

Ada County Highway District
3775 Adams Street
Garden City, ID 83714
Attn: Rebecca Phillips

March 4, 2025

Dear Ms. Phillips,

Valley Regional Transit built upon last year's list by adding five new unprogrammed pedestrian projects and a column indicating if the project was located in the high injury network in the attached VRT FY25 Request Form Final Draft (*new additions this year are highlighted in yellow*). VRT prioritized projects based on these four criteria.

1. **Location:** Is the project located on a premium transit corridor including Route 9 - State Street, Route 7 - Fairview, or Route 3 - Vista. Are there other routes in need of improvements from a safety or operational standpoint that coincide with already programmed projects.
2. **Ridership Experience:** Does the project improve access, location, or level of improvements to an existing or proposed bus stop location. Does the project improve pedestrian and bike infrastructure to bus stops and surrounding land uses that promotes safety and ease of use. This includes crosswalks, pedestrian signals, sidewalk width and connectivity, bike lanes, and concrete boarding/alighting pads.
3. **Operations:** Does the project improve operations for transit vehicles and surrounding passenger vehicles in turning movements or traffic flow etc. This includes turning lanes, bus stops located near or farside, and signal prioritization.
4. **Funding:** Have other jurisdictions identified the location or need as a priority that we could partner with or support. Has the project already been programmed (funded). VRT attempted to prioritize projects already programmed such as State Street by providing a design year.

The VRT Board of Directors will approve the prioritization list at the April 7, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting. Please find attached the VRT FY2025 Project Prioritization list. Once the Board has approved the list the approved Resolution VEB25-003 will be provided.

VRT appreciates the opportunity to work with ACHD and prioritize projects based on transit needs.

