

Coming soon: MAX along I-205



In fall 2009, the I-205/Portland Mall MAX Light Rail Project will expand the popular regional rail system into Clackamas County. You've probably already heard about the new light rail alignment to be built downtown on the Portland Mall (north-south along 5th and 6th avenues). From downtown this new line will travel east, then turn south at I-205. The project will add 6.5 miles of track between the Gateway Transit Center and Clackamas Town Center.

Station locations

Eight new stations will connect bus service to the new MAX line. More than 2,200 parking spaces will be added at four new Park & Ride lots.

- **SE Main St Station and Park & Ride:** near Adventist Hospital; 420 Park & Ride spaces
- **SE Division St Station:** south of Division Street; will connect to the I-205 bike and pedestrian path
- **SE Powell Blvd Station and Park & Ride:** south of Powell; 400 Park & Ride spaces
- **SE Holgate Blvd Station and Park & Ride:** north side of Holgate; 120 Park & Ride spaces planned
- **SE Foster Rd Station:** between Foster and Ramona streets

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Clean Air Action— spread the word!

More than 600 businesses in Portland and Vancouver participate in the Clean Air Action Day program by encouraging their employees to reduce activities that contribute to smog. This region-wide effort is important because about 80 percent of smog air pollution comes from things we do every day.

When air pollution threatens to hit the highest levels of the year, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) teams up with the Southwest Washington Air Pollution Control Authority to issue smog advisories. Local TV and radio stations—and other participating businesses—receive these advisories via fax and email. You can too, by signing up at the DEQ web site.

Using commute alternatives like bus or MAX, carsharing, walking, biking or telecommuting is a great way for everyone to take action. Your efforts will make a difference! To get started, visit www.deq.state.or.us/aq/education/CAAD or call 503-229-6154.

“Drive less” campaign hits the road

Look for “Drive less. Save more.” banners at area events this summer.

Drive less. Campaign partners will
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more than 60 events in the region to build awareness about transportation options and help everyone understand the part they can play in easing traffic congestion.

June service update

Bus route and schedule adjustments effective June 4

Starting Sunday, June 4, routes and schedules will be adjusted on the following bus lines:

4-Fessenden	Route and schedule changes
12-Barbur Blvd	Weekday schedule changes to improve on-time performance
12-Sandy Blvd	Weekday schedule changes to improve on-time performance
28-Linwood	Schedule changes
29-Lake/Webster Rd	Schedule changes
31-Estacada	Route and schedule changes effective when Clackamas Town Center construction begins
39-Lewis & Clark	Route and schedule changes: new service to Hillsdale
71-60th Ave/122nd Ave	Schedule changes
72-Killingsworth/82nd Ave	Schedule changes
79-Clackamas Town Center	Schedule changes
152-Milwaukie	Schedule changes

To see how your trips are affected, preview the new schedules at trimet.org or call 503-238-RIDE. New printed schedules will be available in late May.

Time to renew pass programs

With TriMet's Passport and Snap Pass programs, your business gets TriMet All-Zone transit passes for employees at a reduced rate. If your company already participates, it's time to renew your contract.

The program contract and the stickers used for passes are valid from September 1 through August 31 each year. New contracts are available in June. You'll want to get your new contract ready early, to make sure your employees get new passes before their old ones expire. (Employers new to the program may start any time during the year at a prorated price.)

Keep in mind that if your company is using Passport and has not surveyed employees about commute methods since August 31, 2004, you may need to survey this year before you can renew. To find out whether you need to survey—or to get started on your contract renewal or get more information about annual pass programs—contact your TriMet marketing representative or call Employer Programs at 503-962-7670.



What's up with your local TMA?

Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) help employers and employees use commuting alternatives. Many get support from local employers. Staying in touch with your local TMA is a great way to get ideas and support for promoting your company's transportation program.

Westside Transportation Alliance



New director

Karen Frost's passion for active transportation (any mode but driving alone) was nurtured as the former executive director and program director of the Bicycle Transportation Alliance. Later, as head of her own company, she worked with businesses to reduce employee car trips.

New focus

The WTA's new focus is to offer employee programs at the workplace, to help individuals feel great about leaving the car at home—for a few days or forever. Member companies will each have a page on the WTA web site. This will allow the WTA to communicate directly with employees, promote on-site meetings, display real-time transit arrivals at a workplace, tout success stories and more.

