

# TriMet Budget Reductions

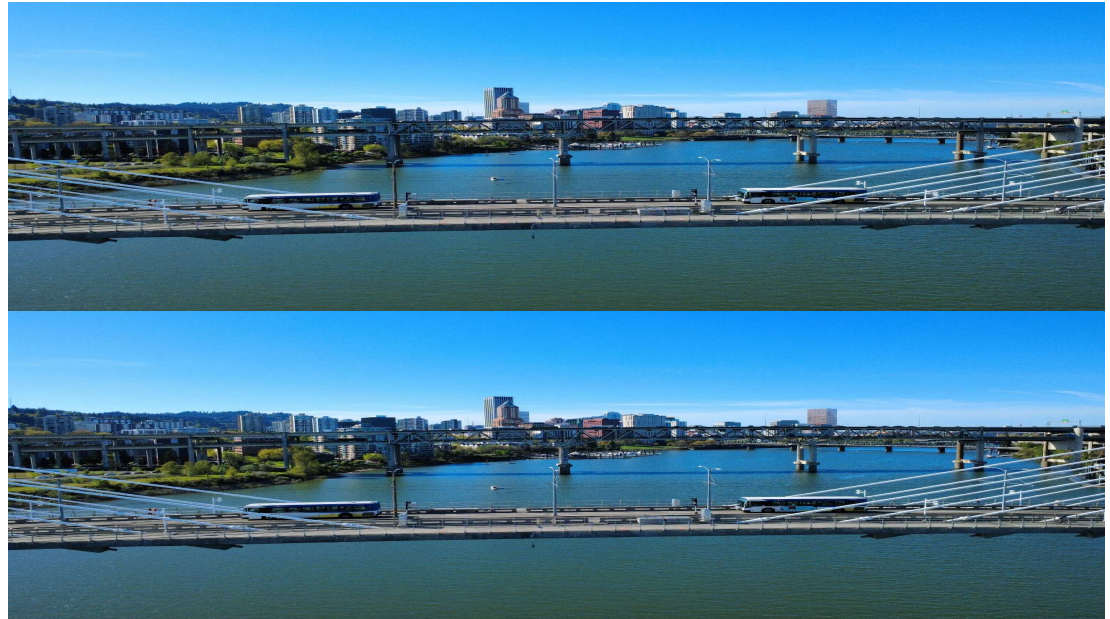
Navigating Challenges with Transparency: Service Proposal



# Current Status: Our Region

## Our Region

- Layoffs outpacing Great Recession
- High downtown Portland vacancy rate
- High teleworking rate
- Elevated concern around community public safety



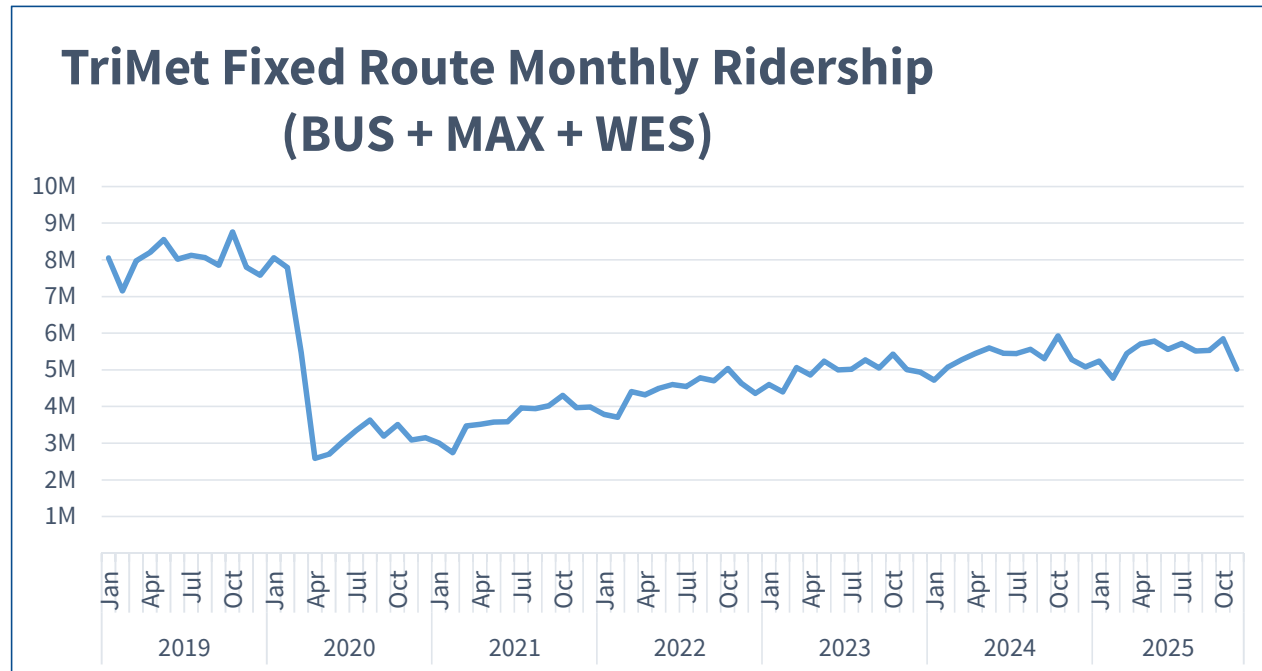
# Current Status: TriMet

- Ridership holding steady at 1.2M rides per week/ 65.8M boardings Jul '24-Jun '25
- 35% of riders are transit dependent
- Record setting low-income fare program enrollment and use
- Declining tax revenue (employer payroll tax & STIF)
- Fare revenue down



