

## January service changes Downtown bus relocation and more



No doubt you've heard the news by now: Downtown bus routes and stops will relocate during construction on the Portland Mall. The relocation will last from January 14, 2007 to spring 2009. For exhaustive detail about which lines will stop where (including an interactive map), visit [trimet.org/buschanges](http://trimet.org/buschanges). Downtown bus schedules may see some adjustments

after relocation begins; also, some bus lines that don't serve downtown will have service changes beginning in January. Visit [trimet.org](http://trimet.org) for the latest schedules. Keep reading for more information about what's changing, and some tips for your day-to-day commute; but first, here's a quick refresher about why downtown bus relocation is happening.

### Why construction?

Lest we forget, the 8.3-mile I-205/Portland Mall MAX Light Rail Project is TriMet's fifth light rail extension. It will run between Clackamas Town Center and the busiest transit destination in the region, Portland State University (PSU).

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MAX on the Portland Mall along 5th and 6th avenues will improve downtown transit service between Union Station and PSU. A train will arrive every five minutes most hours of the day. With buses running along the same streets, transfers will be easier.

The project will help to renovate the aging Mall with increased lighting and new shelters, trees and art, along with refurbished streets and intersections. When the MAX line opens in September 2009, it will also poise the region for future MAX extensions.

## Relocated bus lines

### 3rd and 4th avenues

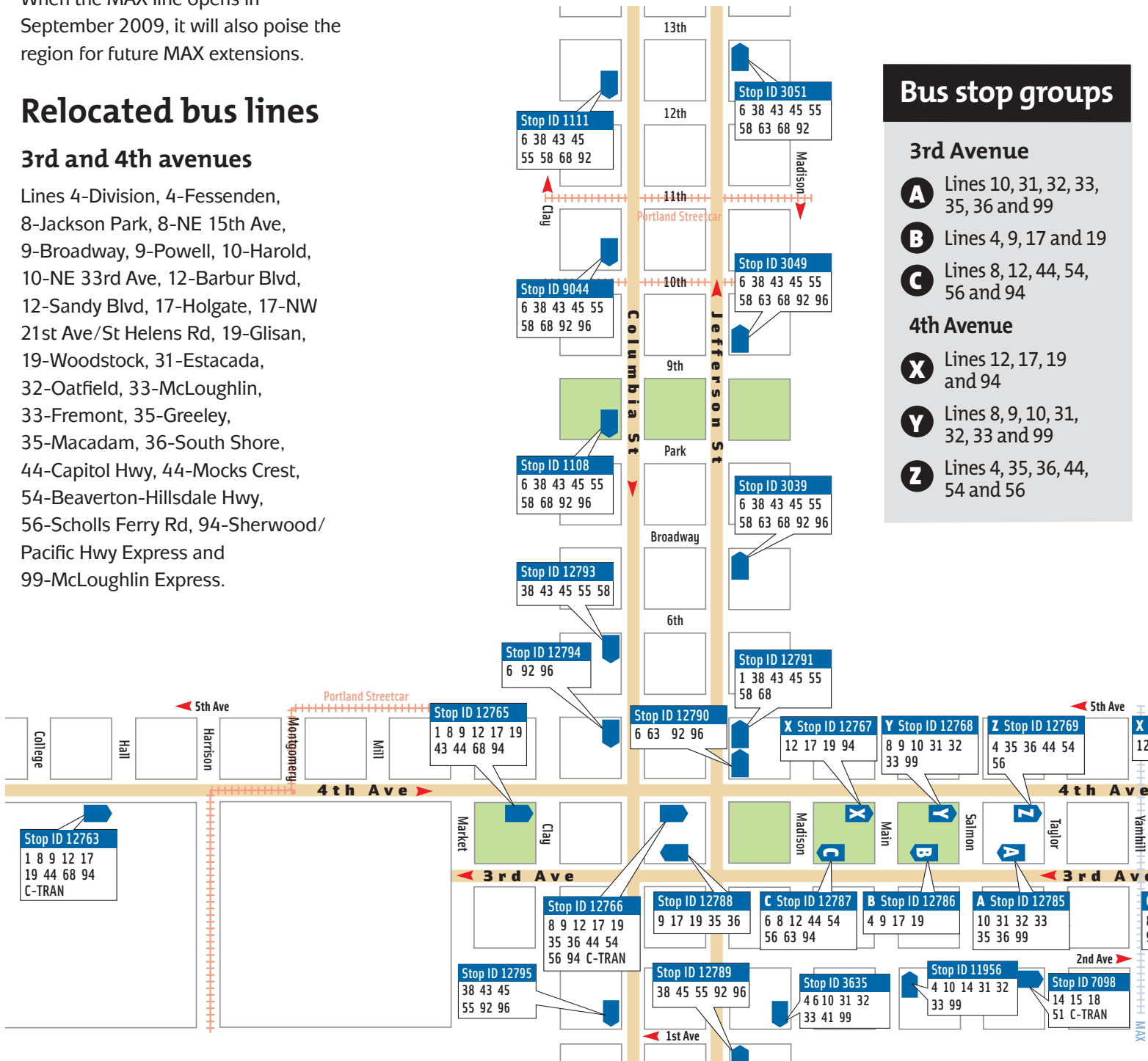
Lines 4-Division, 4-Fessenden, 8-Jackson Park, 8-NE 15th Ave, 9-Broadway, 9-Powell, 10-Harold, 10-NE 33rd Ave, 12-Barbur Blvd, 12-Sandy Blvd, 17-Holgate, 17-NW 21st Ave/St Helens Rd, 19-Glisan, 19-Woodstock, 31-Estacada, 32-Oatfield, 33-McLoughlin, 33-Fremont, 35-Greeley, 35-Macadam, 36-South Shore, 44-Capitol Hwy, 44-Mocks Crest, 54-Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, 56-Scholls Ferry Rd, 94-Sherwood/Pacific Hwy Express and 99-McLoughlin Express.

