

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 and MAX has increased for all but one year in the past 23 years.

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

During fiscal year 2011

Residents and visitors boarded a bus, MAX or WES train 100 million times:

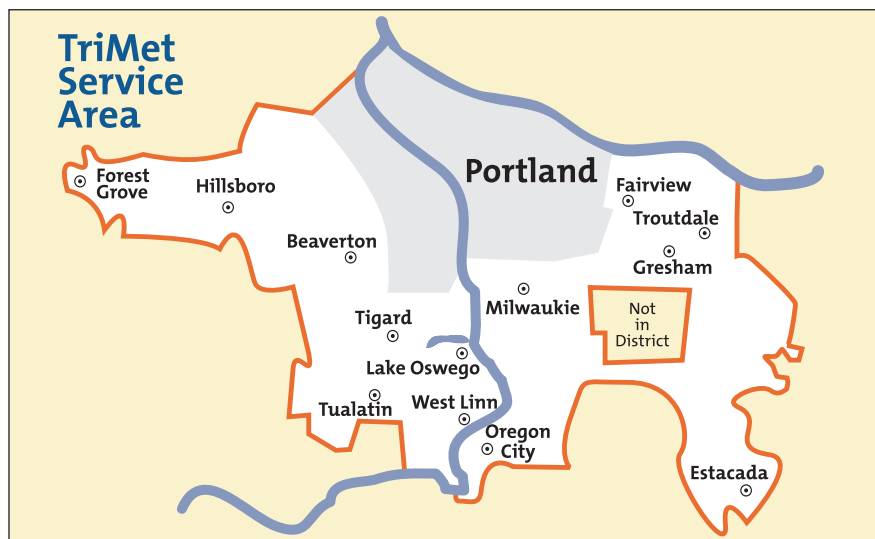
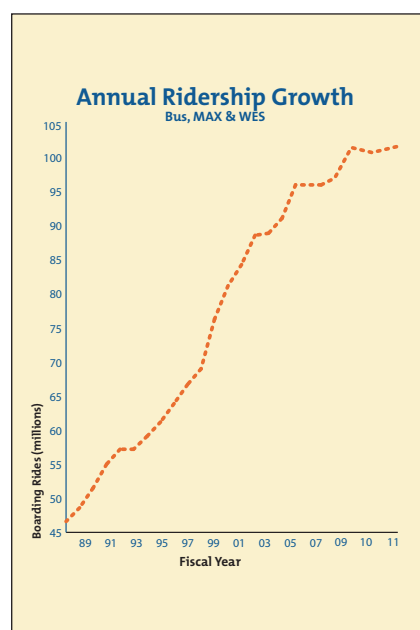
- 58.4 million were bus trips
- 41.2 million were MAX trips
- 370,800 were WES trips

Weekday boardings averaged 318,500 trips:

- 190,300 were bus trips
- 126,800 were MAX trips
- 1,450 were WES trips

Weekend ridership:

- Bus and MAX ridership averaged 343,900 trips.



TriMet's service area covers 570 square miles within the tri-county region with a population of 1.5 million people.

Portland is the 24th-largest metro area in the U.S., but transit ridership is 7th per capita.

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

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 can carry the equivalent of 2.9 extra lanes of traffic on the Sunset Hwy.

Most riders (84%) 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.

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

Clean air

Each weekday, MAX eliminates more than 87,000 car trips from our roads, easing traffic congestion and helping keep our air clean. That adds up to 28.6 million fewer car trips each year.

TriMet's MAX and buses combined eliminate 207,300 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 the urbanized areas of the tri-county 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 and paratransit service for people with disabilities.

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

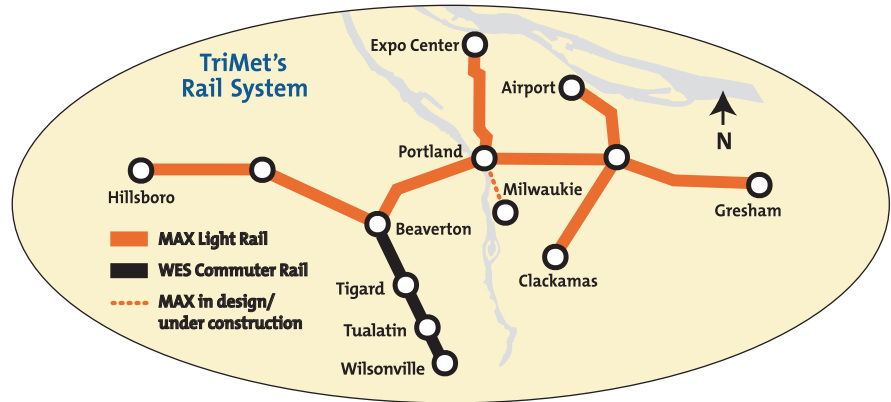
Federal 83%; State/Local 17%

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 in 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 in 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. Since opening, weekday ridership has increased 37%.

