

Facts about TriMet

Ridership

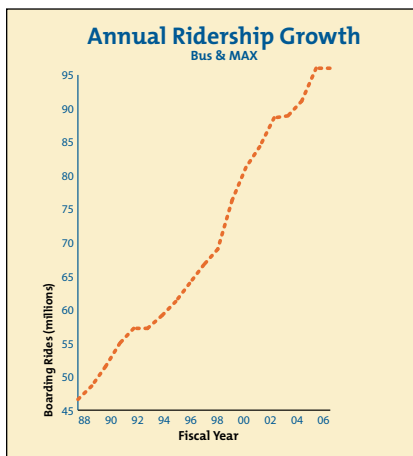
TriMet is a national leader in providing transit service. TriMet carries more people than any other U.S. transit system its size. Weekly ridership on buses and MAX has increased for 18 consecutive years.

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

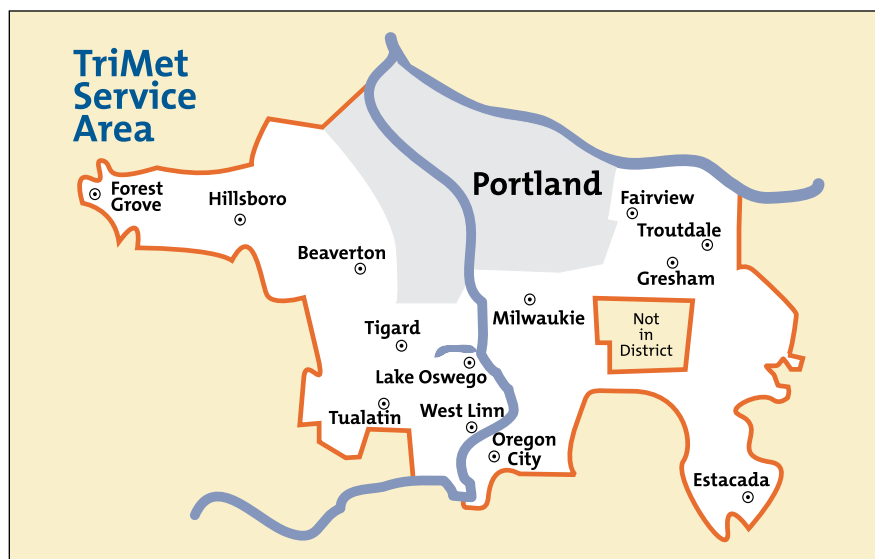
During fiscal year 2006:

Residents and visitors boarded a bus or MAX train 95.7 million times:

- 63.1 million were bus trips
- 32.6 million were MAX trips



- Weekday boardings averaged 307,300 trips:
 - 207,400 (Bus)
 - 99,800 (MAX)
- Weekend ridership:
 - Bus and MAX ridership averaged 322,300 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—70%—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 69,000 car trips off our roads, easing traffic congestion and helping keep our air clean. That adds up to 22.7 million fewer car trips each year.

TriMet's MAX and buses combined eliminate 200,100 daily car trips, or 62.5 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 including a 44-mile, 64-station MAX light rail system, 91 bus lines, 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 International 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.

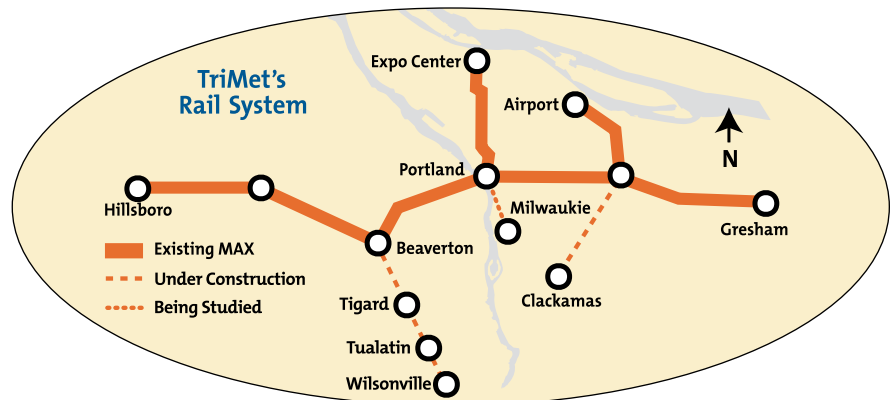
Last year, about one million people got on or off the MAX line at the airport, a 10.5% increase over the previous year.

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 33% of weekday transit trips and:

- removes cars from our roads and helps keep our air clean.
- continues to attract riders.
- is a catalyst for transit-oriented development—more than \$6 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, stretching east from downtown Portland to 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 adds 10 stations from the Expo Center through North Portland to the Rose Quarter, and operates through downtown Portland. Along with MAX, bus service in N/NE Portland was improved.