# How We Got Here

- Drop in ridership = drop in fare revenue by \$60M/year
- Inflation increased costs by ~56% between 2019-2025
- Investments in:
  - Safety and security
  - Cleaning
  - Reconfigured network
- ~\$700 million dollar capital maintenance backlog



# Goal: Balanced Budget by July 1, 2028

## Solve a ~\$300 million budget deficit by:

- Administrative Cuts: at least \$93M in discretionary spending/staffing
- Revenue: Raise a minimum of \$48M/yr in new, sustainable revenue\*
- Service: Cut at least \$159M in service (at least 10%) by July 1, 2028

\*If no new revenue is raised, deeper service cuts will be needed.



# Internal Actions

## **Administrative Cuts & Pausing Service Increases:**

Reduced spending by ~\$150 million

- Efficiencies
- Reduced discretionary spending
- Canceled future planned bus service increases
- Eliminated positions and some layoffs

Ahead: more internal cuts and layoffs



# External Actions

## Revenue

- Increased our fares (Jan 1, 2024)
- Working with lawmakers but assume no increase in STIF funding right now

## Service Changes and Cuts

- *Nov. 30, 2025*: Reduced how often buses run on 5 lines at night when ridership is low
- *March 1, 2026*: Reducing how often buses run on 4 lines during times when ridership is low
- *Aug. 23, 2026*: Proposed changes/cuts to take effect
- *Aug. 2027*: Fourth round necessary



# Fall 2025 Outreach



- **Invited people to rank nine types of service cuts**
- Email, social media, news release, QR code at major stops
- Web page with survey
- Events: five online, eight in person; multilingual
- Partnered with community-based organizations to host and recruit participants
- **Nearly 5,000 responses**
- No significant differences between groups (e.g., demographic, region)



Service Cuts Considered	Estimated Cost Savings	Existing Rides	Degree of Impact	Survey Results	Job Access Impact
MAX Green Line	High	Low	Medium	Cut first	N/A
Network Changes	High	Low	Medium	Cut first	Modest
Low Ridership Lines	High	Low	High	Middle	Modest
FS Bus – 17.5 min.	High	High	Low	Cut last	Big
FS Bus – 7am-7pm	High	High	Medium	Cut last	N/A
FS MAX – 17.5 min.	High	High	Low	Cut last	Big
FS MAX – 7am-7pm	High	High	Medium	Cut last	N/A
Only Serve School Trips	Low	Low	Low	Cut first	Modest
Night Frequency	Low	Low	Medium	Cut first	Modest
Service ends earlier	Low	Low	High	Cut last	N/A
Reduce/cut wknd svce	Low	Low	High	Cut last	N/A

