# Ada County Employee Transportation and Parking Program

Most County facilities have free parking for the public and employees, however, a few locations in downtown Boise are fee-based. Below is a description of the parking and alternative transportation program managed by the Operations Department on behalf of Ada County. For more information, contact the Employee Transportation Coordinator in the Operations Department at (208) 287-7100.

## Public Parking - Downtown Boise

Limited free or metered parking is available on downtown streets near the Courthouse and the Civic Plaza on a first-come, first-served basis. Individual departments may, at their own discretion, provide parking validation stickers for their visitors.

# **Employee Parking – Downtown Boise**

Employees may purchase a parking space in a surface lot or parking garage. Employees must sign a payroll deduction form for the monthly fee to be issued a keycard. Forms are available from the Operations Department.

Free downtown parking is available for employees who carpool with at least 1 other County employee. Vanpools and vanpool drivers are also eligible for free, preferred parking at downtown locations. Contact the Operations Department for more information.

### **Alternative Transportation Program**

Ada County partners with the Ada County Highway District, Valley Regional Transit, and others to bring employees some great alternatives to driving to work. While employee parking is available at all County facilities, Ada County also provides easy, affordable alternative transportation options to reduce the need for parking and reduce commuter traffic, while improving air quality in Ada County.

#### **Bicycles**

Bike racks are located at all Ada County facilities for public and employee use. Free, secured bike storage is available to employees in the Civic Plaza parking garage, east of the Courthouse in downtown Boise. Shower facilities are provided in some County locations for employees who walk or bicycle to work. Contact the Operations Department for locations and access codes.



#### **Bus Passes**

All regular Ada County employees can ride the bus for FREE using their employee id card, including employees who commute between Ada and Canyon counties.

#### **Commuteride Vanpools**

Commuteride is a local vanpool program run by the Ada County Highway District. County employees are eligible for a free 1-month trial and additional incentives to offset the monthly cost. Fees vary depending on routes.

### **Guaranteed Ride Home**

Commuters in carpools, vanpools, buses - even cyclists and walkers - may be eligible for reimbursement for a taxi ride home for emergencies or overtime situations. The participant must be registered in the program with Commuteride prior to the taxi ride and must have arrived to work using one of the modes listed above to be eligible for reimbursement. Funded by ACHD, benefits are limited to six taxi rides or a total cost of \$300.00 per participant per year. Enrollment forms are available from the Operations Department.