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Memo

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To: General Manager and Board of Directors

From: Timothy Kea, Program Manager, Financial Systems
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Subject: October 2026 Monthly Performance Report

Monthly system-wide ridership was 6.1 million, up 2.6% from last October. Passenger revenue increased by 3.4%, and system costs per boarding decreased by 4.5%, from $8.88 to $8.48, compared to October 2025. Monthly Streetcar ridership increased by 8.7% compared to last year.

1. Weekly system ridership increased by 3.6% in October compared to the previous year. Weekly ridership increased by 3.6% on bus, 3.8% on MAX, 12.7% on WES, and 0.7% on LIFT/TNC compared to last October.

2. Weekday fixed route ridership was 213,197 in October, an increase of 3.3% compared to the prior year. Ridership increased by 3.0% on bus, 3.7% on MAX, and 12.7% on WES compared to last year. Weekend fixed route ridership increased by 5.6% on bus and 4.3% on MAX compared to the same time last year.

3. The five MAX lines averaged 68,283 weekday ridership, 56,770 Saturday ridership, and 45,794 Sunday ridership in October. Weekday ridership on the five MAX lines averaged 29,247 on the Blue Line, 18,503 on the Red Line, 8,143 on the Yellow Line, 5,726 on the Green Line, and 6,664 on the Orange Line. Total MAX ridership increased 2.7% during the weekday peak and 4.4% during weekday off-peak periods, resulting in a 3.7% increase in weekday MAX ridership compared to last October.

   MAX weekend ridership increased by 0.6% on Saturday and 9.3% on Sunday compared to the same time last year.

   Total MAX weekly ridership in October increased by 3.8% compared to last year.

4. Bus ridership averaged 144,300 on weekdays, 102,066 on Saturdays, and 83,351 on Sundays in October. Bus ridership increased 2.4% during weekday peak periods and 3.6% during weekday off-peak periods, resulting in a 3.0% increase in weekday bus ridership compared to last year.

   Bus weekend ridership increased by 6.6% on Saturday and 4.5% on Sunday compared to last year.

   Total weekly bus ridership in October increased by 3.6% year over year.

Bus weekly ridership increased 7.6% on frequent routes, but decreased 6.9% on non-frequent routes compared to October last year.

5. WES averaged 614 daily ridership in October, a 12.7% increase compared to the prior year. In October, WES operated with 4 late trains, 0 trains out of service, 0 missed pullouts, and 1 vehicle mechanical failure, resulting in 99.0% of trips made on time. WES runs every 45 minutes on weekdays during the morning and afternoon rush hours. It is considered on-time if it arrives at the destination platform (Beaverton TC to Wilsonville) within 4 minutes of the published arrival time.

6. Weekly LIFT/TNC ridership increased by 0.7% in October. Weekday ridership was unchanged, and weekend ridership increased by 5.3% compared to the prior year.

   LIFT is maximizing productivity across its dedicated fleet and reducing reliance on supplemental providers. Cab service has not been utilized since September 2026, and this approach is expected to continue through year-end.

7. October passenger revenues were $6.6 million, an increase of 3.4% compared to last year.

8. Fixed Route Operating costs/boarding ride measure the direct cost of providing each ride. Operating costs include labor, energy, and expendable supplies used to provide transit service and maintain vehicles and plant facilities. The average fixed route operating costs per boarding decreased from $7.99 to $7.54, or 5.6%, compared to last year.

9. Weekday Streetcar ridership averaged 1,901 on A-Loop, 1,775 on B-Loop, and 5,359 on the North South (NS) line, an increase of 4.3% on A-Loop, 5.2% on B-Loop, and 6.0% on NS, compared to October 2025.

   In October, Streetcar's On-Time Performance for the A-Loop, B-Loop, and NS line was 78.0%, 71.0%, and 78.0%, respectively. The City of Portland owns the streetcar, and TriMet operates it.

