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Public transit makes Portland special, but it also makes it livable.

My family has always loved public transit. Although bike riders and car owners, we always try to take the MAX and bus into downtown and to school. Choosing not to drive a car everywhere makes life nicer for everyone because it improves congestion. This year, we were met with unexpected tragedy--- my husband (while driving), was hit by another driver who was under the influence of methamphetamines. Now my husband is disabled and unable to drive himself because of his injuries---- but Trimet is there for him. My husband is able to get to all his medical appointments. He's able to meet friends after work and get to movies and theater; things that keep life fun. At a time like this, our transit system is a major service and comfort to our family. Let's keep investing in our public transit. It can only make all of our lives better!