

Trimet has proven time and time again over the years that they will agree to do things or offer to do things in order to get more funding, then renege over AND OVER. Look at the funding for FX, not only did it not get added TO the normal division line, it was designed by a committee of inexperienced bafoons whose priority was more about making it lighter weight (presumably to avoid cdl restrictions outside of mass passenger endorsement) and making enough design changes to justify their contract. The line was a complete failure, leaking exhaust into the cabin, breaking down, etc ect. I only worked part time during its introduction, and took it from 157th division to pioneer square. I literally lost over 25 hours per month for a few months because of breakdowns, exhaust issues, lines showing on gps trackers like normal, then the minute its supposed to pick us up suddenly says cancelled, couple of times we were late because the driver didnt know how to make the turns in order to hit the east side moody / water stock and we all had to get off bus, walk back to a stop, and wait for the next one.

I've had drivers literally watch me in the mirror come up to the bus, knock on back door, with people on the bus saying "open back door" and THEN drive off more times than I could count. And this was for a project our taxes helped to fund? AND you upped our fair costs? AND you just renamed the 2 to fx 2 and we still don't have a fast express line just a longer division bus that's prone to breakdowns, and drivers that don't deserve the job.

Just recently in a chat I was complaining about a max that pulled up, opened it's doors for literally a second, then closed. none of us at providence park were able to get on that max (and it was in service, I confirmed it with my allied universal counterpart coworker who was on the train) and I had to wait 36 more minutes on a sunday morning in what is essentially fentinal alley, he was going to put a few fairs on my hop card. after a few minutes he just disconnected, and when i got back to someone, they said they saw no record of the live chat.

Put all that on top of the removal of fairless square, day passes no longer being a 24 hour pass, the increase in my taxes that is measurable over the past 20 years, and the insane cost of our public transportation, in a city where we paid for their maxes, and basically paid them to have a monopoly in this city, and I really wonder why they have not been fined for it, let alone why we continue to give them millions per year of our tax dollars, while increasing fair cost, decreasing service regularity, competency, and effectiveness, not to mention the safety concerns of replacing veteran drivers with what basically equates to jumped up uber drivers that do not appreciate their jobs, nor the customers who pay in taxes (without having a choice in the matter) and pay a fair, to get inferior service, and I personally think trimet and paratransit should be blocked from receiving any state or federal funding, and you'd know how bad it was if you go try out other public transportation solutions all along the west coast.

But yeah, voicing our opinion in some committee of people who justified their very employment by continuing the anti consumer behavior is going to help so much, right?

Thanx oh so much,  
over 30 year 'customer / involuntary funder of this disspicable excuse for public service,  
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