

# Facts about TriMet

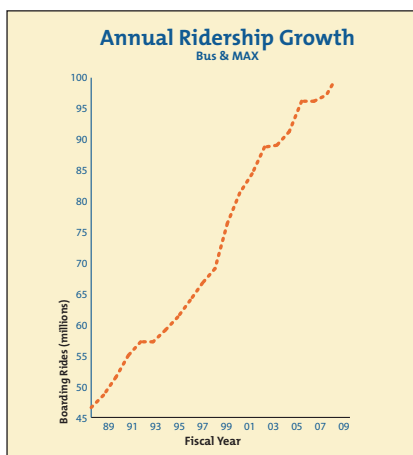
## Ridership

TriMet is a national leader in providing transit service. TriMet carries more people in the Portland metro area than any other U.S. transit system its size. Weekly ridership on buses and MAX has increased for 20 consecutive years.

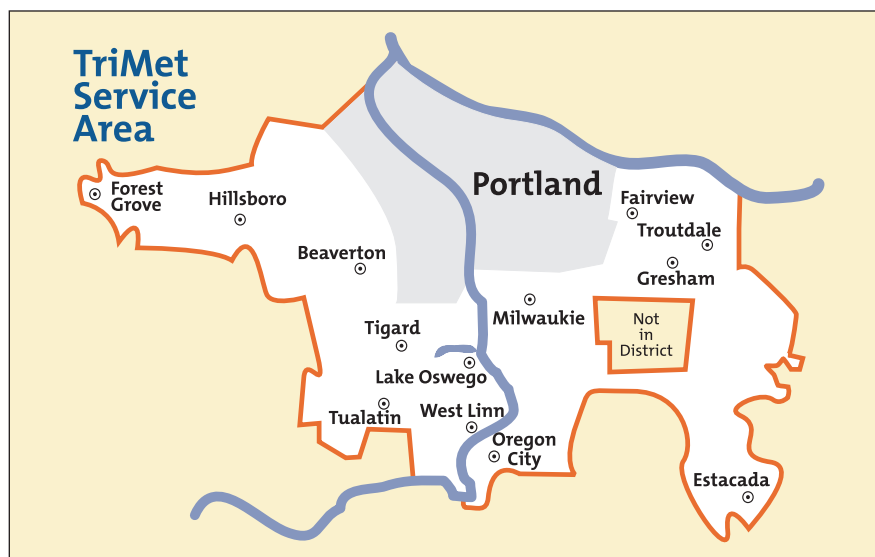
TriMet ridership has outpaced population growth and daily vehicle miles traveled for more than a decade.

### During fiscal year 2008:

- Residents and visitors boarded a bus or MAX train 99.1 million times:
  - ◊ 63.9 million were bus trips
  - ◊ 35.2 million were MAX trips
- Weekday boardings averaged 315,100 trips:
  - ◊ 207,700 (Bus)
  - ◊ 107,400 (MAX)



- Weekend ridership:
  - ◊ Bus and MAX ridership averaged 343,300 trips.
- More people ride TriMet than transit systems in larger cities, such as Seattle, Denver and Miami.



TriMet serves 575 square miles of the urban portions of the tri-county area.

## Maintaining livability Easing traffic congestion

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

Westside MAX provides the transportation capacity equivalent to another 1.2 lanes in each direction on the Sunset Hwy.

Most riders (71%) are choice riders: they have a car available or choose not to own one so they can ride TriMet.

44% of adults in the region use TriMet at least twice a month.

### Clean air

Each weekday, MAX eliminates 74,000 car trips off our roads, easing traffic congestion and helping keep our air clean. That adds up to 24.5 million fewer car trips each year.

TriMet's MAX and buses combined eliminate 205,200 daily car trips, or 64.7 million trips each year.

In all, TriMet service eliminates about 4.2 tons of smog-producing pollutants each day.

## 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: a 44-mile MAX light rail system, 93 bus lines, 14.7-mile WES Commuter Rail, service for seniors and people with disabilities, and enhanced amenities and information.

## MAX: a 44-mile regional light rail system

### Airport MAX—Red Line

The 5.5-mile Airport MAX Red Line opened in Sept. 2001 and connects with the MAX Blue and Yellow lines. It runs every 15 minutes between Beaverton and Portland Int'l Airport.

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.

