

# Facts about TriMet

## Ridership

TriMet is a national leader in providing transit service. TriMet carries more people than any other U.S. transit system its size. Weekly ridership on buses, MAX and WES has increased for all but one year in the past 22 years.

TriMet ridership has outpaced population growth and daily vehicle miles traveled for more than a decade.

## During fiscal year 2010

Residents and visitors boarded a bus, MAX or WES train 99.3 million times:

- 60.6 million were bus trips
- 38.4 million were MAX trips
- 305,840 were WES trips

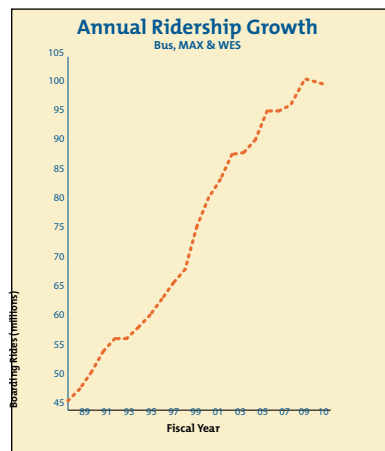
Weekday boardings averaged 315,300 trips:

- 196,900 were bus trips
- 117,100 were MAX trips
- 1,200 were WES trips

Weekend ridership:

- Bus and MAX ridership averaged 347,300 trips.

Portland is the 23rd largest metro area in the U.S., but transit ridership is 8th per capita.



TriMet serves 570 square miles of the urban portions of the tri-county area.

More people ride TriMet than transit systems in larger cities, such as Dallas, Denver and Miami.

90% of people in the TriMet district live within 1/2 mile of transit service.

## Maintaining livability

### Easing traffic congestion

MAX carries 26% of evening rush-hour commuters traveling from downtown on the Sunset Hwy. and Banfield Fwy.

Westside MAX carries the equivalent of 2.4 extra lanes of traffic on the Sunset Hwy.

Most riders (81%) are choice riders: they have a car available or choose not to own one so they can ride TriMet.

43% of adults in the region use TriMet at least twice a month.

### Clean air

Each weekday, MAX eliminates nearly 81,000 car trips from our roads, easing traffic congestion and helping

keep our air clean. That adds up to 26.7 million fewer car trips each year.

TriMet's MAX and buses combined eliminate 205,300 daily car trips, or 65 million trips each year.

For each mile taken on TriMet, 53% less carbon is emitted compared to driving alone.

## Transit works

TriMet is a municipal corporation providing public transportation for much of the three counties in the Portland, Oregon metro area. TriMet operates a comprehensive transit network including a 52-mile MAX light rail system, 79 bus lines, 14.7-mile WES Commuter Rail, service for seniors and people with disabilities, and enhanced amenities and information.

## MAX: a 52-mile regional light rail system

### MAX Blue Line

The 15-mile eastside segment between downtown Portland and Gresham opened in 1986. The project was completed on time and under budget.

Construction: March 1982-Sept. 1986

Funding: \$214 million

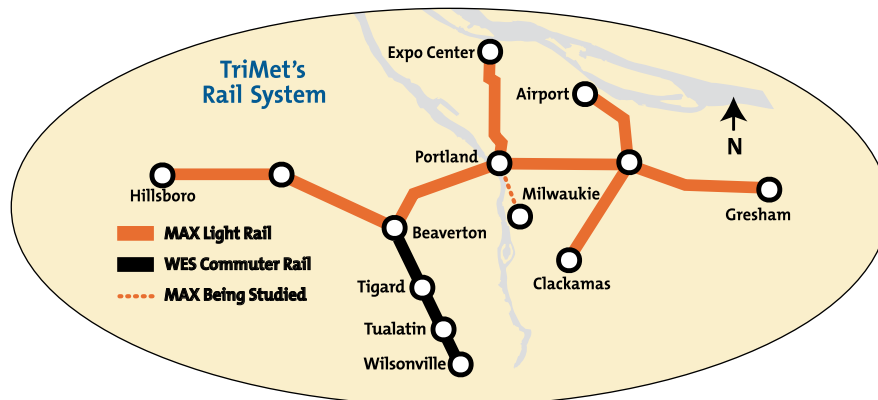
Federal 83%; State/Local 17%

The 18-mile westside segment between downtown Portland and the cities of Beaverton and Hillsboro in Washington County was built on time and on budget. Transit ridership in this corridor has tripled since opening in 1998.

Construction: July 1993-Sept. 1998

Funding: \$963 million

Federal 73%; State/Local 27%



### MAX Red Line

The 5.5-mile MAX Red Line opened with service to Portland International Airport in September 2001. It connects with the MAX Blue, Green and Yellow lines and extends to Beaverton.

This line came about through an innovative public/private venture with the Port of Portland, TriMet, the City of Portland, the Portland Development Commission and Bechtel Enterprises.

Last year, 1.1 million people got on or off MAX at the airport.

**Construction:** May 1999-Sept. 2001

**Funding:** \$125 million

Private \$28.2 million; Local \$96.8 million

### MAX Yellow Line

The 5.8-mile MAX line opened May 2004—four months ahead of schedule and millions under budget. The line connects the Expo Center through N/NE Portland to the Rose Quarter and downtown Portland. Along with MAX, bus service in N/NE Portland was improved.

