



## Maximizing Statewide Transportation Investment Funds: TriMet's investment in safe, equitable and greener public transportation

TriMet provides bus, light rail, commuter rail and paratransit service—connecting people with opportunity in the Portland metro region while easing traffic congestion and reducing air pollution. The money TriMet has received from the Statewide Transportation Investment Fund (STIF) has allowed us to expand bus service in areas with lower-income residents and high demand for service, with more service improvements still to come.

### STIF

- Provide fare assistance to youth and people struggling financially.
- Support TriMet's work in making our transit system safe and welcoming while connecting people with social services.
- Advance our transition to zero-emission buses, which improve air quality for our riders and the communities we serve.

## Investing in Our Community Today

### ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY

Public transit is access to opportunity. TriMet's Honored Citizen reduced fare gives riders unlimited access to our bus and train services for \$28 per month, with an annual savings of 72% when compared to our base fare.

People qualify based on low income, military service, participation in other government assistance programs, age, or mental or physical disability. We also partner with nonprofits and community-based organizations to get free fares to people in need.

STIF enabled our income-based fare reductions, with more than 64,000 Oregonians signing up since 2018, resulting in \$14.5 million in fare savings.

In 2022, TriMet launched our Summer Youth Pass program, with \$6 million in STIF used to provide 30,000 free transit passes to students each year who rely on transit during the summer months.

### IMPROVED BUS SERVICE

We worked with our community to develop Forward Together, the most in-depth and comprehensive restructuring of our bus service in our 50+ year history to help more people get to more jobs and places, and ensure TriMet is meeting current and future riders' needs.

We're adding more buses along routes where we see high demand and expanding night and weekend service, with a focus on improving service in disadvantaged communities. These improvements are bringing bus service to 50,000 more people and weekend service to 100,000 more.



## DECREASED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

TriMet's goal is to have a zero-emissions bus fleet by 2040, and STIF has enabled the purchase of 24 new battery-electric buses arriving in 2024. These zero-emissions buses will be deployed in areas with poor air quality and historically marginalized populations.

TriMet buses and trains replace the equivalent of 348,091 cars every year, saving more than 3.2 billion pounds of CO2 emissions.

## ENHANCED COMMUNITY SAFETY

STIF has assisted TriMet in our safety and security efforts, supporting our Safety Response Team. Team members connect people on and around our transit system with social services for housing, mental health and addiction services, while helping discourage inappropriate and illegal behavior.

## Taking Transit into the Future with STIF

TriMet's income-based reduced and free fare programs are dependent on funding from STIF. We will also rely on STIF to continue expanding bus service, including adding our second bus-rapid transit line that will serve the culturally diverse and low-income communities along SE 82nd Avenue. TriMet is dedicated to the needs of our region and

connecting more people to opportunities, including jobs, education and services.

Additional state investment in the STIF program is critical to our ongoing efforts to expand service and support low-income Oregonians while keeping our transit system in a state of good repair and continuing our transition to a zero-emissions bus fleet.

## About TriMet

TriMet serves a 533-square mile district across Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties, which is home to 1.65 million people—approximately 90% of the population of the tri-county Portland metro area and 39% of Oregon's population.

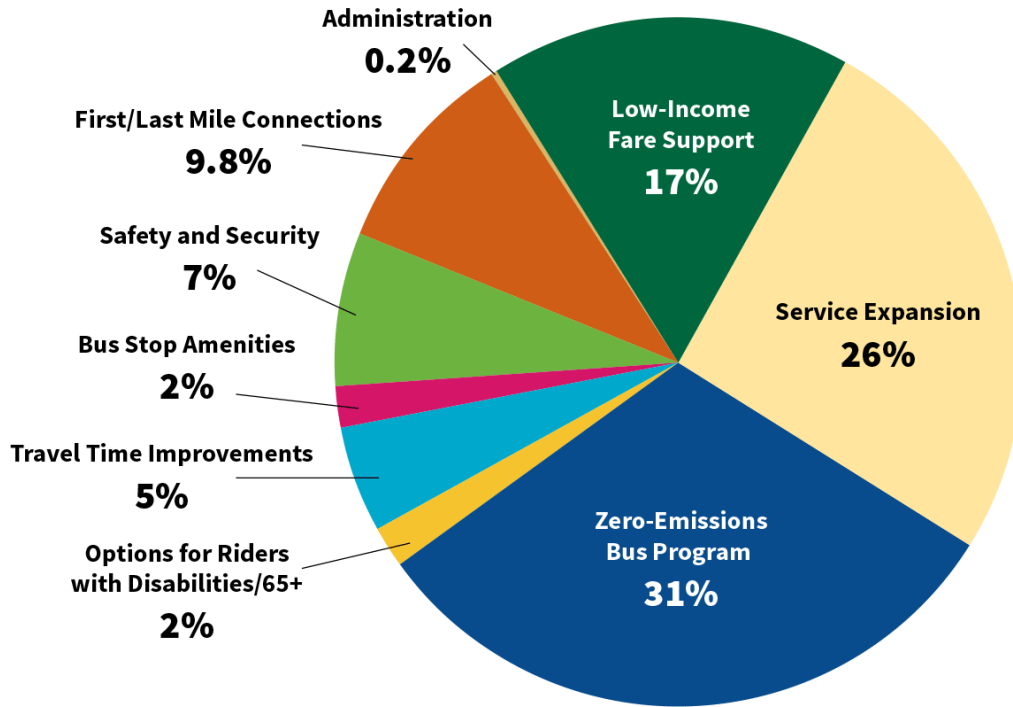
The Portland metro area is the 23rd largest metro area in the country but has the 13th highest transit ridership in the country, ranking 10th among the 60 largest metro areas in the United States in transit boardings per capita.

Transit ridership continues to increase as the region recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, with TriMet providing 62,081,213 transit trips in 2023.

## Stay in touch

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# TriMet's FY24-25 STIF Plan



## Low-Income Fare Support

FY24  
**\$15.3 million**

FY25  
**\$16.2 million**

**Service Expansion**

FY24  
**\$24.4 million**

FY25  
**\$23 million**

## Zero-Emissions Bus Program

FY24  
**\$47.6 million**

FY25  
**\$7.2 million**

## Riders with Disabilities/Age 65+

FY24  
**\$2 million**

FY25  
**\$2 million**

**Travel Time Improvements**

FY24  
**\$4.2 million**

FY25  
**\$4.2 million**

## Bus Stop Improvements

FY24  
**\$1.5 million**

FY25  
**\$1.4 million**

## Safety and Security

FY24  
**\$7 million**

FY25  
**\$5.9 million**

## First/Last Mile Options

FY24  
**\$9.4 million**

FY25  
**\$7.9 million**

## Program Compliance

FY24  
**\$210,000**

FY25  
**\$220,000**