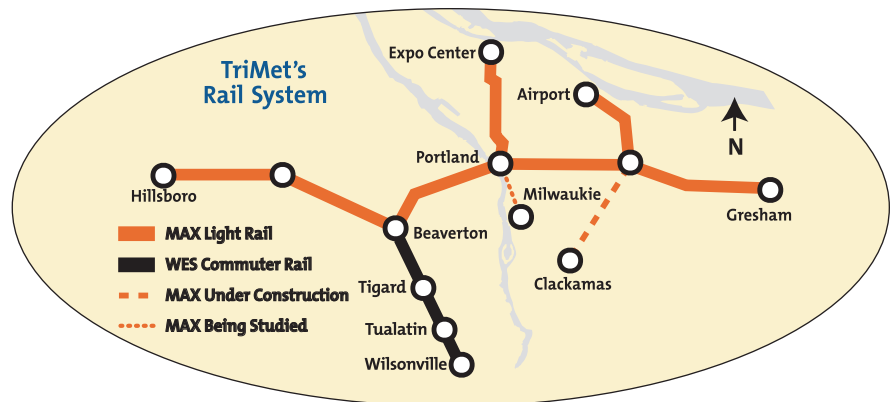
Last year, 1.2 million people got on or off the MAX line at the airport, a 7.7% increase over the previous year.

Construction: May 1999–Sept. 2001  
Funding: \$125 million  
Private \$28.2 million  
Local \$96.8 million

## Connecting communities

TriMet's 44-mile Metropolitan Area Express (MAX) light rail system with 64 stations connects the cities of Portland, Gresham, Beaverton and Hillsboro, and the Portland International Airport. MAX provides 34% 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 \$7 billion in development has occurred within walking distance of MAX stations since the decision to build in 1980.
- helps preserve neighborhoods and our livability.



### Eastside MAX—Blue Line

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

Construction: March 1982–Sept. 1986  
Funding: \$214 million  
Federal 83%; State/Local 17%

### Interstate MAX—Yellow Line

The 5.8-mile Interstate MAX line opened May 1, 2004—four months ahead of schedule and millions under budget. The line connects the Expo Center through North Portland to the Rose Quarter, and through downtown Portland. Along with MAX, bus service in N/NE Portland was improved.

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

Construction: Nov. 2000–May 2004  
Funding: \$350 million  
Federal 74%; Local 26%

### Westside MAX—Blue Line

The 18-mile Westside MAX line, built on time and on budget, opened in 1998 between downtown Portland and the cities of Beaverton and Hillsboro. Transit ridership in this corridor has tripled since opening.

Construction: July 1993–Sept. 1998  
Funding: \$963 million  
Federal 73%; State/Local 27%

### WES (Westside Express Service) Commuter Rail

The 14.7-mile commuter rail line uses existing freight tracks to serve the cities of Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville. This 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 begins in February 2009.

Construction: Oct. 2006–Feb. 2009  
Funding: \$117.3 million base project; \$38.7 million local options

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

### Under Construction

#### I-205/Portland Mall MAX Light Rail

The 8.3-mile extension into Clackamas County and along a new alignment in downtown Portland will open Sept. 2009. TriMet's fifth MAX line will add tracks between Gateway Transit Center and Clackamas Town Center; and in downtown along the 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%

#### 1969

**History** 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.

## 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 and Milwaukie. The project could open in 2015.

## Bus service and other amenities

### 93 bus lines

TriMet has 93 bus lines, with 78 connecting with MAX. Buses also serve 18 major transit centers and the Portland Streetcar.

### Frequent Service



TriMet's 16 Frequent Service bus lines operate every 15 minutes or better, every day along key corridors throughout the region. These lines offer low-floor, air-conditioned vehicles, new shelters and schedule information in addition to increased service frequency. The 164-mile Frequent Service network carries 57% of all bus trips, with 46% of weekly bus-service hours.

### Portland Mall

With construction on the Mall MAX segment, all buses are relocated until spring 2009. Buses operate on 3rd and 4th avenues, Columbia and Jefferson streets and SW 2nd Ave.

### Fareless Square

Rides are free within a 330-square-block area of downtown Portland, between I-405 and NW Irving, and the Lloyd District. Fareless Square in the Lloyd District includes four MAX stations (Rose Quarter Transit Center, Convention Center, NE 7th Ave and Lloyd Center/NE 11th Ave) and buses traveling on NE Multnomah east to 13th Ave.

