

2014

TRI  MET

See where it takes you.

TriMet At-a-Glance

“I have a car, but I’d rather take TriMet.”

– TriMet rider Melvin

I RIDE 

We (really) get around.

Not only do more people ride transit here than in other metro areas our size, taking the bus or train has become part of our region’s culture and identity.

- **Transit’s big here.** Every weekday, Portland-area residents take more than 316,700 trips on TriMet to jobs, shopping, services and recreation.
- **More people ride TriMet** than any other transit system our size. We’re the 24th largest U.S. metro area, but 11th in transit ridership (and 9th in ridership per capita).
- **TriMet is a lifeline** for people who can’t drive due to age, income or a disability. Each year, 12 million rides are taken by seniors and people with disabilities who would otherwise be stuck at home.

100 million trips are taken on TriMet each year.

MAX carries nearly **1 in 3** Sunset/Banfield commuters at rush hour.

45% of Portland State students take transit to class.



“We located our business in Downtown Portland in part because of access to great public transit. It’s a tremendously valuable benefit for recruiting and retention.”

— Sam Blackman, CEO Elemental Technologies

Photo courtesy of GeekWire

Our economy depends on transit.

TriMet delivers workers to jobs, brings shoppers to businesses, and connects students to opportunity. When the economy dips, transit helps job-seekers get back to work. Plus, our transit service has helped make the Portland area a top tourist destination.

- **Transit = good jobs.** As of January 2014, the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Project has created nearly 9,400 jobs in our region, with more to come.
- **Investing in our region.** Throughout the different stages of planning and constructing MAX and WES, TriMet has leveraged \$2.33 billion in federal funds for the region.
- **MAX spurs development.** \$11.5 billion in development has occurred within walking distance of MAX stations since the decision to build light rail in 1980.
- **Freight moves freely.** With less traffic congestion, freight can move more freely on our roads and highways.

Nearly **1,200** employer worksites offer transit passes as an employee benefit.

45% of rush-hour commuters going into Downtown Portland take transit.

Nearly **1 in 4** transit trips are for shopping and recreation.



“Our transportation options are part of what makes this place great.”

Andy Duyck, Chairman, Washington County Board of Commissioners

Transit improves our quality of life.

Whether you ride or not, our entire community benefits from good transit. In addition to keeping people mobile, TriMet service protects our environment, takes cars off the road, and helps create vibrant, walkable neighborhoods.

- **There's less traffic.** We save on congestion costs, and our overall commute times are shorter here than in other metro areas.
- **We breathe easier.** With fewer cars on the road, the air in the Portland area is cleaner.
- **We're healthier.** Transit improves public health (and reduces associated costs) by encouraging walking and biking as part of riders' daily routine.
- **It's earth-friendly.** The more people ride, the less our carbon footprint and reliance on fossil fuels.

TriMet's MAX, WES and buses combined eliminate **207,750** daily car trips.

For each mile taken on TriMet, **57%** less carbon is emitted compared to driving alone.

Westside MAX can carry the equivalent of more than **2½** lanes of traffic on the Sunset Highway.

Who's on Board?

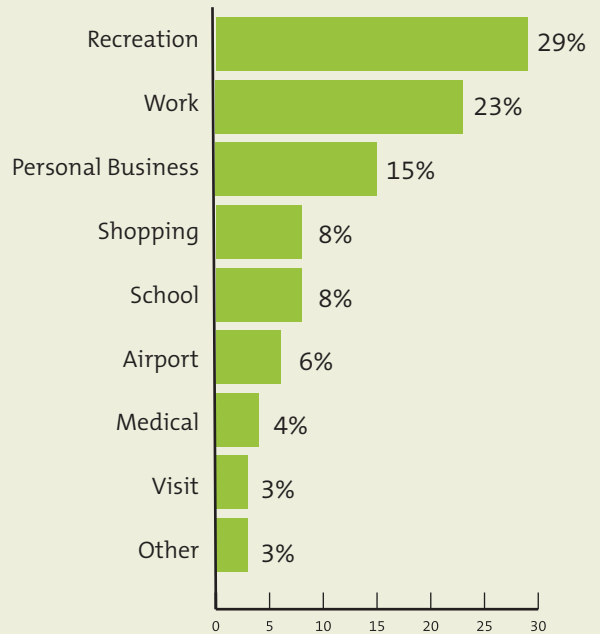
TriMet's ridership generally reflects the demographics of the Portland metro area. We serve all kinds of people, young and old, from all walks of life.

