

ValleyRide Proposed Route 8 Changes

WHAT ARE YOU PROPOSING?

Route 8 currently travels between downtown Boise, the Boise Towne Square Mall and Hewlett Packard. The proposed route change would result in the bus traveling only between the Mall and Hewlett-Packard.

WHAT ABOUT ACCESS TO DOWNTOWN BOISE?

The Boise Towne Square Transit Mall is a major point for the ValleyRide bus system. Route 8 passengers needing access to Downtown Boise will have several transfer options to get downtown.

WON'T HAVING TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER BUS MAKE THE TRIP TO DOWNTOWN MUCH LONGER?

No. Route 8 would be timed to reach the mall at the same time as the Route 5, making for a quick connection to and from downtown. The Route 5 has a five-minute layover at the mall, giving the Route 8 passengers an extra five minutes to catch the Route 5. Route 8 passengers can also connect with the Route 7, Route 10 and Route 42 to and from downtown. They can also connect to the Route 29 to and from BSU.

WHY ARE YOU PROPOSING THE CHANGE?

We believe the change will better ensure that Route 8 runs on time during a long and busy road construction schedule. Here's some background: Route 8 was restructured in May 2010 to remove service on Chinden Boulevard in Garden City and improve on-time performance. As a result of customer comments prior to the service change, Route 8 was redesigned to continue to serve west Boise and provide a connection directly from the Boise Towne Square Mall to downtown Boise.

Shortly after the Route 8 changes were implemented, a major construction project began at the intersection of Fairview/Five Mile. As a result, Route 8 often experiences significant delays. Work on the intersection is expected to be completed at the end of January 2011.

Additional road projects along or near the route are scheduled for the next several years. These projects will likely have a negative impact on the Route 8 schedule. The proposal to reduce the length of the route would help insure that the route stays on schedule.

HOW DID YOU DEVELOP THIS OPTION?

Planning and operations staffs met several times to review the data and discuss options. Given the potential duration of the construction in the area, staff recommended that Route 8 begin and end its trip at the Towne Square Mall, eliminating the segment of the route between the Mall and downtown. The route would be on 60-minute frequencies with the first trip leaving at 6:10 AM and the last trip leaving at 6:10 PM. (*See the attached schedule and map.*) The hour round-trip on Route 8 should build in enough time for the bus to get through the construction during peak when traffic is greatest. (*See the Route 8 connections charts attached.*)

IS THIS CHANGE PERMANENT?

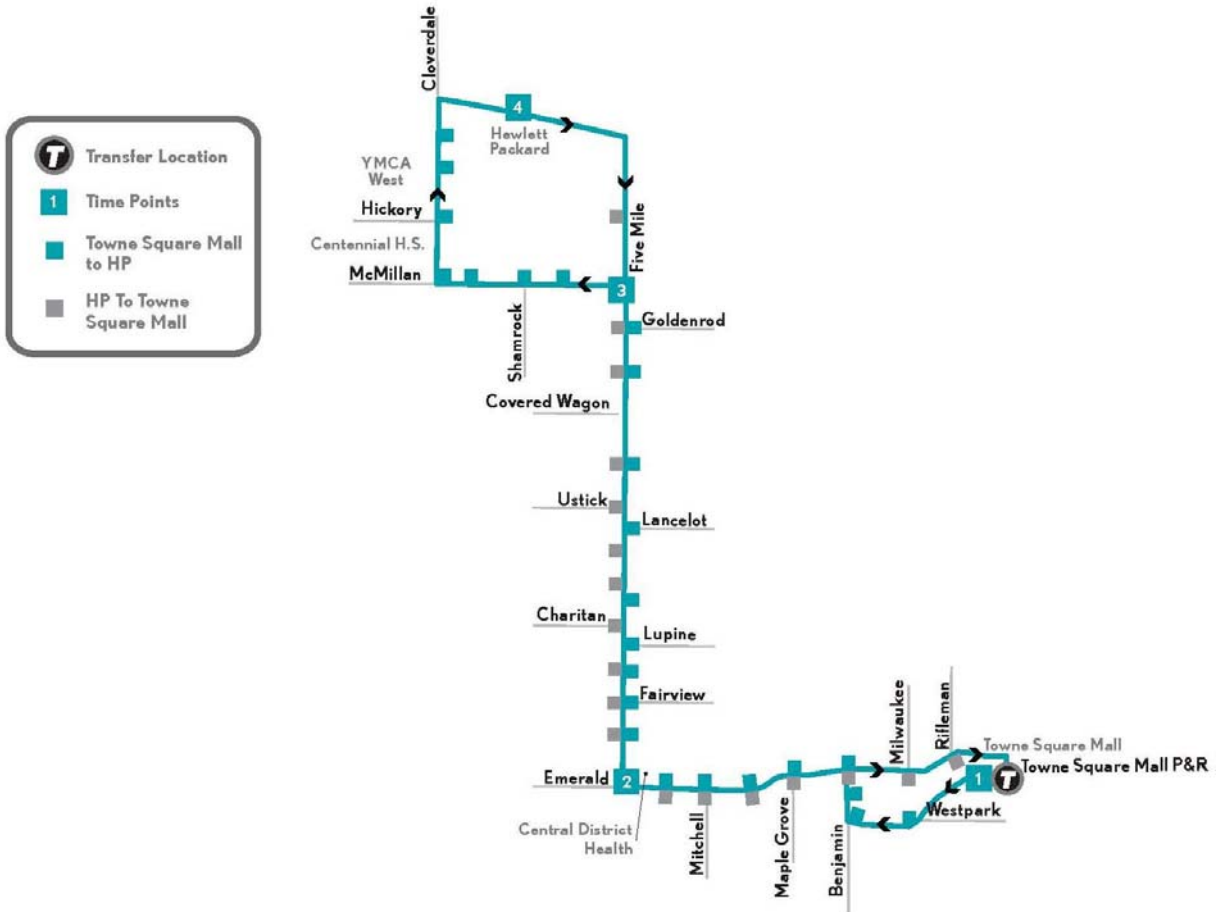
That has not yet been determined. Once the construction work at the Fairview/Five Mile intersection and the bridge on Five Mile is complete, staff will reassess the time needed to run the route. If there is extra time at that point, staff will review and make a recommendation on three options: 1). adding back the segment from the mall to downtown; 2). adding route deviation to the service; or 3). extending the fixed route to the West Boise YMCA.

HOW CAN I COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSAL?

You have three options to provide comment: 1). Take our survey (the link is on the home page of www.valleyride.org); 2). Call RideLine Customer Service at 345-RIDE (7433); 3). Send an e-mail to mcarnopis@valleyregionaltransit.org. **The deadline for comment is Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010.**

A MAP OF THE PROPOSED NEW ROUTE AND SCHEDULES ARE ON PAGES 2-3

Route 8 Proposed Routing



Route 8 Schedule

Route 8	Five Mile & Emerald	McMillian & Five Mile	HP	Five Mile & McMillian	Five Mile & Emerald	TSM
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6:10 AM	6:19 AM	6:32 AM	6:36 AM	6:41 AM	6:55 AM	7:05 AM
7:10 AM	7:19 AM	7:32 AM	7:36 AM	7:41 AM	7:55 AM	8:05 AM
8:10 AM	8:19 AM	8:32 AM	8:36 AM	8:41 AM	8:55 AM	9:05 AM
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