Weekday ridership is more than double that of the former bus line that served the same corridor.

**Construction:** Nov. 2000-May 2004

**Funding:** \$350 million

Federal 74%; Local 26%

### MAX Green Line

The 8.3-mile extension into Clackamas County and along a new alignment in downtown Portland opened September 2009. TriMet's fifth MAX line construction project adds tracks between Gateway Transit Center and Clackamas Town Center, and in downtown along the Portland Transit Mall on 5th and 6th avenues between Union Station and Portland State University.

**Construction:** Feb. 2007-Sept. 2009

**Funding:** \$575.7 million

Federal 60%; State/Local 40%

### WES (Westside Express Service) Commuter Rail

WES Commuter Rail uses existing freight tracks to serve the cities of Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville. This 14.7-mile suburban commuter line serves the heavily traveled I-5/Hwy. 217 corridor with weekday rush-hour service, connecting with MAX and buses in Beaverton and with bus service at the other stations. Service began February 2009.

**Construction:** Oct. 2006-Jan. 2009

**Funding:** \$161 million

Federal and State/Local each funded 50% of base project; local funds paid for additional elements

## Connecting communities

TriMet's 52-mile Metropolitan Area Express (MAX) light rail system with 85 stations connects the cities of Beaverton, Gresham, Hillsboro and Portland, and serves all three counties in the TriMet district as well as the Portland International Airport. MAX provides 37% of weekday transit trips and:

- Removes cars from our roads and helps keep our air clean.
- Is a catalyst for transit-oriented development—more than \$8 billion in development has occurred within walking distance of MAX stations since the decision to build in 1980.
- Helps preserve neighborhoods and our livability.

### History

1969

TriMet formed after Rose City Transit faces bankruptcy.

1978

The 22-block Portland Mall opens—one of the first of its kind in the nation—and is an integral part of the successful downtown clean air strategy.

1986

The 15-mile Eastside MAX light rail line opens between downtown Portland and Gresham. This is the first segment of the MAX light rail system.

September 1989

TriMet named "America's Best Large Transit Agency" by the American Public Transit Association.

September 1994

The Portland Mall is extended 14 blocks to Old Town/Chinatown.

## On the horizon

A second light rail extension to Clackamas County is in the design phase. The 7.3-mile Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project would connect Portland State University and South Waterfront to SE Portland, Milwaukie and north Clackamas County. It also includes a multi-modal transit bridge over the Willamette River that will accommodate MAX, buses and a future Portland Streetcar extension, as well as bike and pedestrian paths on both sides of the bridge. The agency's sixth MAX project could open in 2015.

## Bus service and other amenities

### 79 bus lines

TriMet has 79 bus lines, with 70 connecting with TriMet's rail system. Buses also serve 18 major transit centers and the Portland Streetcar.

### Frequent Service



TriMet's 12 Frequent Service bus lines operate at least every 15-17 minutes during the day.

These lines offer low-floor, air-conditioned vehicles, shelters and schedule information in addition to increased service frequency. The 164-mile Frequent Service network carries 59% of all bus trips with 43% of weekly service hours.

### Downtown Portland Transit Mall

MAX light rail service began on the Mall in August 2009 with trains traveling along 5th and 6th avenues. MAX Green and Yellow lines and buses share dedicated transit lanes; vehicles and bikes share a dedicated travel lane along the 57-block Mall.

### Free Rail Zone

Rides are free in downtown Portland, between I-405 and NW Irving and the Lloyd District. Free rides are limited to MAX and the Portland Streetcar within the Free Rail Zone boundary.

## Park & Ride lots

Park & Ride lots provide access to transit in areas not well served by bus lines, and are located at many rail stations outside the central city. TriMet operates 32 dedicated lots, with another 30 lots provided through a shared-use arrangement. Parking is free and limited to up to 24 hours or as posted. TriMet currently provides 12,800 spaces for riders, with the majority of spaces along MAX and WES. Some facilities fill up early, while others have space available throughout the day.

### Quick Drop

Quick Drop offers short-term parking for easy drop-off and pick-up of riders at 18 locations along the MAX line. Visit [trimet.org](http://trimet.org) for locations.

### Bikes on TriMet

Buses, MAX and WES trains are bike accessible and heavily used during rush hour. Bike parking is available at many transit centers and MAX stations and at all WES stations. Three Bike & Ride secure parking facilities are opening in FY11, with parking for 204 bikes with key card access via BikeLink. TriMet rents 450 bike lockers. Learn more at [trimet.org/bikes](http://trimet.org/bikes).

## Service for seniors and people with disabilities

All TriMet buses and MAX trains are accessible. Seniors (age 65+) and people with disabilities are eligible for reduced fares. For details, call 503-962-2455, TTY 503-238-5811 or visit [trimet.org](http://trimet.org).