# Service Cuts Proposal Total

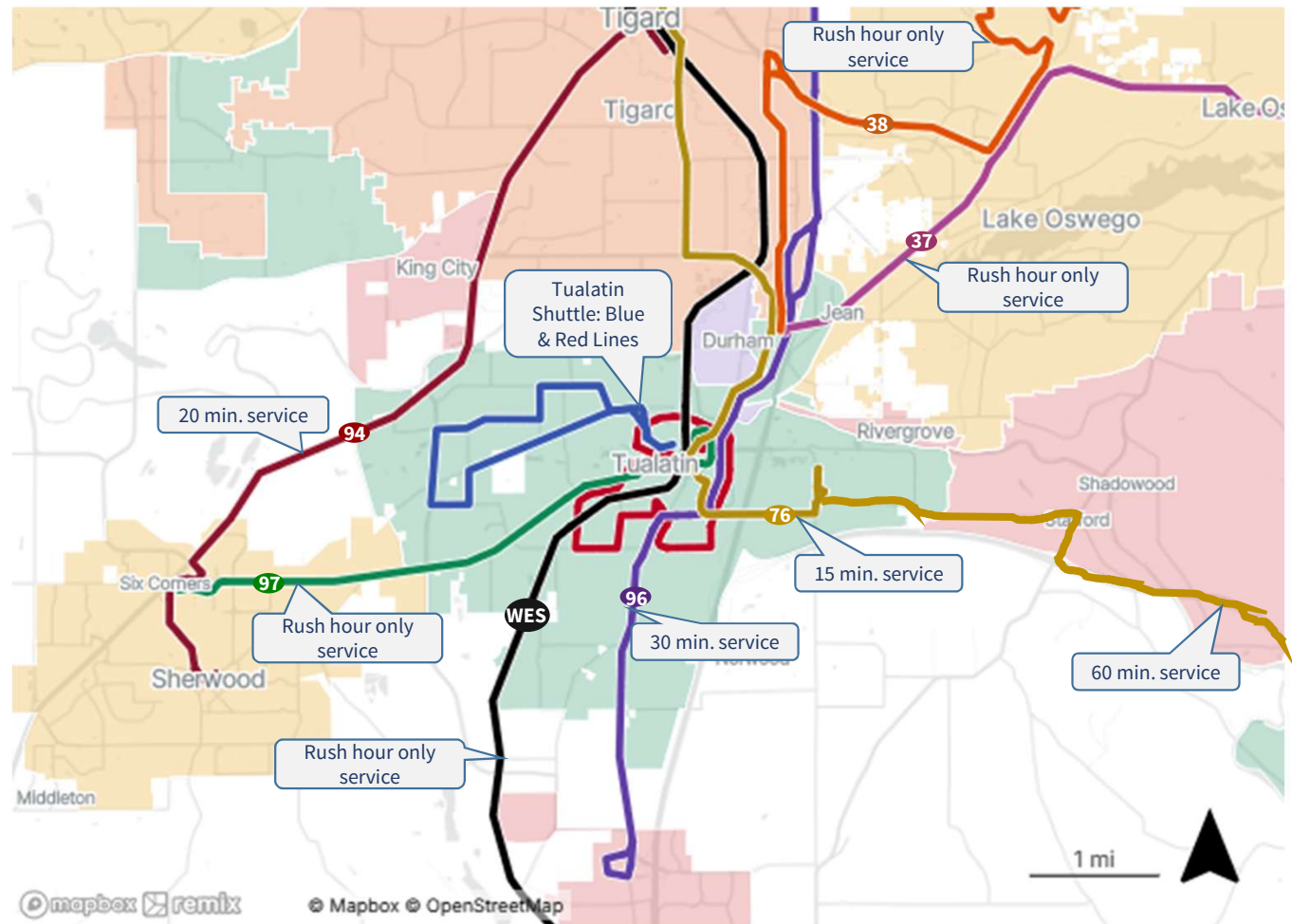
Service Cut	Estimated Cost Savings	Existing Rides	Degree of Impact	Survey Results	Job Access Impact
FY26 reductions	Low	Low	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAX Green Line	High	Low	Medium	Cut first	N/A
Network Changes	High	Low	Medium	Cut first	Modest
Low Ridership Lines	High	Low	High	Middle	Modest
Only Serve School Trips	Low	Low	Low	Cut first	Modest
Night Frequency (Shortlines)	Low	Low	Medium	Cut first	Modest
<b>Total Percentage</b>	<b>FY26 +FY27 proposal = 6.49% (Goal by = 10%)</b>				

# FY27 Service Cuts Proposal by County

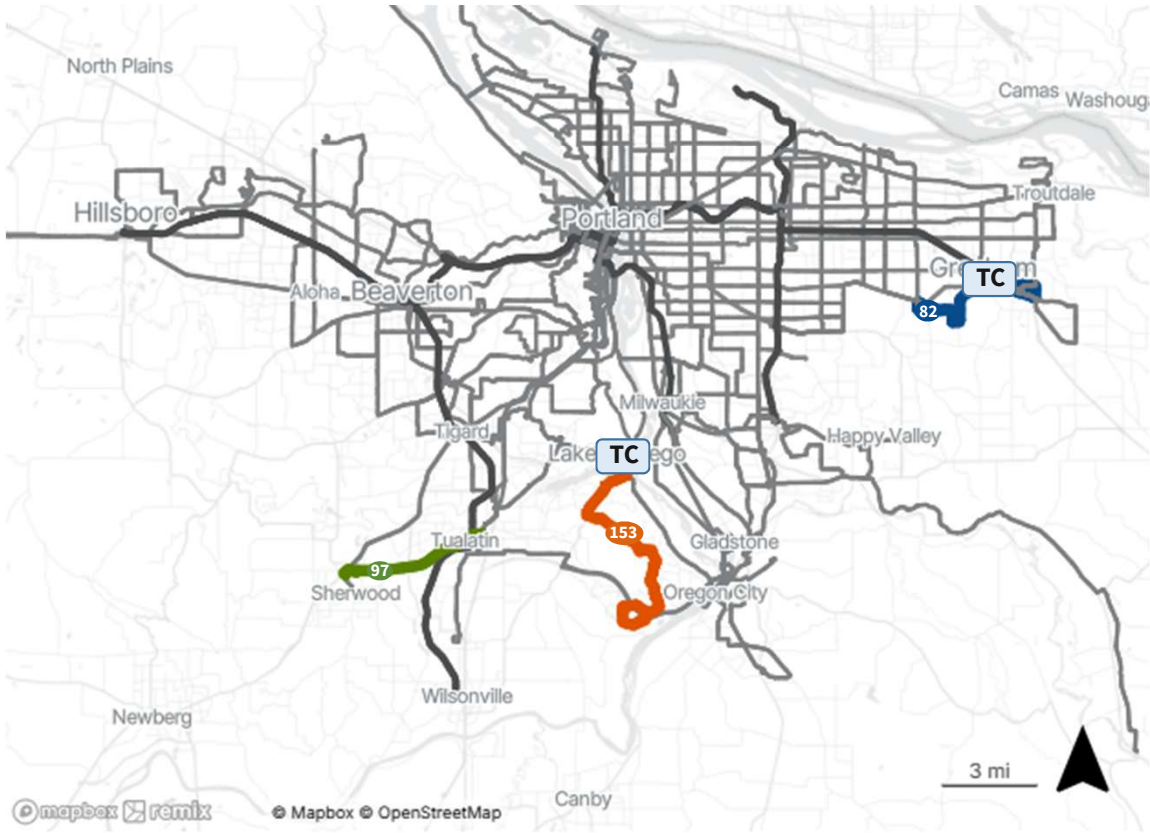
Service Cut	Clackamas County	Multnomah County	Washington County
FY27 Service Cut Proposal*	21%	68%	11%