## Columbia and Jefferson streets

Lines 1-Vermont, 6-Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, 38-Boones Ferry Rd, 43-Taylor's Ferry Rd, 45-Garden Home, 55-Hamilton, 58-Canyon Rd, 63-Washington Park, 68-Collins Circle, 92-South Beaverton Express and 96-Tualatin/I-5.

## 2nd Avenue

Line 14-Hawthorne travels west across the Hawthorne Bridge, turns right on SW 2nd Ave, travels east across the Morrison Bridge, turns right onto SE 7th Ave and returns to the regular route on SE Hawthorne.



## Bus stop groups

### 3rd Avenue

- A** Lines 10, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36 and 99
- B** Lines 4, 9, 17 and 19
- C** Lines 8, 12, 44, 54, 56 and 94

### 4th Avenue

- X** Lines 12, 17, 19 and 94
- Y** Lines 8, 9, 10, 31, 32, 33 and 99
- Z** Lines 4, 35, 36, 44, 54 and 56

## Lines with other changes

**Line 1-Greeley**, renamed Line 35-Greeley, continues through downtown as Line 35-Macadam.

**Line 1-Vermont** travels along SW Barbur into SW 4th Ave, left on SW Jefferson and left on SW Broadway into SW Barbur. Saturday buses travel only between Burlingame and SW Vermont & 45th Ave.

**Line 6-Martin Luther King Jr Blvd:** Buses to Portland turn from SW Main, left to SW 3rd, and right to the regular route on SW Jefferson. Buses to Vancouver travel SW Columbia, turn left on 2nd, and right to the regular route on SW Madison.

**Line 9-Powell:** Frequent Service extends to Union Station. Buses on Powell run every 15 minutes until 10 p.m., every night, between SE 98th Ave and Union Station.

**Line 16-Front Ave/St. Johns** travels south along NW Naito, turns right on SW Oak, right on 4th Ave, and right on NW Everett to the regular route.

