Proposed TriMet Bus Facility on NE Columbia Boulevard

Bus garage brings better service to the region, and jobs to the Columbia Corridor

Supporting bus service expansion

New bus lines and more frequent service will improve transit access for people throughout the region. As TriMet expands bus service and grows its bus fleet, the agency needs a new bus garage to store and maintain vehicles, and send the buses into service on new and existing routes.

The agency currently has three bus garages around the metro area but will soon need a fourth bus garage to accommodate the 10-year expansion of transit throughout the Portland region.

The new TriMet bus garage will be located at 4421 NE Columbia Boulevard, in Portland. The site was selected for a number of criteria, including:

- appropriate zoning and adjacent land uses
- location within TriMet’s service area, with access to major arterials, allowing buses to begin and end their routes closer to their home base and minimize their time in traffic when they’re not in service
- presence of existing buildings that will be repurposed cost-effectively; other buildings will be removed to provide more space for buses and maintenance equipment
- results of a Title VI facility siting equity analysis, finding that a garage at this location would not have a disparate impact on minority populations

TriMet launching largest ever expansion of bus service, with more expected in coming years

- All-night bus service to Portland International Airport
- Line 4-Division/Fessenden will be split into two routes for improved reliability and on-time performance
- Line 20-Burnside/Stark gets more frequent buses and all-night service
- Line 24-Fremont extends to Downtown Portland
- Line 57-TV Hwy/Forest Grove gets all-night service
- Line 61-Marquam Hill/Beaverton, 64-Marquam Hill/Tigard, 66-Marquam Hill/Hollywood and 68-Marquam Hill/Collins Circle get expanded hours of operation
- Line 73-122nd Ave gets more frequent service
- Line 74-162nd Ave, the new bus line launched in spring 2018, with improved access to the Columbia Corridor
Improvements and benefits

TRAFFIC AND STREETSCAPE
TriMet and the Portland Bureau of Transportation are working together to define improvements for adjacent streets and sidewalks, such as upgraded sidewalks on NE Columbia Boulevard and a new traffic signal and pedestrian crossings at NE 42nd Avenue.

JOBS
The garage will employ about 330 bus operators, plus up to 100 maintenance, cleaning, training, management and other support positions. Recruitment efforts will focus in neighborhoods around the new garage.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CONTRACTS
For design and construction at the site, TriMet will continue its award-winning Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program to maximize contracting with firms owned by people of color and women.

COLUMBIA SLOUGH HABITAT PROTECTION
A 75-foot conservation zone will be protected along the site’s frontage on the Columbia Slough. TriMet is committed to preserving this important fish and wildlife habitat.

ALTERNATIVE FUELS
To start, the new garage will house buses from the existing biodiesel-mix fleet, but the site design will facilitate a smooth transition to alternative fuels as TriMet implements its broader transition away from diesel.

Estimated timeline

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Neighbors may see TriMet vehicles on site before construction begins.

Preliminary estimated budget
Approximately $56 million

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