\*Percentages will change with the FY28 proposal

# Tualatin Service, Winter 2026



# Line Eliminations: Lines 82, 97, & 153



Example line →

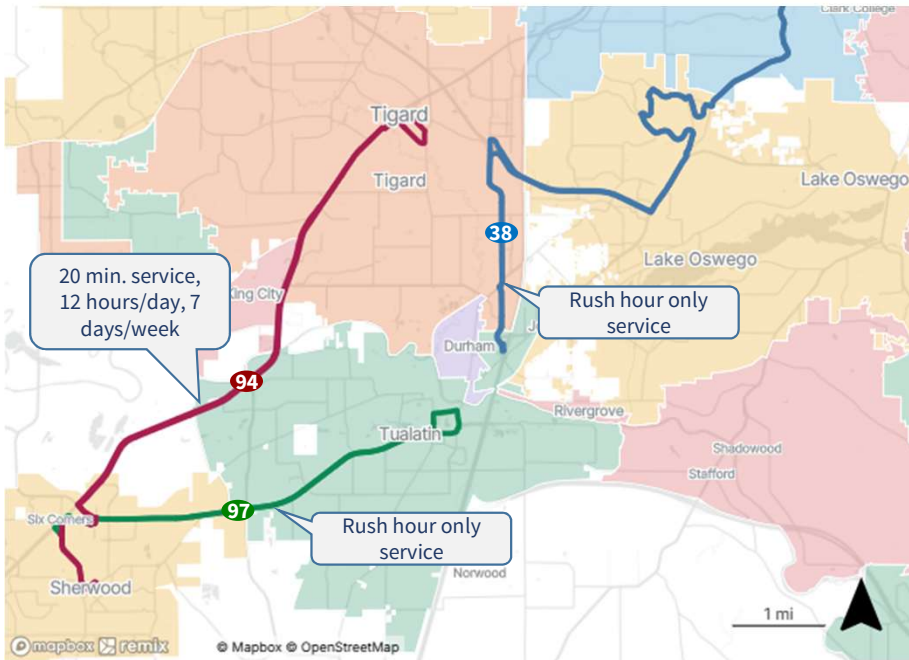
Low Ridership Service Standard		
Year	Cost/Ride*	Rides/ Vehicle Hour*
2019	\$10.53	15 rides
2024	\$19.57	8 rides
2025	\$26.33	6 rides
Line 82	\$29.36	5 rides
Line 97	\$48.84	3 rides
Line 153	\$76.36	2 rides
Line 76	\$9.23	17.5 rides