Sincerely,



Elaine Clegg, CEO



2025 VRT Prioritization Request Form

Updates based on Adopted 2025-2029 IFYWP *

| 2025 Priority Ranking | 2024 Priority Ranking | 2023 Priority Ranking | 2021 Priority Ranking | 2020 Priority Ranking | Agency Project Name | Agency Project Description | Current IFYWP Status | | | ACHD Update | ACHD Implementation Project Name |
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| | | | | | | | Design YR | ROW YR | Const YR | | |
| Roads & Intersections - CIP Projects (Arterials) Only | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | State and Willow Intersection Design | Design the State and Willow intersection as envisioned in the State Street Transit and Traffic Operations Plan. VRT is developing transit stop improvements at this location and they must be done in coordination with ACHD corridor design. We are requesting a design year to be identified ideally 2026 or 2027. We also recognize that this and other State Street project design elements will require a coordinated funding plan. (Route 9) | Future | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in future. | State St, Collister Dr / 36th St |
| 2 | 1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Highway 44 and Bogart Design | Design the Highway 44 and State Street intersection as envisioned in the State Street Transit and Traffic Operations Plan. We recognize this would be a coordinated effort with ITD. VRT is developing transit stop improvement plans at this location and they must be done in coordination with ITD and ACHD corridor design. We are requesting a design year be identified, ideally 2025 or 2026. We recognize that this and other State Street project design elements will require a coordinated funding plan. This project could be done in coordination with the Bogart Ln Bridge, design currently year 2027. (Route 9 future) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | State St (SH-44) and Bogart Ln |
| 3 | 2 | 1b | N/A | N/A | State St, Collister Dr / 36th St | Design the coridor as envisioned in the State Street Transit and Traffic Operations Plan. VRT is developing transit stop improvements at this location and they must be done in coordination with ACHD corridor design. We are requesting a design year to be identified ideally 2026 or 2027. We also recognize that this and other State Street project design elements will require a coordinated funding plan. (Route 9) | Future | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in future. | State St, Collister Dr / 36th St |
| 4 | 3 | 1c | N/A | | State St, Pierce Park Ln / Collister | Design the coridor as envisioned in the State Street Transit and Traffic Operations Plan. VRT is developing transit stop improvements at this location and they must be done in coordination with ACHD corridor design. We are requesting a design year to be identified ideally 2026 or 2027. We also recognize that this and other State Street project design elements will require a coordinated funding plan. (Route 9) | Future | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in future. | State St, Pierce Park Ln / Collister Dr |
| 5 | 4 | N/A | 1 | N/A | State and Glenwood St | Design the State and Glenwood intersection as envisioned in the State Street Transit and Traffic Operations Plan. VRT has funding to transit stop improvements at this location and they must be done in coordination with ACHD corridor design. We are requesting a design year to be identified ideally 2025 or 2026. We also recognize that this and other State Street project design elements will require a coordinated funding plan. (Route 9, 21) | Future | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in future. | State St and Glenwood St |
| 6 | 5 | N/A | 8 | N/A | State St, 36th St / 27th | Design the coridor as envisioned in the State Street Transit and Traffic Operations Plan. VRT is developing transit stop improvements at this location and they must be done in coordination with ACHD corridor design. We are requesting a design year to be identified ideally 2027 or 2028. We also recognize that this and other State Street project design elements will require a coordinated funding plan. (Route 9, 20) | 2029-2030 | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in 2029 . | State St, 36th St / 27th St |
| 7 | 6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | State Street and Whitewater | Design the State and Whitewater intersection as envisioned in the State Street Transit and Traffic Operations Plan. VRT is developing transit stop improvements at this location and they must be done in coordination with ACHD corridor design. We are requesting a design year to be identified ideally 2025 or 2026. We also recognize that this and other State Street project design elements will require a coordinated funding plan. (Route 9) | 2029-2030 | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in 2029 . | State St, 36th St / 27th St |
| 8 | 7 | N/A | N/A | N/A | State Steet and Ellen's Ferry | Design the East leg of the State and Ellen's Ferry intersection. VRT is developing transit stop improvements at this location and they must be done in coordination with ACHD corridor design. We are requesting a design year to be identified ideally 2027. We also recognize that this and other State Street project design elements will require a coordinated funding plan. (Route 9, 10) | Future | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in future. | State St, Pierce Park Ln / Collister Dr |
| 9 | 11 (4) | N/A | N/A | N/A | Fairview Ave, Maple Grove Rd / Cole Rd | Construct consistent sidewalk and pedestrian infrastructure to facilitate connections between transit services and increase transit accessibility. (Route 7) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Fairview Ave, Maple Grove Rd / Cole Rd |
| 10 | 12 (5) | N/A | N/A | N/A | Fairview Ave, Whitewater Park Blvd / 16th | Fill in/improve pedestrian facilities on the north and south side of Fairview between Whitewater Park Blvd and 16th. Fairview is a premium corridor and connecting the recently constructed transit stops between Whitewater Park and 16th with consistent, upgraded pedestrian amenities will improve access to these transit facilities. (Route 7) | Future | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in future. | Vista and Elder Street Intersection |
| 11 | N/A | | | | Access to Opportunity: Fairview Ave, Cole Rd / Curtis St Pedestrian Facilities | VRT recognizes this project is already programmed. We want to acknowledge our support of the project. Fairview is a premium corridor and VRT also plans to make transit stop improvements along this corridor and looks forward to coordinating with ACHD on the design of pedestrian and transit facilities along this corridor. | 2024-2026 | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in 2024-2026 . | Access to Opportunity: Fairview Ave, Cole Rd / Curtis St Pedestrian Facilities |
| 12 | N/A | | | | Access to Opportunity: Fairview Ave, Curtis Rd / Orchard St | VRT recognizes this project is already programmed. We want to acknowledge our support of the project. Fairview is a premium corridor and VRT also plans to make transit stop improvements along this corridor and looks forward to coordinating with ACHD on the design of pedestrian and transit facilities along this corridor. | 2024-2026 | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in 2024-2026 . | Access to Opportunity: Fairview Ave, Curtis Rd / Orchard St |
| 13 | N/A | | | | Access to Opportunity: Fairview Ave, Orchard St / Garden St | VRT recognizes this project is already programmed. We want to acknowledge our support of the project. Fairview is a premium corridor and VRT also plans to make transit stop improvements along this corridor and looks forward to coordinating with ACHD on the design of pedestrian and transit facilities along this corridor. | 2024-2026 | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in 2024-2026 . | Access to Opportunity: Fairview Ave Hill, Orchard St / Garden St |
| 14 | N/A | | | | Warm Springs and Millspur | Improve intersection with round-a-bout, including sidewalks, bus stops, enhanced signals, and crosswalks | | | | | |
| 15 | N/A | | | | Access to Opportunity: Franklin Rd, Milwaukee St / Liberty St. | VRT recognizes this project is already programmed. We want to acknowledge our support of the project. VRT has transit services on Cole and will have service on Franklin. VRT looks forward to coordinating with ACHD on the design of pedestrian and transit facilities along this corridor. | 2024-2026 | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in 2024-2026 . | Access to Opportunity: Franklin Rd, Milwaukee St / Liberty St |
| 16 | N/A | | | | Access to Opportunity: 43rd St Bikeway Connection, Ustick Rd / Greenbelt | VRT recognizes this project is already programmed. We want to acknowledge our support of the project. This connection is important for connections to service on Chinden and as a safe route to Anser Charter School and the Boys and Girls Club. | 2024-2026 | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in 2024-2026 . | Access to Opportunity: 43rd St, Ustick Rd / Boise River |

