

Trustworthy public transportation is critical for vibrant city life. TriMet could learn from Arizona's Metro about staffing adequate public safety personnel, running reliable light rail in high heat (!!!), and hiring sufficient numbers of bus/train operators.

I stopped riding TriMet light rail to PDX due to safety concerns. I ride AZ Metro light rail from the Phoenix airport to downtown, with few safety concerns.

Maricopa County has the answers that could improve TriMet service and safety. Indeed, Arizona—with Federal partnership--has big plans for establishing rail service between cities like Flagstaff, Mesa, Tucson, and Phoenix. This will decrease Interstate Freeway traffic on I-10 and I-17, resulting in cleaner air. Read the recent press release about this exciting project! Good city transportation encourages business development and investment.

Good Luck to Multnomah/Washington/Clackamas Counties (and the State of Oregon) in innovative thinking and funding to help us get around easier and more safely on TriMet.