\*per week

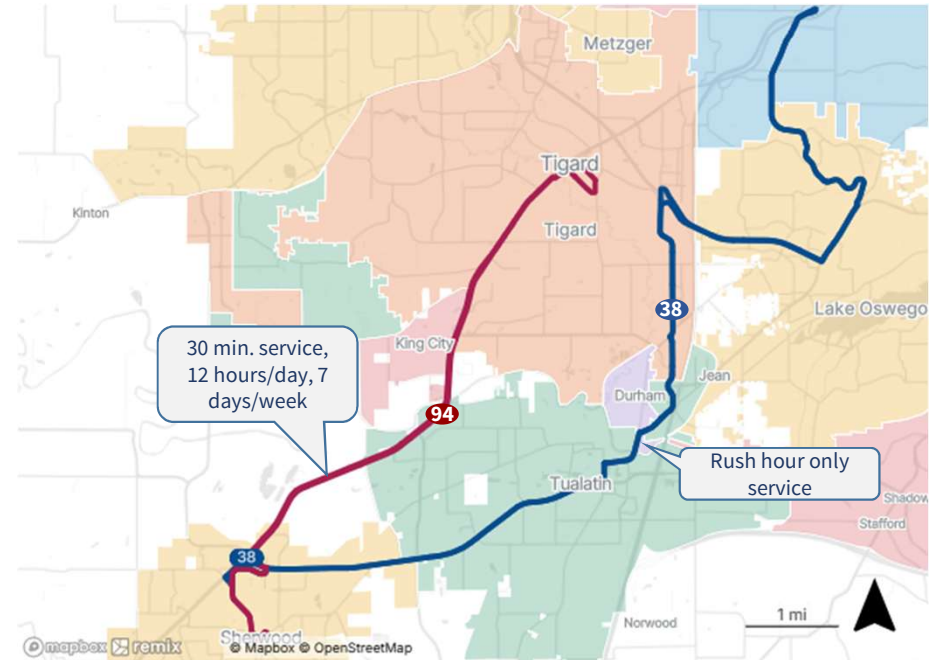


# New Proposal: Lines 38, 94, & 97

Current Service

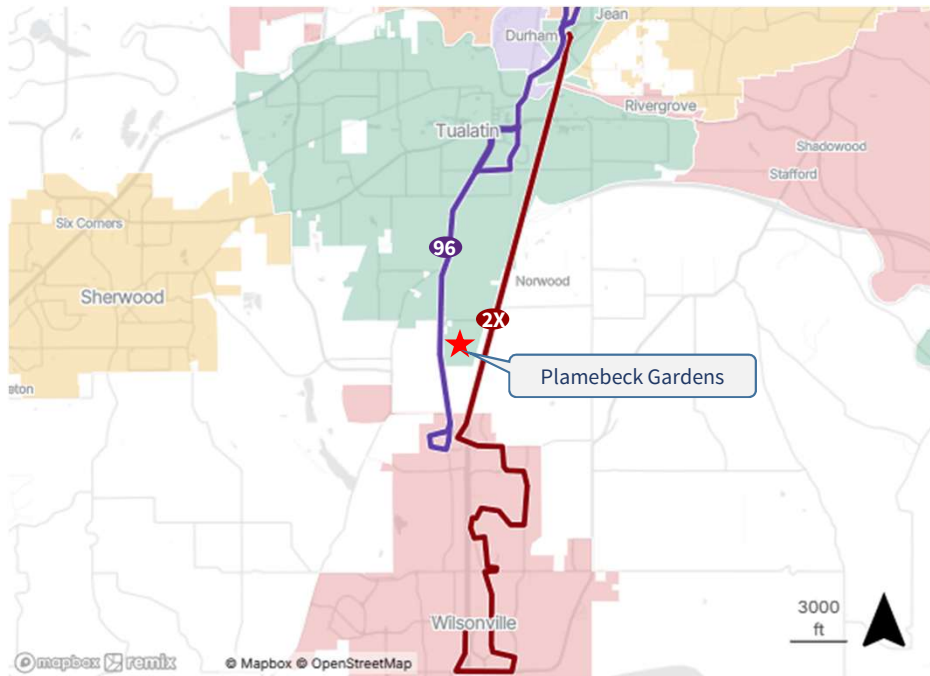


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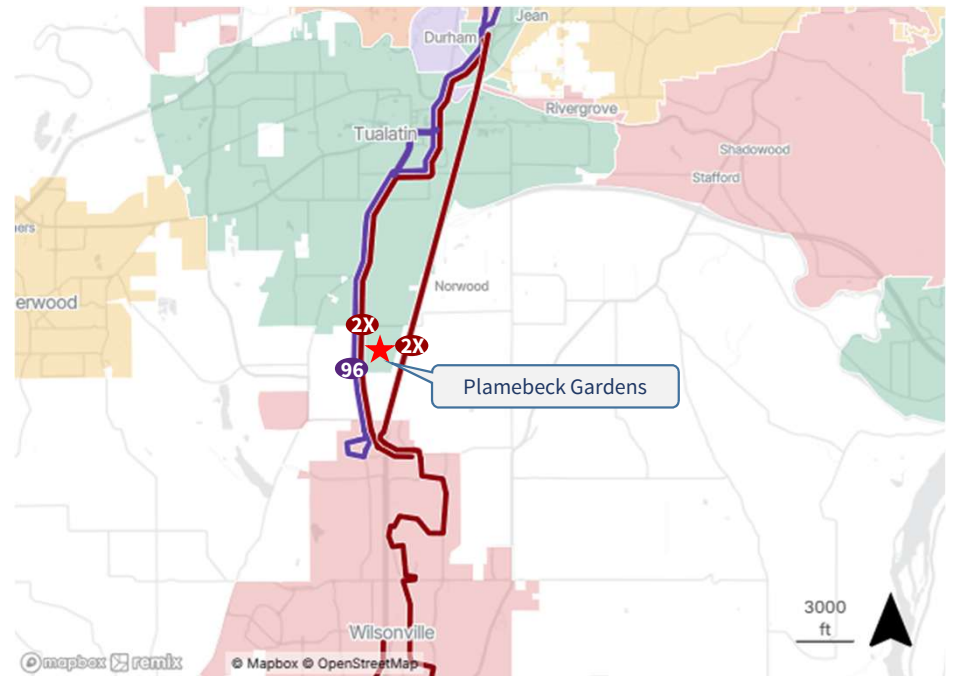