**Line 40-Mocks Crest**, renamed 44-Mocks Crest, continues through downtown as Line 44-Capitol Hwy.

**Line 41-Tacoma** loops at SW 3rd Ave.

**Line 58-Canyon Rd** travels SW Columbia and turns left on SW 4th Ave. and left to the regular route on SW Jefferson.

**Line 63-Washington Park** loops at SW 3rd Ave. to SW Jefferson.

**Line 68-Collins Circle:** Buses from OHSU turn right on SW Sheridan and left on SW 4th Ave. to the regular route on SW Jefferson.

**Line 77-Broadway/Halsey** runs in front of Union Station on Station Way.

**Line 95-Tigard/I-5 Express** merges with Line 94-Sherwood/Pacific Hwy Express.

**C-TRAN** bus service relocates, with transfer opportunities along 3rd and 4th avenues.

## Easing the transition

### On-street customer service

Dozens of TriMet Ride Guides will be out in force from Jan. 2 to answer questions and provide information. They will talk to customers on buses and at stops. Beginning Jan. 14—the first day of bus relocation—they will be on the street to help bus customers find their new stop locations and offer other assistance.

### Transportation fairs

Along with the Pioneer Square open-house event on Jan. 4, TriMet will host five transportation fairs in December and January. Stop by for bus relocation information and to ask questions of TriMet and City of Portland staff.

### City of Portland building

1221 SW 4th Ave.  
Dec. 12, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

### ECOTrust building

721 NW 9th Ave.  
Jan. 2, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

### Portland State University

#### Smith Memorial Student Union

1825 SW Broadway  
Jan. 9, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### US Bank Tower

555 SW Oak Street  
Jan. 16, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

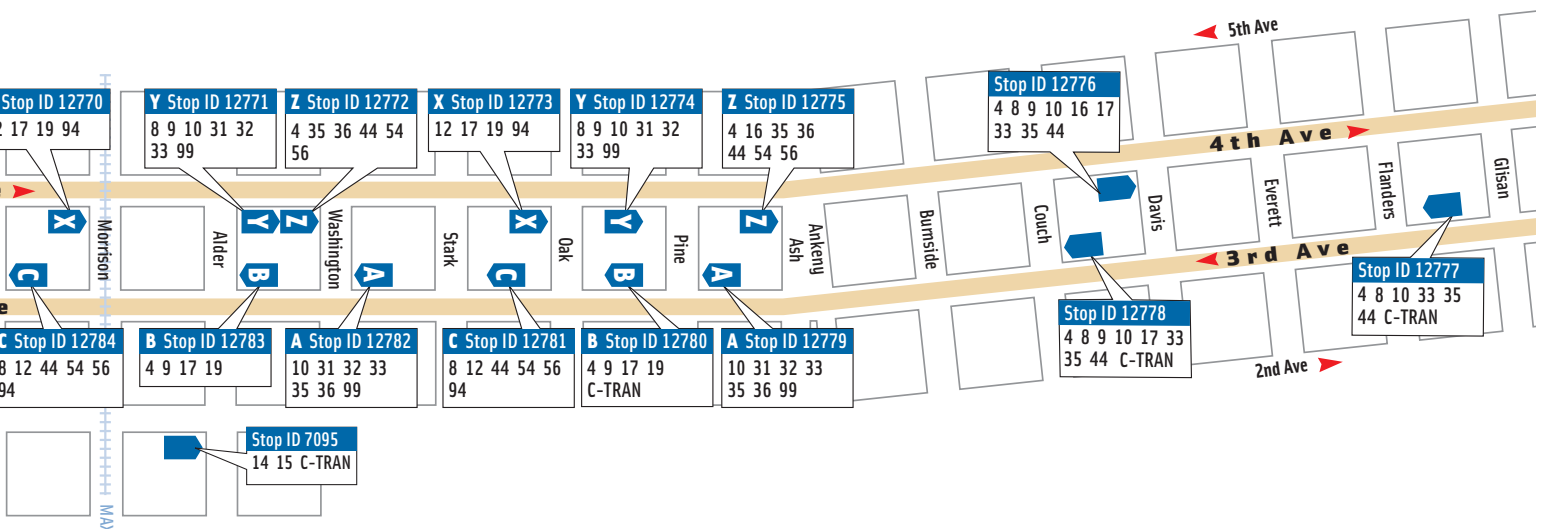
## Bus relocation open house

### Pioneer Courthouse Square

Thursday, January 4  
7 a.m.–7 p.m.

