

First, I think TriMet needs to reign in their spending overall. How many "top execs" does a company need? Many of their existing lines need long overdue repairs, but for some reason(s), TriMet execs need MORE state funding? NO.

Second, one of their recent long term projects completed, the FX2 line along with street upgrades and new buses. Those buses, which TriMet execs KNEW had issues with the steering column, pushed forward just to "officially open" by THEIR projected start date. Not even a few weeks later, something was amiss with the steering column, TriMet didn't widely report it to their riders or the local news media, but rather pulled those new, articulated buses back into the bus yard for maintenance. THAT maintenance is still on-going.

The FX2 line and its stations are still plagued with issues from broken glass panels at shelters, broken and loose seats, paint/vandalism and now TriMet wants MORE funding? Again NO.

Messages over the loudspeakers on the Max trains and buses alike, broadcast messages like, "Full and proper fare are REQUIRED on TriMet." Bullshit. NO, it's not and further, drivers CANNOT prohibit people from boarding a bus or train if they don't have fare. Do other major cities do this as well?

NO, of course not. Only here in Portland, Oregon. And then TriMet has the damn gaul to raise their fare prices AND ask for more public funding? Seriously? NO.

Try living within your means. Do like the rest of us and tighten your belts.

Personally, I'm sick and tired of boarding Bus # 73, on SE 122nd Ave. and having to deal with people toting along three or four 32 gallon garbage bags full of cans and bottles and I have to stand in the aisle EVERY SINGLE TIME I use that bus route. Again

NO. Oh, and NO, by the way, those people with their garbage bags DON'T pay fares.

Maybe start fixing your EXISTING problems and issues before you start asking for more money, or like the rest of us, just do without. Show the general public and the state senate that you have your house in order first.

Respectfully,

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