74% of adults in the region ride TriMet sometime during the year.

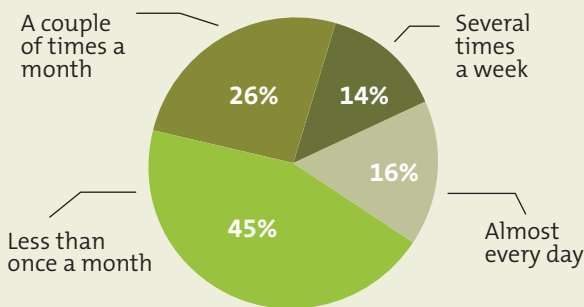
41% of adults in the region ride TriMet at least twice a month.

78% of our riders could drive but choose TriMet instead.

PRIMARY TRIP PURPOSE



FREQUENCY OF USE



Source: TriMet Attitude & Awareness Study – November 2013

Note: Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.



Commuters, families, students, seniors, people with disabilities, shoppers, job-seekers, sight-seers... All kinds of people in our community depend on TriMet to get around.



Your Transit System At-a-Glance



Service area: 532 square miles
Population: 1.5 million

TriMet provides bus, light rail and commuter rail transit services in the Portland, Oregon, metro area. We connect people with their community, while easing traffic congestion and reducing air pollution — making the Portland area a better place to live.

BUSES



TriMet buses serve much of the Portland metro area. Many bus lines connect with MAX, WES and the Portland Streetcar.

- 79 bus lines
- 12 Frequent Service bus lines
- 6,742 bus stops
- 603 buses

FY13 ridership: 59.6 million trips

MAX LIGHT RAIL



MAX connects the communities of Beaverton, Clackamas, Gresham, Hillsboro and Portland, as well as Portland International Airport.

- 4 MAX lines
- 127 vehicles
- 87 stations
- 52 miles of track

FY13 ridership: 39.1 million trips

WES COMMUTER RAIL



WES Commuter Rail travels on existing freight tracks to serve the cities of Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville with weekday rush-hour service.

- 3 Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs) and 1 trailer
- 2 Rail Diesel Cars (RDCs)
- 5 stations
- 14.7 miles of track

FY13 ridership: 440,000 trips

LIFT PARATRANSIT SERVICE



Our LIFT Paratransit Service provides door-to-door service for people with disabilities who are unable to ride regular buses or trains.

- 253 LIFT buses
- 15 LIFT vans

FY13 ridership: 1 million trips

FARES

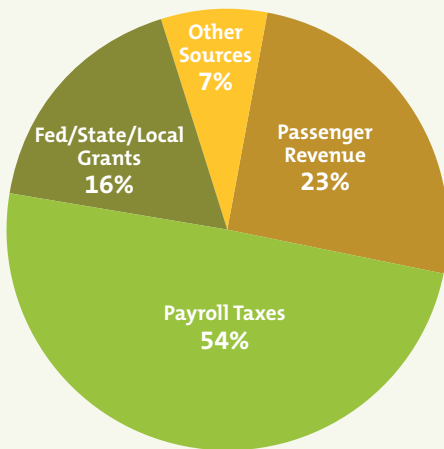
Fares are valid for travel on any combination of buses, MAX Light Rail, WES Commuter Rail and Portland Streetcar, anywhere TriMet goes.