Get ready for the change!

- Get information about stop locations, routes and more.
- Ask questions about the Portland Mall project.



# Get ready to get around in snow and ice

Planning ahead for bad weather can minimize frustration and disruption if snow starts to fall or ice sets in. Many people ride TriMet to work so they don't have to hassle with driving or worry about getting stuck. If you plan to take TriMet during a snow/ice emergency, here's what you need to know:



## Some buses will run on snow routes

TriMet operators are trained to handle adverse weather conditions, and chains are installed on all buses during a snow or ice storm. However, buses will not travel roads that are unsafe for driving. That means buses may not serve parts of their regular routes that are deemed dangerous because of steep hills, etc. Visit [trimet.org](http://trimet.org) or call 503-238-RIDE (7433) to check whether your bus line is on a snow route. You can also watch for announcements on local TV and radio stations.

## Some bus lines will be canceled

Bus lines with many steep hills or other potential dangers may be canceled until the roads have been cleared.

## Buses may not run on schedule

Snow and ice on the roads slow down all traffic, so buses may experience significant delays during weather emergencies. Plus, chained buses cannot travel more than 25 mph. However, buses should arrive at regular intervals even if they are not on schedule.

## TransitTracker will be offline

When many buses are delayed, the system cannot accurately predict when buses will arrive at specific stops. You can still check [trimet.org](http://trimet.org) or call 503-238-RIDE (7433) for the most up-to-date information on route detours and cancellations.

TriMet is committed to helping people get where they need to go in spite of the weather. So take some of the stress out of winter commuting by planning ahead and leaving the driving to us!

## Preparation pays off

TriMet staff will be at major transit centers throughout the region to assist riders. Here's how you can make your own preparations:

- Dress warmly and expect some delays.
- If there's no traffic going by your bus stop, walk to a stop on a sanded, busy street.
- If your stop is in the middle of a hill, walk to the bottom where the bus can safely stop.
- Stand back from the curb until the bus comes to a complete stop; it can slide sideways in slippery conditions.

# Transit programs for colleges

Do you work at or attend a college, or know someone who does? TriMet's transportation programs work because students reap these benefits:

- More savings, thanks to lower commuting costs
- Freedom to travel throughout the entire TriMet service area

TriMet offers two college transit pass programs with different costs and levels of student involvement. The programs are not offered directly to students, but to colleges acting through their administrative offices.

With either program, students get a sticker on their college photo ID that is valid for unlimited travel on TriMet bus, MAX and Portland Streetcar. Meanwhile, college administrations get the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate commitment to eco-friendly commute options
- Reduce the financial burden on students
- Alleviate congestion and parking stress

## What next?

Contact your TriMet marketing representative at 503-962-7670 or learn more at [trimet.org/colleges](http://trimet.org/colleges). We'll help to make any college program a success.

# Ride TriMet for the holidays

We can't do your shopping, cook dinner or wrap gifts for you. But we *can* relieve the stress of holiday traffic and parking this season.



## Airport travel

The MAX Red Line takes riders and their bags directly to the baggage claim area at PDX, without the hassle or expense of airport parking. Trains leave from the airport as late as 11:57 p.m.—so even with a late flight, it's a great way to get home.

## New Year's Eve

Go on, enjoy yourself! But why not leave the driving to us? Take a free ride on MAX, buses and the Portland Streetcar on New Year's Eve from 6 p.m. until the end of the service day. MAX and several bus lines will operate until 3 a.m., so getting to all the celebrations—and home again—is safe and easy.

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Bus lines that serve downtown Portland follow weekday schedules—except lines 18, 41, 55 and 99, which are canceled. MAX trains and bus lines that don't serve downtown Portland run Saturday schedules. Check [trimet.org/mlkday](http://trimet.org/mlkday) for details.

