



“*RideWise* got me out of the house, got me over my fear of the lift on the buses. I want people to know how easy it is for

people in scooters and chairs to ride TriMet.” — *Dave, RideWise graduate*

“I used TriMet LIFT paratransit vehicles exclusively for over five



years. Through *RideWise* I learned to ride TriMet buses and MAX trains. I now use regular mass transit for 95 percent of my trips, and

I became a volunteer travel trainer for *RideWise*.” — *Lynn, RideWise ambassador*

RideWise is a unique partnership between TriMet and Ride Connection, a non-profit community service organization. There is no charge for *RideWise* services.

Call Ride Connection at **503-226-0700** to start developing your individual transportation plan.

RIDE WISE



Opening doors to public transportation

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Many seniors and people with disabilities avoid using mass transit because:

- a. they don't know how
- b. they don't know how convenient it can be
- c. they don't know if it's safe

RideWise is a new program that helps older adults and people with disabilities to travel safely and independently using public transportation.

***RideWise* services**

RideWise offers a broad range of programs and services to meet your individual needs.

- Information on transportation services available in your area
- Help choosing the mode of transportation that best fits the type of trip you are making
- Personal and group orientation in boarding actual TriMet buses and MAX trains using vehicles not in service
- Personal and group travel training with a trained *RideWise* volunteer or staff member using in-service vehicles
- Follow-up support and training as needed

***RideWise* success stories**

RideWise evaluates individual needs and brings a personalized approach to travel training. Here's what *RideWise* graduates are saying:



“The trainer from the *RideWise* program taught me how to make the bus work for me. Without the training, I'd be missing out on a chance to learn a new job.”

—Michael, *RideWise* graduate

“Health and vision problems made us give up driving, so we took a *RideWise* class and learned how to use the bus



and MAX. Now we help other residents at our retirement complex plan their trips, and

even ride with them to give them added confidence.” —Lynn & Polly, *RideWise* ambassadors

“Transportation is difficult when you're disabled. Sometimes you lose confidence in what you can do. Travel



training helped me get some of that confidence back.”

—John, TriMet rider