## Park & Ride lots

Park & Ride lots provide access to transit in locations that are not well served by bus lines and at rail stations outside the Central City. TriMet operates 26 dedicated lots and another 33 lots are provided through a shared use arrangement. Parking is free and limited to up to 24 hours or as posted. TriMet currently provides 10,600 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 13 locations along the entire MAX line: Hatfield Government Center, Elmonica/SW 170th Ave, Beaverton Creek, Millikan Way, Beaverton TC, Sunset TC, Library/Galleria, Old Town/Chinatown, Lloyd Center/NE 11th Ave, NE 82nd Ave, Gateway TC, Parkrose/Sumner TC and Delta Park/Vanport TC.

## 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).

### RideWise

The RideWise program helps seniors and people with disabilities travel safely and independently using public transportation. Learn how to board buses and trains and access service information. Call 503-238-RIDE (7433).

### LIFT paratransit service

TriMet's LIFT paratransit service provides door-to-door service for people with disabilities unable to

ride TriMet buses or MAX. In FY08, LIFT provided 1.1 million rides, up 3.5% over the prior year. LIFT service hours expanded 4.3% last year to accommodate continued growth. For information, call 503-802-8200, TTY 503-802-8058 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 44 miles of MAX light rail, 14.7 miles of WES Commuter Rail, 93 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:

- 16 Frequent Service bus lines
- TransitTracker™ real-time arrival information available for all 7,280 bus stops, 64 MAX stations and five WES stations by phone (503-238-RIDE) and online at [trimet.org](http://trimet.org).
- TransitTracker readerboard signs posted at major transfer points and many MAX and all WES stations.
- WiFi available on WES.
- adding more 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 1994

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

#### September 1998

The 18-mile Westside MAX line, completed on time and on budget, begins service to Beaverton and Hillsboro.

#### 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.

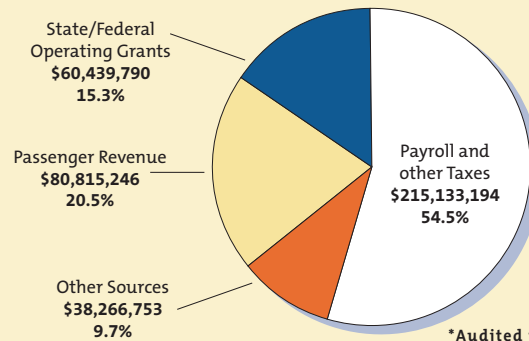
#### May 2004

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### Passenger Facilities

- 93 bus lines
- 1,140 bus shelters; 270 equipped with solar-powered LED lighting units
- 631 buses including 361 low-floor buses
- 7,280 bus stops
- 18 transit centers where buses and trains meet
- 105 MAX vehicles and 64 MAX light rail stations
- 22 "Type 4" MAX vehicles are being manufactured and delivered throughout the next 11 months
- 3 Diesel Multiple Unit (DMUs) and 1 trailer for WES Commuter Rail
- 26 TriMet Park & Ride lots, totaling 8,900 spaces
- 254 LIFT buses and 15 sedans provide door-to-door service

### Operating Revenue Sources (FY08)\*



\*Audited financial data

The payroll and self-employment tax rate is 0.6618% (\$6.62 per \$1,000 on gross payroll). The rate will increase to 0.6718% on January 1, 2009. Operating costs per boarding ride: \$2.76 (Bus); \$1.55 (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).

#### Bikes on TriMet

Buses and MAX trains are bike accessible, and are heavily used during rush hour. Bike parking is available at many transit centers and MAX stations, and at all WES stations. Visit [trimet.org](http://trimet.org) for locations.

#### Environmental leader

TriMet continually seeks out 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, and is now adding it to 66 buses this year.
- Particulate emissions have been reduced by 95% on a quarter of the bus fleet with the use of particulate traps and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel.
- All TriMet buses are fueled with a 5% blend of biodiesel.
- TriMet has eliminated 99% of its hazardous wastes over 20 years.
- The most recent MAX light rail extension is one of the "greenest" systems built to date, using environmentally friendly construction practices and recycled materials, resulting in \$3 million in savings.

### TriMet Board of Directors

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

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George Passadore, President	SW Portland
Rick Van Beveren	Washington County
Tiffany Sweitzer	N & NW Portland
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George Richardson	NE Portland
Lynn Lehrbach	E Multnomah County
Robert Williams	Clackamas County

*TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen was appointed by the Board in October 1998.*

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