	2-Hour Ticket	1-Day Pass
Adult	\$2.50	\$5
Honored Citizen	\$1	\$2
Youth	\$1.65	\$3.30
LIFT	\$2.45	—

Funding & Budget

We are working hard to control costs and are developing a Strategic Financial Plan where we can add service, invest in the system and pay our obligations. However, we still face the fundamental budget challenge of large and increasing deficits starting in a few years if changes aren't made to our labor contract.

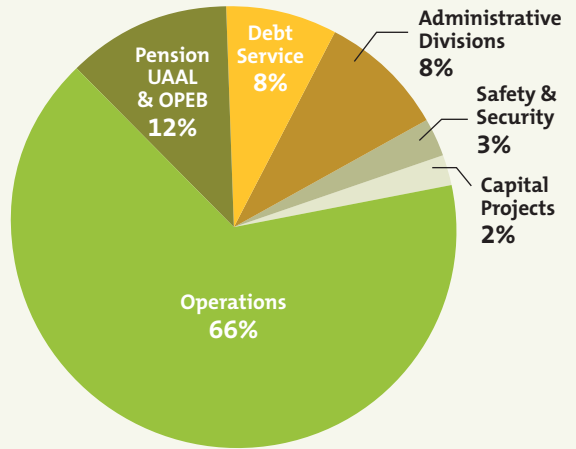
Where our money comes from



FY14 Budget Operating Revenue

We receive most of our funding from an employer payroll tax. Fares are another significant revenue source, making up 23% of our total funding.

Where our money goes

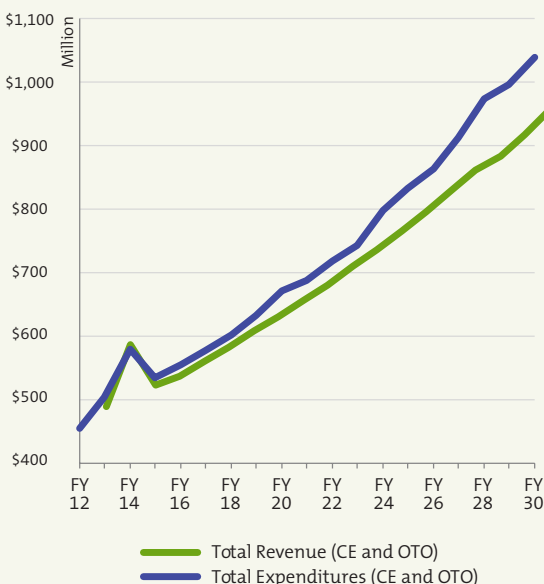


FY14 Budget Operating Expenses

Most of our expenses are associated with providing daily transit service. This includes everything from the tires on the bus to an employee's salary to paying the electricity bill for MAX.

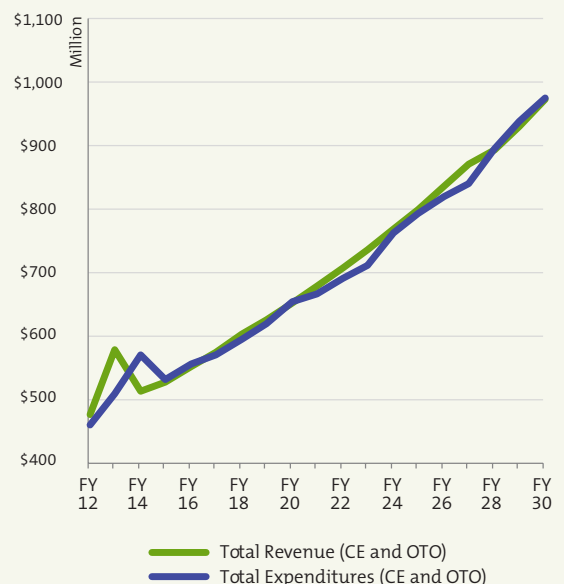
Total operating budget for Fiscal Year 2014: \$489 million

Long-term financial outlook



Without Labor Contract Changes

Service cuts needed to balance budgets
FY16: 10%, FY20: 15%, FY25: 20%



With TriMet's Labor Contract Proposal

Corrects structural imbalance
Expenditure growth is sustainable

We ♥ Where We Live

The quality of life we enjoy here is hard to come by. Our proximity to the ocean and mountains, mild climate, lush greenery, great food and drink, arts scene, parks and public spaces, farmers markets, vibrant neighborhoods... Good transit is just one of many reasons to love where we live!