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| 17 | N/A | | | | US 20/26 (Chinden Blvd) and 43rd St Pedestrian Crossing | VRT recognizes this project is already programmed. We want to acknowledge our support of the project. This connection is important for connections to service on Chinden and as a safe route to Anser Charter School and the Boys and Girls Club. | 2022-2024 | 2024 | 2025 | Project programmed to be constructed in 2025 . | US 20/26 (Chinden Blvd) and 43rd St Pedestrian Crossing |
| 18 | 10 (3) | N/A | N/A | N/A | Fairview, Cloverdale to Shamrock | Design the corridor with defined curb and seven lane cross section. VRT has plans for bus stops along fairview, particularly at Fairview and Steelwood. These improvements must be done in coordination with ACHD corridor design and construction. We are requesting a design year to be identified ideally 2026-2027. (Route 45, 7 future) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Fairview Ave, Cloverdale Rd / Five Mile Rd |
| 19 | 14 (9) | N/A | 17 | N/A | Broadway Ave/Avenue B and Idaho St/Warm Springs Ave Intersection Modifications | Modify intersection to improve safety for all users in accordance with the Broadway Ave / Avenue B and Idaho St / Warm Springs Ave Concept Design. (Routes 2, 17) | 2028-2029 | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in 2028-2029 . | Downtown/East End Improvements B: Broadway Ave/Avenue B and Idaho St/Warm Springs Ave |
| 20 | 9 (2) | N/A | N/A | N/A | Fairview, Shamrock to Five Mile | Design the corridor with defined curb and seven lane cross section. VRT has plans for bus stops along fairview, particularly at Fairview and Steelwood. These improvements must be done in coordination with ACHD corridor design and construction. We are requesting a design year to be identified ideally 2026-2027. (Route 45, 7 future) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Fairview Ave, Cloverdale Rd / Five Mile Rd |
| 21 | | | | | Franklin & Black Cat Intersection | Transit connections safety project, midblock pedestrian crossing with signal, crosswalk, and bus stops | | | | | Franklin & Black Cat Transit Connections |
| 22 | 13 (8) | N/A | 11 | N/A | Overland Rd & Vista Ave Intersection Improvement | Install an enhanced pedestrian crossing (rectangular rapid flashing beacon) on Vista at Overland (NW corner free-right turn). (Routes 3, 29) | 2024-2025 | 2025 | 2026 | Project programmed to be constructed in 2026 . | Overland Rd, Orchard St / Vista Ave |
| 23 | | | | | Elder & Vista Street Intersection | Improve pedestrian facilities and safety, move bus stops farside, rebuild intersection | | | | | Elder & Vista Intersection |
| 24 | N/A | | | | Orchard St realignment, Gowen Rd to Victory | VRT recognizes this project has been de-prioritized but would like to reiterate previous comments about the potential impact of this project and we look forward to working with ACHD to minimize any potential negative impacts of these conceptual improvements. This project will impact VRT's access to its maintenance facility. This project has the potential to have a large negative impact on VRT operations as all fixed route services in Ada County come out of this facility. Construction mitigation will also be a major concern as VRT will need continued access to their facility through all phases of construction. | Future | Future | Future | Project programmed to be designed in future. | Orchard St Realignment, Gowen Rd / Victory Rd |
| Community Programs - Collectors & Local Roadways | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | 6 | | | Orchard St, Morris Hill Rd / Emerald St | Sidewalk and pedestrian amenities are needed along this stretch. Lack of pedestrian facilities makes travel difficult for people using transit or other non-motorized means of travel. (route 5, 20) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Orchard St, Morris Hill Rd / Emerald St |
| 2 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Orchard St, Emerald to Franklin Pedestrian Improvements | Fix curbing, sidewalk gaps, add crosswalk and beacon along corridor | | | | | |
| 3 | 2 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Emerald St, Curtis Rd / Orchard St | Sidewalk on Emerald, northside between Marcus and Baker. Consider detached sidewalk or otherwise match land-use jurisdiction vision for pedestrian facility. (Route 5) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Scoped. To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Emerald St, Curtis Rd / Orchard St |