# New Proposal: Service to Plamebeck Gardens

Current Service

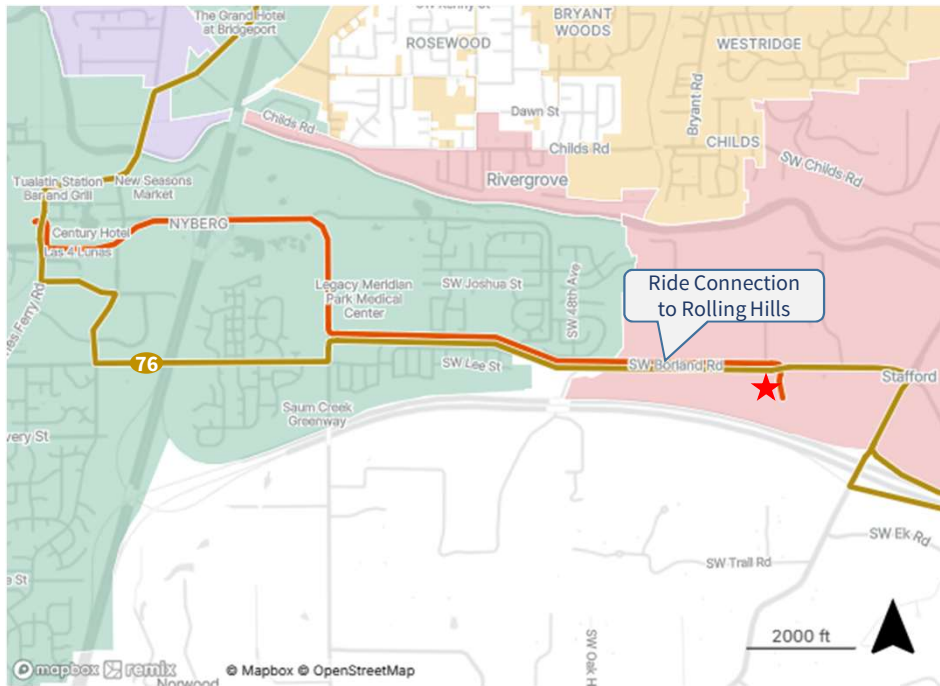


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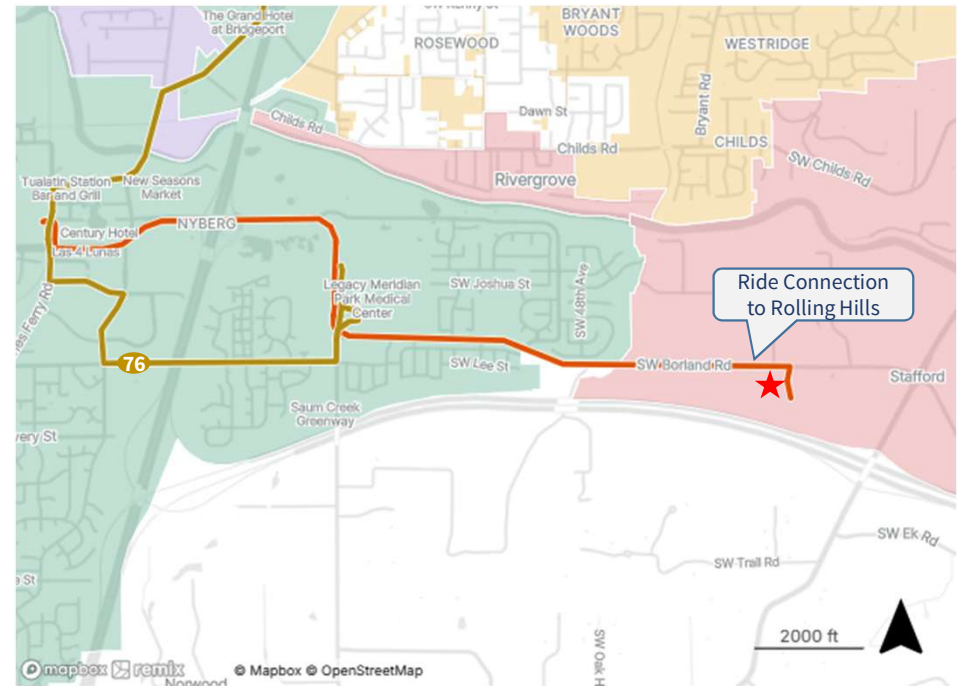


# New Proposal: Service to Rolling Hills

Current Service



New Proposal



# Line 96 Demonstration Ride

Demonstration: A test bus will provide one round-trip in the a.m. and one round-trip in the p.m. on the proposed route for riders to experience the travel time and compare it to the current travel time.