...and so does everyone else! It's no wonder the Portland metro area is consistently ranked as one of the best places to live in the country.

#1

Public
Transportation

Travel + Leisure Magazine, 2007-13

#1

Hot 2011
Travel Destinations
gogobot.com, 2012

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Most-Liked
U.S. Cities

Money Journal, 2013



What makes this place great

#2

Best Cities
to Live Car-Free
24/7 Wall St., 2011

#8

Smartest Cities in
North America
Fast Company, 2013

#4

America's
Healthiest Cities

Forbes Magazine, 2011

Transit Innovations

We're using technology to enhance the rider experience and improve efficiency.



MOBILE TICKETING

Our new TriMet Tickets app for Android and iPhone lets riders pay their fare instantly—anywhere, anytime. We were the first U.S. transit agency to offer mobile ticketing system-wide. trimet.org/mobileticketing

OPEN DATA

Back in 2005, we were the first in the world to release our schedule and arrival data to the public, which paved the way for Google Transit. Using our open data, independent software developers have created dozens of useful apps for riders. trimet.org/apps

REAL-TIME SERVICE INFORMATION

Riders can get a better idea when their ride is coming using TransitTracker™, our real-time arrival information system available by phone, web, text message and various smartphone apps. trimet.org/transittracker

NASCAR-INSPIRED COOLING SYSTEM

TriMet was the first transit agency in the nation to use NASCAR technology to electronically cool bus engines and increase fuel efficiency. This pioneering effort earned us a Clean Air Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. trimet.org/newbuses

REGENERATIVE BRAKING

In 2010, we installed new energy storage units on 20 of our MAX vehicles to capture and store the energy generated by the braking system. This innovation will save us up to \$168,000 per year in energy costs.



TriMet Riders Club members get the latest rider news and have an opportunity to weigh in a variety of transit topics. (Plus, enter to win some great prizes!) Sign up today at trimet.org/club.

Down the Road

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE TRANSIT BETTER?

We want your input to help plan improvements to transit service, stops and crossings in your community. Between 2013 and 2015, TriMet is asking riders, residents, neighborhood groups, governments, schools and businesses for their feedback to create a long-term vision for transit service.

Together, we will identify and prioritize bus service improvements and opportunities to improve pedestrian and bike access to transit. trimet.org/future



PORTLAND-MILWAUKIE LIGHT RAIL

Opening in 2015, the new MAX Orange Line, TriMet's fifth MAX line, will connect PSU and inner Southeast Portland to Milwaukie and Oak Grove in north Clackamas County.

The project includes a first-of-its-kind transit bridge over the Willamette River in Downtown Portland. trimet.org/pm

ELECTRONIC FARES

We're planning a new, state-of-the-art electronic fare system that will make it faster, easier and more convenient to ride the bus or train. By 2017, you will be able to pay instantly with a fare card, debit/credit card or smartphone. Learn more at trimet.org/efare

POWELL-DIVISION CORRIDOR

Bus rapid transit (BRT) is currently being evaluated as a transit solution in the busy corridor that stretches from PSU and OHSU on the west side to Mount Hood Community College on the east. oregonmetro.gov/powelldivision

SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR

Light rail and bus rapid transit are two options being considered to improve transit in the corridor that runs north-south from Downtown Portland to Sherwood and east-west from Lake Oswego to Beaverton. swcorridorplan.org

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