### LIFT paratransit service

TriMet's LIFT paratransit service provides door-to-door service for people with disabilities unable to ride TriMet fixed-route buses, MAX or WES. In FY10, LIFT provided 1.1 million rides, the same level as FY09. For information, call 503-962-8200, TTY 503-962-8058 or visit [trimet.org](http://trimet.org).

# Building a balanced system

TriMet's five-year Transit Investment Plan provides a blueprint on where the agency will make investments in service and amenities through partnerships with local governments.

TriMet's transportation network includes 52 miles of MAX light rail, 14.7 miles of WES Commuter Rail, 79 bus lines and connections with the Portland Streetcar. TriMet also provides services for seniors and people with disabilities.

TriMet has enhanced service and added convenience through:

- 12 Frequent Service bus lines.
- TransitTracker™ real-time arrival information available for all 7,050 bus stops and all MAX and WES stations by phone at 503-238-RIDE (7433), online at [trimet.org](http://trimet.org), for mobile devices by text and through [m.trimet.org](http://m.trimet.org) and via dozens of third-party apps.
- TransitTracker™ readerboard signs posted at major transfer points and many MAX and all WES stations.
- WiFi available on WES.
- Adding shelters and Stop ID information at bus stops.
- Utilizing technology to briefly hold a green light so a bus behind schedule can continue through a busy intersection.

#### September 1998

The 18-mile Westside MAX line opens with service to Beaverton and Hillsboro. This is the second segment of the MAX system.

#### September 2001

Airport MAX line opens with service from downtown to the Portland International Airport, the first train-to-plane service on the West Coast.

#### May 2004

The 5.8-mile Interstate MAX line opens four months early and millions under budget. This is the fourth segment of the MAX system to be built.

#### February 2009

WES Commuter Rail opens—the state's first commuter rail service.

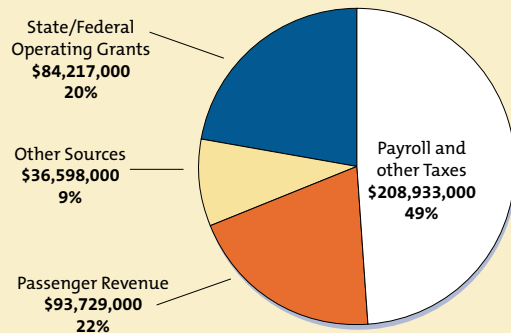
#### September 2009

I-205/Portland Mall MAX line opens with service to Clackamas County. All three counties are connected by MAX.

### Passenger Facilities

- 79 bus lines
- 1,080 bus shelters; 310 equipped with solar-powered LED lighting units
- 649 buses including 361 low-floor buses
- 7,050 bus stops
- 18 transit centers where buses and trains meet
- 127 MAX vehicles and 85 MAX light rail stations
- 3 Diesel Multiple Unit (DMUs) and 1 trailer for WES Commuter Rail
- 32 TriMet Park & Ride lots, totaling 11,635 spaces
- 3 Bike & Ride facilities with secure parking for 204 bicycles
- 252 LIFT buses and 15 sedans provide door-to-door service

### Operating Revenue Sources (FY10)\*



\*Audited financial data

The payroll and self-employment tax rate is 0.6818% (\$6.82 per \$1,000 on gross payroll). The rate will increase to 0.6918% on January 1, 2011. Operating costs per boarding ride: \$3.21 (Bus); \$1.89 (MAX).

### Other services

#### Carpooling

Reduced parking rates are available for carpools in downtown Portland and the Pearl and Lloyd districts. Visit [carpoolmatchnw.org](http://carpoolmatchnw.org) or call Metro at 503-CARPOOL (503-227-7665).

#### Programs for employers

TriMet helps businesses reduce single-occupant-vehicle work trips. For information on developing employee transit programs, call 503-962-7670 or visit [trimet.org/employers](http://trimet.org/employers).

#### Environmental leader

TriMet continually seeks ways to improve environmental performance and incorporate sustainable practices into its operations and capital projects:

- A focused effort to improve fuel economy has made TriMet among the most fuel-efficient transit districts in the country.
- TriMet is the first in the nation to test NASCAR technology to

electronically cool bus engines and increase fuel efficiency—116 buses have this technology on board.

- Particulate emissions have been reduced by 95% on about a third of the bus fleet with the use of particulate traps and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel.
- All TriMet buses are fueled with a biodiesel blend.
- MAX light rail projects use environmentally friendly construction practices including reusing and recycling materials and incorporating bioswales, landscaping and other features to treat runoff.

#### TriMet Board of Directors

TriMet is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors—unpaid citizens appointed by the Governor.

Director	District
Dr. T. Allen Bethel	NE Portland
Steve Clark	Westside
Lynn Lehrbach	E Multnomah County
Hakeem Olanrewaju	Clackamas County
Consuelo Saragoza	SE Portland
Tiffany Sweitzer	N & NW Portland
Rick Van Beveren, President	Washington County
<i>TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane was appointed by the Board and began his tenure in July 2010.</i>	

#### TriMet in service

- Buses and trains stop nearly 1 million times a week to pick up riders
- Buses and trains travel 500,000 miles a week
- Vehicles are in motion close to 34,000 hours a week

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