

Yesterday I was on the Yellow Line train with a bunch of younger people with shopping carts LOUDLY discussing how only "idiots" pay the fare to ride transit. One said it was cheaper to pay a rare ticket than to pay the fare. Another said that they were able to "get out of [the ticket]" anyway. Although I paid my fare, it was hard to disagree with them... I have only been asked to show proof of fare about a dozen times since coming to Portland more than 10 years ago.

In addition, I have not been asked to prove fare ONCE since the so-called 'crackdown' earlier this year. In fact, things seem to have gotten worse, with people openly displaying behaviors not appropriate. **Perhaps you should first try to enforce that people are actually paying before asking for more money?**

I have also noticed **no change** in the following behaviors since Trimet announced a crackdown:



- people playing loud music from bluetooth speakers and refusing to turn it off (about 75% of the time)
- people littering or dribbling liquids on the train and on the seats (about 40% of the time)
- people with large objects blocking aisles (pretty much every ride)
- people smoking and consuming alcohol while riding (about 10%)
- people not dressed suitably for public (including one very intoxicated man in his boxers wandering around the train)

And don't even get me started on shelters, which are basically drug dens. I rarely get to actually sit down in one to wait for a train as there are often people either living in them or smoking substances.

Please address these concerns. At this point I would refuse to ride in the "back" car of a train and I often sit right behind the driver as I do not feel safe on public transit due to the lack of safety concern.

On Mon, Sep 23, 2024 at 1:23 PM TriMet <subscriptions@emailupdates.trimet.org> wrote:



What are your thoughts about regional transportation priorities? How should state leaders address transportation funding challenges?  

If you support more funding for transit, you can share your thoughts at an Oregon Legislature Joint Committee on Transportation listening session this week.

Happy Valley

 Thursday, Sept. 26

🕒 5-7 p.m.

📍 Adrienne C. Nelson High School Theater
14897 SE Parklane Drive

Hillsboro

📅 Friday, Sept. 27

🕒 5-7 p.m.

📍 Hillsboro Civic Center
Shirley Huffman Auditorium
150 E. Main Street

You can also submit comments by email or mail:

✉ JCT.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

🏢 Joint Committee on Transportation, 900 Court Street NE,
Room 453, Salem, OR, 97301

Written comments can be submitted until 5 p.m. on Saturday,
Sep. 28 for the Happy Valley hearing and until 5 p.m. on
Sunday, Sept. 29 for the Hillsboro hearing.



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