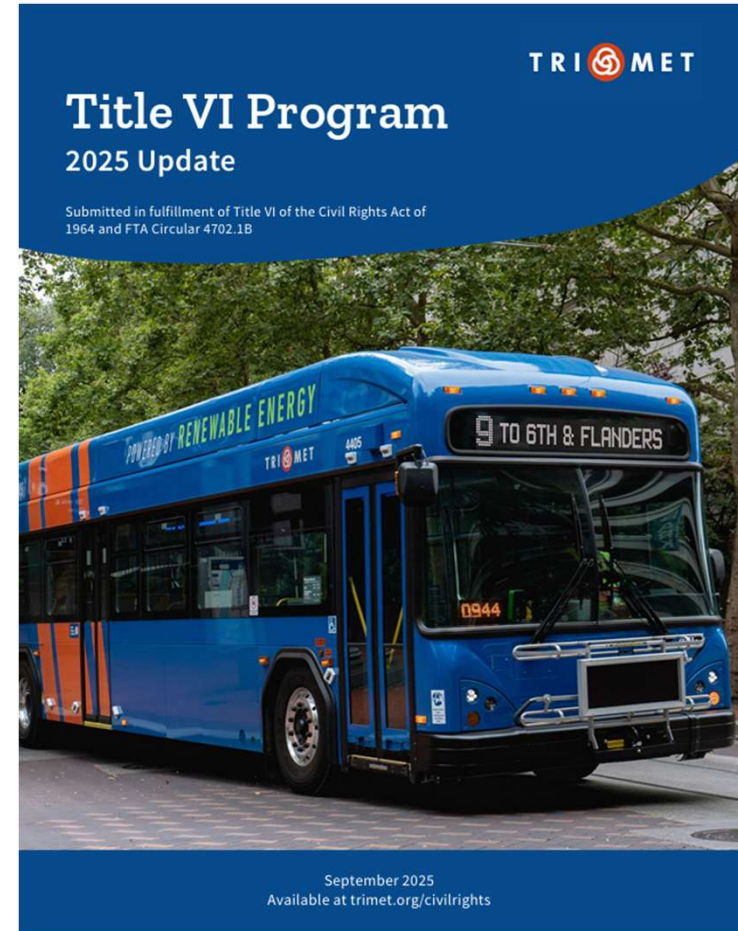
When: Wed., February 11<sup>th</sup>

Trips: 6:47 A.M. – Wilsonville to Portland to Wilsonville  
4:09 P.M. – Portland to Wilsonville to Portland

Communication: Riders will be notified of the opportunity onboard

# Title VI Impacts

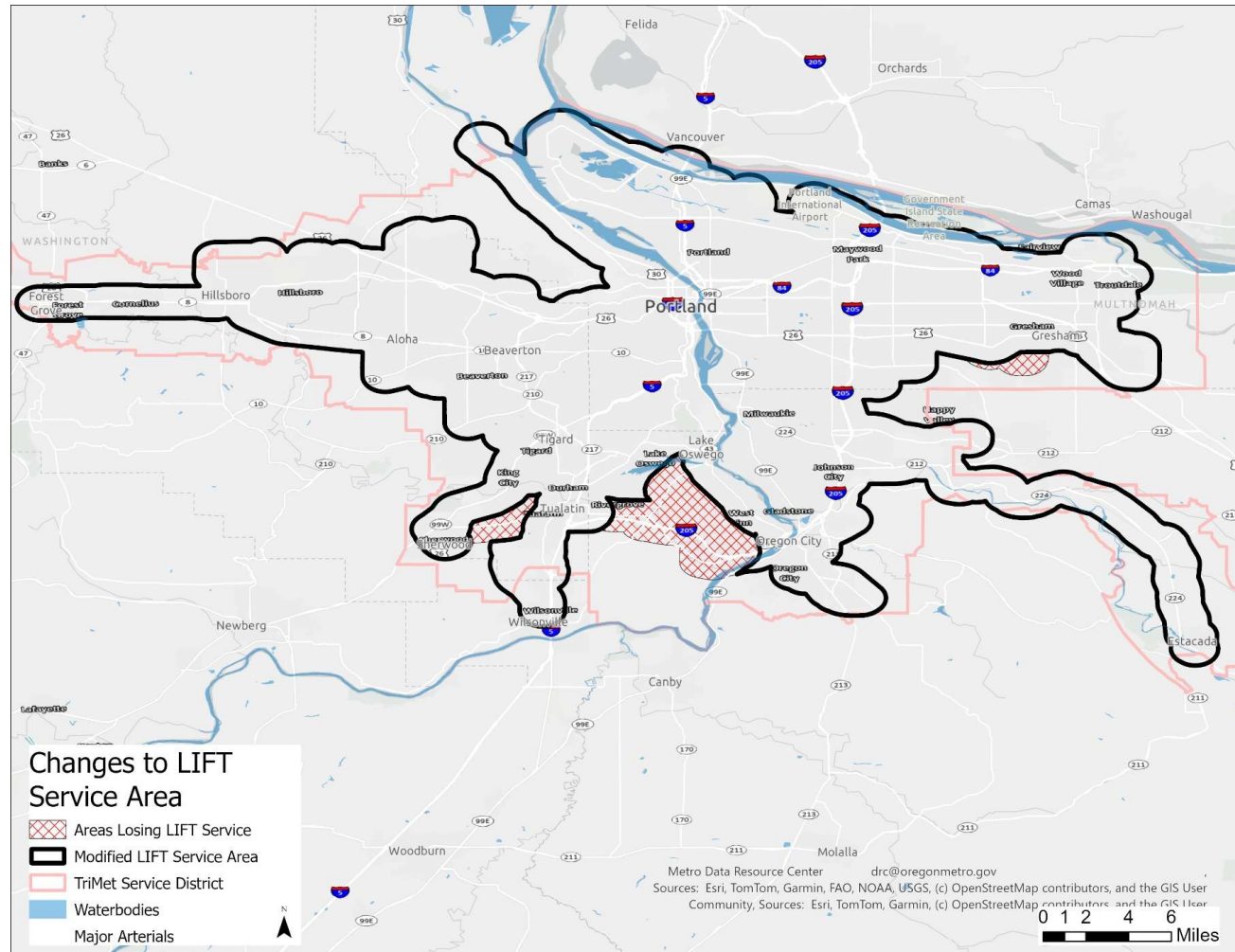
- No system-wide disproportionate burden – low income
- No system-wide disparate impact – minority