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 and has served more than 800,000 since opening. Ridership is up 44% since opening.

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 40% of weekday transit trips and:

- removes cars from our roads and helps keep our air clean.
- is a catalyst for development—more than \$10 billion in development has occurred within walking distance of MAX stations since the decision to build in 1980.
- helps preserve neighborhoods and our region's livability.

History

1969

TriMet formed after Rose City Transit faces bankruptcy.

1977

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 Transportation Association.

September 1994

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

Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail


A second light rail extension to Clackamas County is in the design/construction phase. The 7.3-mile Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project will connect Portland State University and South Waterfront to SE Portland, Milwaukie and north Clackamas County. It also includes a unique multi-modal transit bridge over the Willamette River that will accommodate buses, MAX 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 is set to open in 2015.

Bus service and other amenities

79 bus lines

TriMet has 79 bus lines, with 73 connecting with TriMet's rail system. Buses also serve 17 major transit centers and the Portland Streetcar.

12 Frequent Service Lines

 TriMet's Frequent Service bus lines operate every 15-17 minutes or better during weekday rush hours. 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 58% of all bus trips with 48% of weekly service hours.

Downtown Portland Transit Mall

Originally built for just buses in 1977 and later extended in 1994, MAX light rail service began on the Transit 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 12,690 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 20 locations along the MAX line. Visit trimet.org for locations.

Bikes and TriMet

All buses and trains accommodate bikes, although space is limited, especially during peak hours. There is parking for more than 1,900 bikes at TriMet stops and stations, including 454 bike lockers and three Bike & Ride facilities providing secure parking for 180 bikes. Learn more at 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.

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 FY11, LIFT provided 1.1 million rides. For information, call 503-962-8200, TTY 503-962-8058 or visit trimet.org.

Building the Total Transit System

TriMet is working to build and operate the Total Transit System. This includes elements that make transit a safe and attractive choice for riders who like frequent, reliable service with comfortable vehicles, easy access to shops and stations, and clear and accessible service information.

TriMet's Transit Investment Plan (trimet.org/tip) provides a blueprint of where the agency will make investments in service and amenities through partnerships with local governments.

As part of the Total Transit System, TriMet has enhanced service and added convenience through:

- TransitTracker™ real-time arrival information available for all 6,800 bus stops and all MAX and WES stations by phone at 503-238-RIDE (7433), trimet.org, for mobile devices by text and through 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.
- stop ID information posted at all MAX and WES stations, and at 75% of bus stops, with all completed in FY12.
- 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.

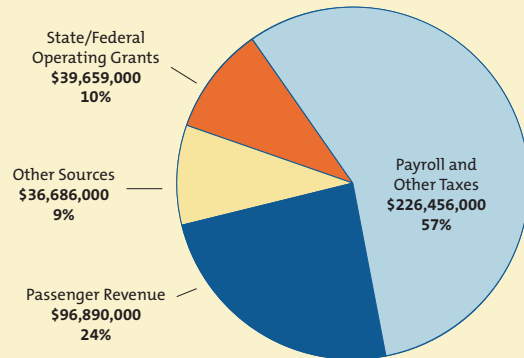
September 2009

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

Passenger Facilities

- 79 bus lines
- 1,100 bus shelters; 322 equipped with solar-powered LED lighting units
- 625 buses including 360 low-floor buses; 55 new buses, including 4 hybrids, arrive in 2012
- 6,800 bus stops
- 17 transit centers where buses and trains meet
- 127 MAX vehicles and 85 MAX light rail stations
- 3 Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs) and 1 trailer, plus 2 Rail Diesel Cars (RDCs) for WES Commuter Rail
- 32 TriMet Park & Ride lots, totaling 11,523 spaces
- 3 Bike & Ride facilities with secure parking for 180 bicycles
- 253 LIFT buses and 15 vans provide door-to-door service

Operating Revenue Sources (FY11)*



*Audited financial data

The payroll and self-employment tax rate is 0.6918% (\$6.92 per \$1,000 on gross payroll). The rate will increase to 0.7018% on January 1, 2012. Operating costs per boarding ride: \$2.86 (bus); \$1.61 (MAX).

Other services Carpooling

Reduced parking rates are available for carpools in downtown Portland and the Pearl and Lloyd districts. Visit 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.

TriMet in service

- Buses and trains stop nearly 2 million times a week to pick up riders.
- Buses and trains travel 525,000 miles a week.
- Vehicles are in motion close to 34,000 hours a week.

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—159 buses have this technology onboard.
- 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
Craig Prosser	Clackamas County
Consuelo Saragoza	SE Portland
Tiffany Sweitzer	N & NW Portland
Rick Van Beveren, President	Washington County

TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane was appointed by the Board and began his tenure in July 2010.

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