Visit www.wta-tma.org or call Karen Frost at 503-617-4844.

Swan Island

Summer worksite events planned

Employee health fairs at Freightliner—and possibly at UPS and Adidas America as well—will feature a Healthy Transportation Options table with information about transit, biking, rideshare, location-efficient living and the “Drive less. Save more.” campaign. Swan Island businesses also are expected to take part in the WTA's 2006 Commuter Challenge in July.

Transit ridership and vanpools see growth

Transit ridership appears to be growing: On Line 85-Swan Island's 7:40 a.m. run, passengers are sharing seats. Evening shuttle ridership is running between 50 and 60 a night, up from last year.

The Clark County vanpool program now has two 12-passenger and three seven-passenger vehicles in operation to Hazel Dell, Mill Plain/164th, Battle Ground, Camas/Washougal and Orchards. A larger vehicle is planned for the Hazel Dell run beginning June 1.

Work on new trail begins

Portland Parks will begin design and community outreach for the Waud Bluff Trail that will link the north end of Swan Island up the bluff to Willamette Blvd in the University Park neighborhood. The project was awarded Transportation Enhancement money from ODOT in 2005.

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Carefree Commuter Challenge

Throughout July, thousands of metro-area employees will accept the challenge to try alternate ways of getting to work. Hundreds will be rewarded in their efforts to conserve gas, ease traffic and reduce pollution.

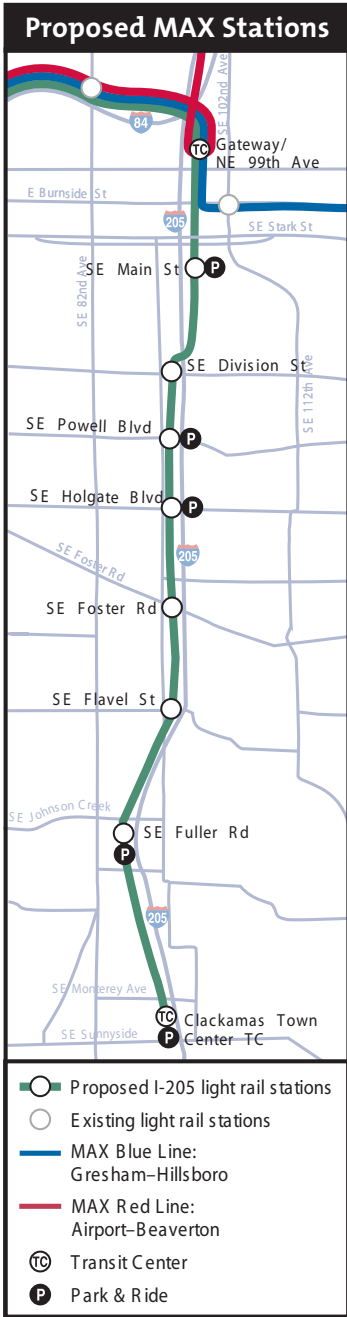


Of course everyone who participates in the Carefree Commuter Challenge is likely to save money and feel healthier; but rewards also come in the form of cash and prizes.

The Carefree Commuter Challenge began in 1999 as a tool for educating the public about air quality and transportation issues. It is organized by the Westside Transportation Alliance (WTA) and funded through sponsorships and contributions.

Again this year, the Challenge will stretch across all of July to offer better compatibility with vacations and other summer activities. It's a great opportunity for employers to increase employee participation in their commute programs, and to educate employees about the array of cost-effective options they have to get to and from work.

For information on how your organization can participate, visit www.wta-tma.org or call Karen Frost at 503-617-4844.



- **SE Flavel St Station:** south of Flavel
- **SE Fuller Rd Station and Park & Ride:** between Johnson Creek Boulevard and Otty Road; 630 Park & Ride spaces
- **Clackamas Town Center Station and Transit Center:** will connect to 12 bus lines; 750-space parking structure

To see a video simulation of the new line and stations, visit trimet.org/i205/video.htm

Service frequency and travel time

The I-205 MAX line will operate every 15 minutes most of the day. Travel time is estimated at 15 minutes from Clackamas Town Center to Gateway and 23 minutes from Gateway to Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland. Total travel time will be 38 minutes from Clackamas Town Center to Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Project timeline

Federal funding approval: Early Winter 2006-07

Construction begins: Mid-January 2007

Service begins: September 2009

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