# Travel training for safety and independence

Have you heard of RideWise? It's a partnership between TriMet and Ride Connection, a non-profit community service organization. The program offers travel training and education for people with disabilities and senior citizens, helping them travel safely and independently using public transportation.



By providing information on transportation choices, personal trip planning and instruction in riding buses and MAX trains, RideWise helps build confidence and skills to use all available transit options. Among its offerings are:

- Information about transportation services available in your area
- Help in choosing the mode of transportation that best fits the type of trip you are making
- Personal and group orientation in boarding actual TriMet buses and MAX trains, using vehicles not in service
- Personal and group travel training with a RideWise volunteer or staff member, using in-service vehicles

There is no charge for RideWise services. For more information or to develop your individual transportation plan, contact RideWise:

**Phone** 503-226-0700

**TTY** (relay service) 1-800-735-2900

**Fax** 503-493-7431

**Email** [ridewise@rideconnection.org](mailto:ridewise@rideconnection.org)

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# Take TriMet to ancient Egypt

Want to travel back in time? The Portland Art Museum launches the "Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt" exhibition beginning November 5, 2006 and running through March 4, 2007. This prized exhibit features the largest selection of antiquities ever loaned by Egypt for exhibition in North America. It includes objects that have never been on public display and many that have never been seen outside of Egypt. Ancient Egyptian beliefs and practices based on the afterlife journey of pharaohs will be dramatically illustrated through approximately 115 magnificent objects from Egypt and a life-sized reconstruction of the burial chamber of the New Kingdom pharaoh Thutmose III.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. To get more information about this exhibit, visit [portlandartmuseum.org](http://portlandartmuseum.org). Then plan your trip at [trimet.org](http://trimet.org).

# Tips for a better commute during bus relocation

## Avoid the drive at 5

If you want to take away a sound-bite's worth of advice, this is it. Studies show that auto traffic and bus usage triples at 5 p.m. compared to earlier in the afternoon and later in the evening. During relocation, buses will join pedestrians, cyclists and motorists on streets that didn't have buses before. Under such conditions, congestion is a fact of life. Consider changing your commute times a bit, especially if you leave work right at 5 p.m.

## Make seconds count

If you do commute at 5 p.m., here are a few actions you can take to help speed things along for you and your fellow riders:

- Be ready to board with exact change or a valid ticket, transfer receipt or monthly pass. (If you are riding only within Fareless Square, no fare is needed.)
- Everyone must board the bus through the *front* door—so when your stop comes up, go with the flow: Exit the *rear* door when possible. Just push and it will open.



- Move aside for people getting on or off the bus.
- In the Priority Seating area, remember to move for seniors and people with disabilities.

## Look alive for safety

Along with convenience, remember to keep safety in mind. Please slow down and take the time to “look alive” on these very busy streets. Remember, buses and bus riders will be newcomers.

- Many buses will still run on frequent service; if you miss your bus, another will be along shortly.
- Obey all traffic signals—whether you are on foot, on a bike, or in a motor vehicle.
- When on foot, cross the street only at designated crosswalks.

- Never cross in front of a bus unless it's at a red light.

There will be increased security in the construction areas along the Portland Mall, 3rd and 4th avenues and Columbia and Jefferson streets. As always, please report any suspicious behavior and/or objects to a TriMet employee, or call 9-1-1.

## Buy your monthly pass early



Early birds can purchase TriMet monthly passes as early as the 20th of each month at the TriMet Ticket Office in Pioneer Courthouse Square or at any authorized TriMet outlet. Purchase early and avoid the wait in line. For purchase locations, visit [trimet.org/wheretobuy](http://trimet.org/wheretobuy).

## Contact TriMet

Customer assistance and trip planning .....	503-238-RIDE TTY 503-238-5811 <a href="http://trimet.org">trimet.org</a>
Employer programs .....	503-962-7670
Carpool/vanpool programs .....	503-962-2433
Carpool matching .....	<a href="http://carpoolmatchnw.org">carpoolmatchnw.org</a> 503-CAR-POOL
Info for people with disabilities .....	503-962-2455
Bikes on TriMet .....	503-962-7644

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