓ Employers are encouraged to contact VRT to establish vanpools for employees
- ✓ Vanpool must start or finish in Canyon County

## ➤ Vehicle Sharing

Vehicle Sharing is a program where vehicles (handicap accessible vans or cut-away Paratransit vehicles) from a pool may be used when needed by social service agencies. Some restrictions apply. Agencies are encouraged to contact RideLine for further information.

## ➤ Carpool/Rideshare

An online commuter service. Reservations need to be made at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. See website: [www.rideshareonline.com](http://www.rideshareonline.com) for further information.

**For more information on any of these programs, please call Rideline Customer Service at 208-345-RIDE (7433).**

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