SYSTEM RIDERSHIP SUMMARY

Measure	Oct 26	Oct 25	% Change	FY27-TD	FY26-TD	% Change
Avg Weekday Boardings						
Fixed Route						
Bus-Other Service	37,699	40,523	-7.0%	37,168	38,760	-4.1%
Bus-Frequent Service*	106,601	99,513	7.1%	100,253	96,840	3.5%
Subtotal All Bus	144,300	140,036	3.0%	137,421	135,600	1.3%
MAX	68,283	65,846	3.7%	66,204	65,580	1.0%
Commuter Rail	614	545	12.7%	582	530	9.8%
Fixed Route Total	213,197	206,427	3.3%	204,207	201,710	1.2%
Paratransit						
LIFT, Cabs & TNC**	2,864	2,864	0.0%	2,766	2,754	0.4%
System Total	**216,061**	**209,291**	**3.2%**	**206,972**	**204,464**	**1.2%**
Avg Weekly Boardings						
Fixed Route						
Bus-Other Service	227,845	244,797	-6.9%	227,934	235,653	-3.3%
Bus-Frequent Service*	679,072	630,893	7.6%	645,351	620,159	4.1%
Subtotal All Bus	906,917	875,690	3.6%	873,284	855,811	2.0%
MAX	443,979	427,556	3.8%	438,629	431,829	1.6%
Commuter Rail	3,070	2,725	12.7%	2,909	2,649	9.8%
Fixed Route Total	1,353,966	1,305,971	3.7%	1,314,822	1,290,289	1.9%
Frequent Bus % of Total Bus	74.9%	72.0%	2.8%	73.9%	72.5%	1.4%
Paratransit						
LIFT, Cabs & TNC	16,676	16,557	0.7%	16,107	15,964	0.9%
System Total	**1,370,642**	**1,322,528**	**3.6%**	**1,330,928**	**1,306,253**	**1.9%**
Operations Cost / Boarding Ride * **						
Fixed Route						
Bus-Other Service	$9.66	$9.72	-0.62%	$10.13	$10.17	-0.39%
Bus-Frequent Service*	$6.11	$6.06	0.83%	$6.33	$6.25	1.28%
Subtotal All Bus	$7.00	$7.08	-1.13%	$7.32	$7.33	-0.14%
MAX	$8.29	$9.47	-12.46%	$8.52	$9.32	-8.58%
Commuter Rail	$57.50	$67.93	-15.35%	$71.14	$71.27	-0.18%
Fixed Route Total	$7.54	$7.99	-5.63%	$7.86	$8.12	-3.20%
Paratransit						
LIFT, Cabs & TNC	$85.58	$77.87	9.90%	$84.64	$80.11	5.65%
System Total	**$8.48**	**$8.88**	**-4.50%**	**$8.78**	**$8.99**	**-2.34%**

* Frequent Bus lines are those operating at headways of 15 minutes or less.
All other bus lines, plus special services are included under "Other Bus Services".

** Transportation Network Company (TNC eff. FY2024)

*** Operations Cost: Expenses for labor, energy and expendable supplies required to provide transit service and maintain vehicles and plant facilities. Does not include General and Administrative, interest or depreciation.

KEY INDICATOR PERFORMANCE REPORT (FIXED ROUTE)

	Oct 26	Oct 25	% Change	FY27-TD	FY26-TD	% Change
Ridership (Bus, MAX, WES)						
Avg. Weekday Boarding Rides	213,197	206,400	3.29%	204,210	201,710	1.24%
Avg. Weekday Originating Rides	180,792	177,145	2.06%	173,160	173,830	-0.39%
Monthly Boarding Rides/Rev. Hour	41.18	37.40	10.09%	38.94	36.91	5.50%
Revenue & Cost Efficiency (Bus, MAX,WES)						
Passenger Revenue/System Cost	11.06%	9.68%	1.37%	10.27%	9.10%	1.17%
System Cost/Boarding Ride	$9.74	$10.95	-11.05%	$10.13	$10.62	-4.61%
System Cost/Vehicle Hour (Adj. CPI to Prior Year)	$279.93	$300.33	-6.79%	$276.17	$287.94	-4.09%
Labor Productivity (Bus, MAX, WES)						
Bus & Rail Operator Attendance	86.69%	87.62%	-0.93%	86.82%	87.20%	-0.38%
Bus & Rail Maintenance Attendance	92.12%	93.25%	-1.12%	92.25%	93.03%	-0.78%
WES Maintenance & Admin Attendance	99.12%	95.29%	3.83%	93.88%	88.44%	5.43%
Weekly Boarding Rides Per Full Time Employee	429.6	369.7	16.19%	410.5	361.0	13.74%
Service Supplied (Bus, MAX, WES)						
Bus Miles Between Mechanical Failures - Lost Service	10,161	8,779	15.74%	11,912	10,296	15.70%
Bus Collisions/100,000 Miles	2.30	3.20	-28.13%	2.70	3.05	-11.48%
Bus % Maintained Pullouts	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	99.99%	0.01%
Bus On-Time Performance(1)	84.00%	84.60%	-0.60%	85.25%	84.68%	0.57%
MAX Car Miles/Svc Delay Defects(2)	14,959	9,908	50.98%	14,284	10,376	37.67%
MAX Collisions/100,000 Miles	2.00	2.30	-13.04%	1.83	2.08	-12.02%
MAX % Maintained Pullouts	99.78%	99.81%	-0.03%	99.27%	99.90%	-0.63%
MAX On-Time Performance(1)	90.20%	85.60%	4.60%	89.63%	85.45%	4.18%
WES Miles/Relevant Failure	6,468	6,762	-4.35%	6,395	6,395	0.00%
WES Collisions	0.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00	N/A
WES % Maintained Trips	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%
WES On-Time Performance(1)	99.00%	99.80%	-0.80%	99.15%	99.23%	-0.08%