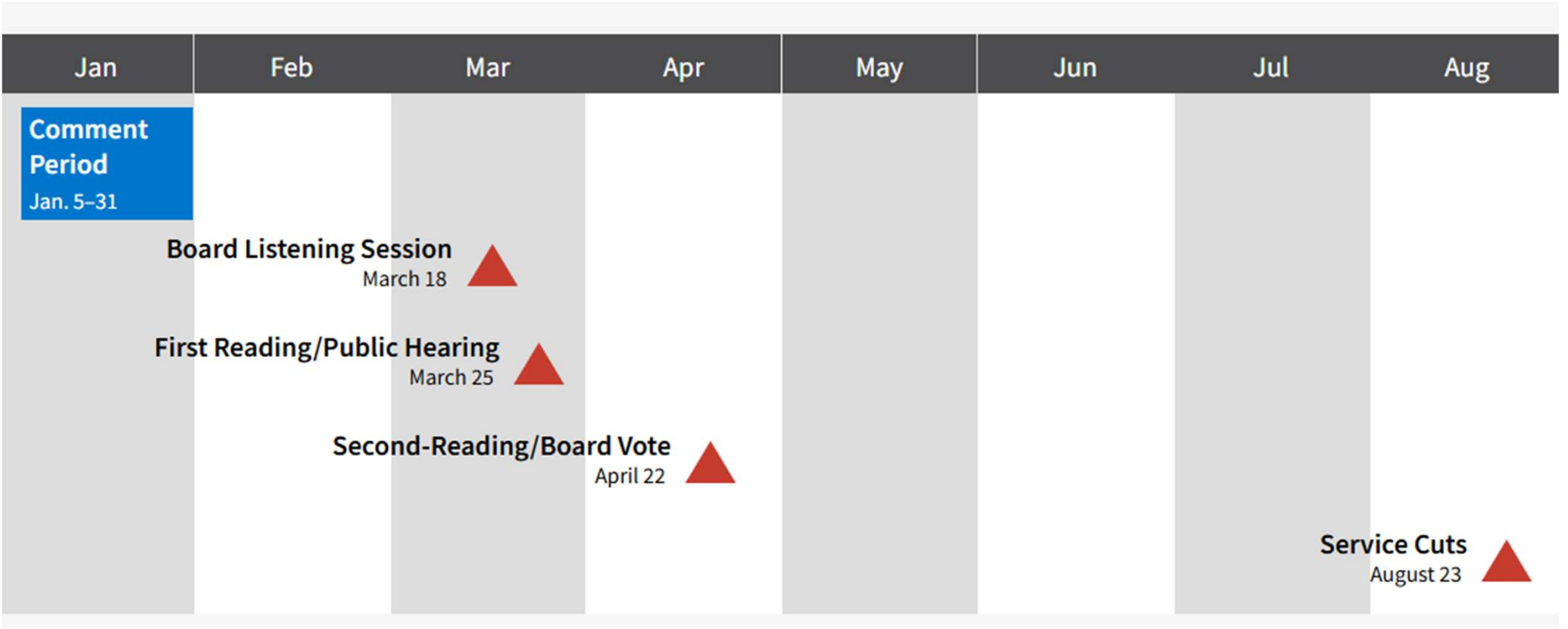


# LIFT Impacts

- 747,303 boardings in Fiscal Year 2025
- 2,463 LIFT boardings impacted per year
- Less than 0.5% of trips impacted



# Current Proposal Timeline



# January 2026 Outreach



- **Requesting feedback on specific service changes: ground-truthing the data-driven proposals**
- Email, social media, news release, QR code at major stops
- Postcard mailing; on-board outreach
- Web page with survey
- Open houses: online and in person; multilingual
- Partnering with community-based organizations for open houses and invite-only discussions

# January Open Houses: In-Person

- Thurs 1/15/26, 12 – 2 p.m., Portland State University
- Thurs 1/15/26, 5 – 7 p.m., Clackamas Community College, Milwaukie
- Tues 1/20/26, 4 – 6 p.m., Baha'i Center, St. Johns
- Wed 1/21/26, 4 – 6 p.m., Beaverton Library
- Thurs 1/22/26, 4 – 6 p.m., Tualatin Library
- Tues 1/27/26, 4 – 6 p.m., Clackamas Community College, Oregon City
- Wed 1/28/25, 4 – 6 p.m., Rosewood Initiative, East Portland
- Thu 1/29/26, 4 – 6 p.m., University of Oregon, Northeast Portland

# January Open Houses: Online

- Tues 1/13/26, 5-7 p.m. (English)
- Wed 1/14/26, 5-7 p.m. (English, ASL; older adults and people with disabilities)
- Sat 1/17/26, 10 a.m. – noon (Spanish)

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## TriMet Virtual Open House

For older adults, people with disabilities, caregivers and families.

Wednesday, January 14  
5 – 7 p.m.



Join us via Zoom to share your feedback about potential bus and MAX service cuts.

1



Open Camera App on phone

2



Point camera at QR Code

3



Tap yellow Zoom button to join online meeting

Join via website link at [trimet.org/servicecuts](https://trimet.org/servicecuts)





# Thank You

Questions?