Weekday ridership is 95% greater than on 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 extension, built on time and on budget, began service in 1998 between downtown Portland and the western suburbs 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%

Under Construction

I-205/Portland Mall MAX Light Rail

Construction begins in February 2007 on the 8.3-mile extension into Clackamas County and along a new alignment in downtown Portland. This fifth MAX extension would add light rail in 2009 between Gateway Transit Center and Clackamas Town Center; and in downtown Portland along the Mall on 5th and 6th avenues between Union Station and Portland State University.

Construction: Feb. 2007–Sept. 2009
Funding: \$557.4 million
Federal 60%; State/Local 40%

Washington County Commuter Rail

The 14.7-mile commuter rail line is under construction. The line will use existing freight tracks to add transit service in the heavily traveled I-5/Hwy. 217 corridor. This suburban commuter rail line will connect with MAX and buses in Beaverton, and bus service in the cities of Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville. Service on the rush-hour only line is set to open in Sept. 2008.

Construction: Oct. 2006–Sept. 2008
Funding: \$117.3 million
Federal 50%; State/Local 50%

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.

On the horizon

A second light rail extension to Clackamas County is being studied. The 6.5-mile Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project would connect Portland State University to SE Portland and Milwaukie. Additional analysis is underway to complete a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Study. If approved, the project could be built as early as 2015.

Bus service and other amenities

91 bus lines

TriMet has 91 bus lines, with 77 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 of the Portland Mall MAX segment, all buses along the Portland Mall will be relocated for about two years. Buses will 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

Commuters can park free at 21 TriMet owned and operated Park & Ride lots along most transit routes. These lots have 8,112 parking spaces. An additional 1,200 spaces at 31 sites are made available through community partnerships. Some facilities fill up early, while others have space available throughout the day. Parking is limited to 24 hours.

Quick Drop

Quick Drop locations offer short-term parking for easy drop-off and pick-up of riders along the MAX Blue Line and Red Line: Beaverton Transit Center, Sunset TC, Library/Galleria, Old Town/Chinatown, Lloyd Center/11th Ave, NE 82nd Ave, Gateway TC and Parkrose/Sumner 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.

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 FY06,

LIFT provided 1.1 million rides, up 2.3% over the prior year. LIFT service hours expanded 3.5% last year to accommodate continued growth. For information, call 503-802-8200, TTY 503-802-8058 or visit 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 of 44 miles of MAX light rail connects with most of the agency's 91 bus lines, as well as 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
- Transit Tracker real-time arrival information available for all 7,625 bus stops and 64 MAX stations by phone (503-238-RIDE) and online at trimet.org
- Transit Tracker readerboard signs posted at major transfer points and many MAX stations.
- adding more bus shelters
- adding schedules at every bus stop as new bus stop signs and poles are installed
- 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.

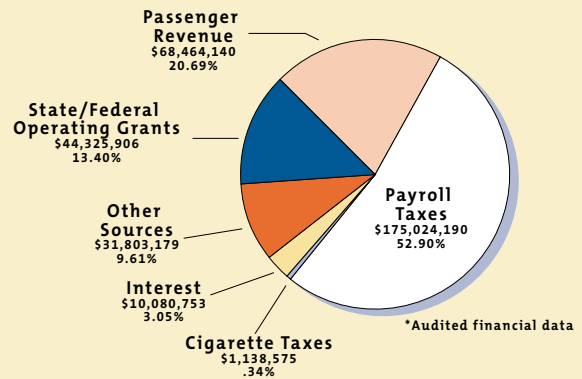
May 2004

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Passenger Facilities

- 91 bus lines
- 1,100 bus shelters
- 606 buses including 321 low-floor buses
- 7,625 bus stops
- 18 transit centers where buses and trains meet
- 105 MAX vehicles and 64 MAX light rail stations
- 21 TriMet Park & Ride lots, totaling 8,112 spaces
- 220 LIFT buses and 15 sedans provide door-to-door service

Operating Revenue Sources (FY06)*



Local funding comes from payroll-related taxes at a rate of .6518% (\$6.52 per \$1,000) on gross payroll.
Operating cost per boarding ride: \$2.58 (Bus); \$1.52 (MAX)

Other services

Carpooling

Reduced parking rates are available for carpools in downtown Portland, the Pearl District and the Lloyd District. 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.

Bikes on TriMet

TriMet is 100% bike accessible. For information, visit trimet.org.

Covered bike parking is available at many MAX stations and transit centers. Visit 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 likely made TriMet the most fuel-efficient transit district in the country.
- 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.
- All TriMet fixed-route buses and LIFT vehicles are fueled with a 5% blend of biodiesel.
- The agency is the first in the nation to test NASCAR technology to electronically cool bus engines and increase fuel efficiency. Four more buses are being tested.
- TriMet is testing two diesel-electric hybrid buses that reduce emissions and improve fuel efficiency.

TriMet Board of Directors

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

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

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