(1) By departures at route timepoints
(2) Eff. Jan 2017, MAX car miles divided by in-service delays(>5 mins w/mech incident) and mainline failures(out of service).

STREETCAR PERFORMANCE REPORT (1)				12 Month Average		
Streetcar Operation	**Oct 26**	**Sep 26**	**Oct 25**	**This Year**	**Prev. Year**	**% Change**
Average Weekday Ridership						
A-Loop Boardings	1,901	1,765	1,823	1,584	1,666	-4.9%
B-Loop Boardings	1,775	1,648	1,687	1,711	1,706	0.3%
North South Line Boardings	5,359	5,072	5,058	5,113	5,053	1.2%
Average Weekend Ridership						
A-Loop Boardings	3,073	3,344	3,153	2,988	2,973	0.5%
B-Loop Boardings	3,422	3,363	2,842	3,005	2,939	2.2%
North South Line Boardings	7,883	7,123	5,577	7,428	6,483	14.6%
Average Weekly Ridership						
A-Loop Boardings	12,578	12,169	12,268	10,905	11,301	-3.5%
B-Loop Boardings	12,297	11,603	11,277	11,562	11,466	0.8%
North South Line Boardings	34,678	32,483	30,867	32,994	31,749	3.9%
Monthly Ridership						
A-Loop Boardings	55,792	52,352	54,541	47,401	49,077	-3.4%
B-Loop Boardings	54,709	49,803	50,169	50,151	49,684	0.9%
North South Line Boardings	154,049	139,307	138,642	142,816	137,131	4.1%
A-Loop Boardings/Rev Hour	42.4	42.5	37.9	36.1	35.9	0.4%
B-Loop Boardings/Rev Hour	41.3	41.0	23.3	39.1	35.0	11.9%
North South Boardings/Rev Hour	59.6	61.7	36.7	47.3	47.4	-0.2%
System Boardings/Rev Hour	50.6	51.3	33.0	41.4	40.9	1.3%
Service						
Vehicle Revenue Hours	5,227	4,706	7,369	5,806	5,774	0.6%
Vehicle Revenue Miles	32,396	30,416	36,239	30,978	31,070	-0.3%
Service Quality						
A-Loop On-Time Performance	78.00%	81.00%	76.00%	75.50%	77.58%	-2.08%
B-Loop On-Time Performance	71.00%	75.00%	70.00%	72.08%	71.50%	0.58%
North South On-Time Performance	78.00%	81.00%	81.00%	78.75%	79.25%	-0.50%
Operator Attendance	**79.36%**	**80.84%**	**88.17%**	**83.70%**	**83.43%**	**0.26%**
Excused Absence	0.07%	0.16%	0.13%	0.21%	0.22%	-0.01%
Family Leave	16.51%	14.57%	3.30%	10.39%	7.13%	3.26%
Unexcused Absence	0.43%	0.20%	1.08%	0.24%	0.31%	-0.07%
Sick Leave	3.63%	3.84%	4.31%	4.40%	6.53%	-2.14%
Industrial Injury	0.00%	0.29%	1.99%	0.98%	2.04%	-1.06%
Contractual Absence	0.00%	0.10%	1.02%	0.09%	0.34%	-0.25%
Maintenance Attendance	**95.48%**	**97.17%**	**92.93%**	**92.75%**	**94.30%**	**-1.56%**
Excused Absence	0.28%	0.44%	0.10%	0.28%	0.10%	0.18%
Family Leave	2.78%	0.59%	3.56%	2.59%	2.48%	0.10%
Unexcused Absence	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.01%	0.03%
Sick Leave	1.46%	1.73%	1.27%	2.44%	2.66%	-0.22%
Industrial Injury	0.00%	0.07%	0.08%	1.69%	0.03%	1.66%
Contractual Absence	0.00%	0.00%	2.06%	0.21%	0.41%	-0.25%
Overall Attendance	**83.37%**	**84.91%**	**89.27%**	**85.92%**	**86.21%**	**-0.29%**

(1) Streetcar is owned by the City of Portland and Operated by TriMet