| 4 | 3 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Ustick and Grenadier | Improve the pedestrian crossing with a PHB or full signal. VRT is planning bus stop investments at Grenadier but those improvements must be coordinated with ACHD activities. The crossing would also improve access to the Granger Ln Bikeway (Route 24) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Scoped. To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Ustick Rd and Grenadier Way Pedestrian Crossing |
| 5 | 4 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Vista and Targee | Improve pedestrian crossings at Vista and Targee with directional ramps. The intersection has VRT bus stops and is an important crossing for safe routes to Hawthorne Elementary School (Route 3) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Vista Ave and Targee St Pedestrian Improvements |
| 6 | 5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Fairview and Barbara Dr. | Improve pedestrian crossing at Barbara Ct. with PHB and sidewalk on northside of Fairview. Crossing would connect to the Five Mile creek pathway and improved pedestrian infrastructure on the South side of Fairview. (Route 45) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Fairview Ave and Barbara Dr Pedestrian Crossing |
| 7 | 6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Milwaukee at Chesterfield | Improve pedestrian crossing at Milwaukee and Chesterfield with a PHB or RRFB. Crossing would connect neighborhood to Capitol High School, Milwaukee Park and connect with the Edna Street Bikeway. VRT will also have regular 30 minute service with bus stops on Milwaukee. (Route 21) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | the south, a marked crosswalk 500' to the north near the Milwaukee Park ball fields, and an RRFB 1350' to the north for Capitol HS. Both enhanced ped crossings are within a school zone with flashing beacons. With three marked crosswalks within 1/2 mile, ACHD Traffic Engineering is not supportive of an additional marked location at Chesterfield. There may be consideration for enhancing the existing crosswalk north of this intersection. | Milwaukee St and Chesterfield St Pedestrian Crossing |
| 8 | 7 (1) | N/A | N/A | N/A | Maple Grove and Edna | Improve pedestrian crossing at Maple Grove and Edna with a PHB or RRFB. Crossing critical to the Edna Bikeway. | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Due to escalated project costs, this project has been deferred. | West Bench Improvements A: Maple Grove Rd and Edna St Pedestrian Crossing |
| 9 | 8 (7) | N/A | N/A | N/A | McMillan and Camas Creek Way | Improve pedestrian crossing at McMillan and Camas Creek Way with a PHB or RRFB. Crossing provides connection to Mcdevitt Park and connects Wainwright bikeway to bikeway on Willow Creek. | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | ACHD Traffic Engineering has not evaluated this location for a full signal or for an enhanced ped crossing. Most recent volume counts on Camas Creek south of McMillan from 2019 show the intersection would not meet the minimum side street volume traffic for signal consideration. Traffic will evaluate location for an enhanced ped crossing through observations and gap study. | McMillan Rd and Camas Creek Way Pedestrian Crossing |
| 10 | 9 (8) | 4 | N/A | N/A | Lincoln Ave and Belmont St Pedestrian Crossing | The Lincoln Avenue and Belmont Street intersection is adjacent to a parking structure and student housing. As such, it has high volumes of automobiles and pedestrians. This project is to create a raised pedestrian crossing on the south leg of the intersection, with center refuge and RRFB. (Route 29, 40, 45) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Lincoln Ave and Belmont St Pedestrian Crossing |
| 11 | 10 (9) | N/A | N/A | N/A | Pedestrian facilities on Camas from Berkeley to Glen Haven | Sidewalk improvements to create safe routes to Monroe Elementary across Latah. | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Camas St, Berkeley St / Glen Haven Dr |
| 12 | 11 (10) | N/A | N/A | N/A | Pedestrian facilities on Roe between Limestone and Highway 44 | VRT is developing a path from Saxton to Roe along Highway 44. Providing pedestrian connections from Limestone to Highway 44 would improve accessibility of transit services on State Street. (Route 9, 21) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Roe St, SH 44 (State St) / Limestone St |

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| 13 | 12 (11) | 6 | N/A | N/A | Commerce Ave, W/O Development Ave / Broadway Ave | Sidewalk along Airport Way, S Development Ave, and W Commerce Ave between Broadway and Vista. Match land-use jurisdiction vision for pedestrian facility. (Route 2) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Project Scoped. To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Commerce Ave, W/O Development Ave / Broadway Ave |
| 14 | 13 (12) | 6 | N/A | N/A | Airport Way/Development Ave, Vista Ave / Commerce Ave | Sidewalk along Airport Way, S Development Ave, and W Commerce Ave between Broadway and Vista. Match land-use jurisdiction vision for pedestrian facility. (Route 2) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Airport Way/Development Ave, Vista Ave / Commerce Ave |
| 15 | 14 (13) | 7 | N/A | N/A | Garden City East Improvements B: 37th St, Osage St / Adams St | Sidewalk on E 37th between Adams and Chinden. Match land-use jurisdiction vision for pedestrian facility. (Access to Chinden route 8) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Project Scoped. To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Garden City East Improvements B: 37th St, Osage St / Adams St |
| 16 | 15 (14) | 8 | N/A | N/A | Murray St, S/O Goodall St / US 20/26 (Chinden Blvd) | Sidewalk on Murray from Bench to Chinden. Match land-use jurisdiction vision for pedestrian facility. (Route 8) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Murray St, S/O Goodall St / US 20/26 (Chinden Blvd) |
| 17 | 16 (15) | 10 | N/A | N/A | Bridger St, Discovery Pl / Meeker Ave | Sidewalk on Bridger St between Meeker Ave and Discovery Way. Match land-use jurisdiction vision for pedestrian facility. (Route 8) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Project Scoped. To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Bridger St, Discovery Pl / Meeker Ave |
| 18 | 17 (16) | 15 | N/A | N/A | Hill Rd, 36th St / Bogus Basin Rd Pedestrian Facilities | Sidewalk improvements on W Hill Rd between Bogus Basin and N 28th St. Match land-use jurisdiction vision for pedestrian facility. (Route 10) | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | Not Programmed | To be evaluated and prioritized for possible inclusion into future IFYWP updates. | Hill Rd, 36th St / Bogus Basin Rd Pedestrian Improvements |
| 19 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Goddard Road at Capitol High School Pedestrian facilities | Add crosswalk, pedestrian island, and pedestrian signal midblock at eastern entrance to Capitol High Parking Lot, add bus stop pad north side only | | | | | Goddard Road Pedestrian Improvements |
| 20 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Elder Street Vista to Owyhee Pedestrian improvements | Fix curbing, sidewalk gaps, add crosswalk and beacon along corridor | | | | | Elder Street Pedestrian Improvements |

**Programming status is subject to change.*