

# Notice of District Measure Election

26-119

**SEL 803**

rev 01/10, ORS 250.035,  
250.041, 255.145, 255.345

## District and Notice Information

Notice is hereby given on August 30, 2010, that a measure election will be held in Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon  
 located in Multnomah County, Oregon on November 2, 2010.  
Name of County or Counties Name of District Date of Election

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters:

**Caption** 10 words

Authorize bonds to improve transit, particularly for elderly and disabled.

**Question** 20 words

Shall TriMet issue \$125 million bonds to improve transit services and access for elderly riders and people with disabilities?

If bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Sections 11 and 11b of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary** 175 words

In 1990, voters approved a \$125 million TriMet bond measure. Those bonds will be retired in 2012. If approved, the estimated levy rate for the new bonds is not expected to exceed the levy rate for the old bonds and remain at approximately 8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The bonds may be issued in multiple series; each series will mature in 21 years or less.

Proceeds from the bonds will be used to fund improvements to transit services, including projects that make transit more accessible for elderly and people with disabilities, such as:

- Improving safety and security at bus stops and shelters used by elderly and disabled riders.
- Replacing 20+ year old and high stair buses, which are more difficult for some riders to get on and off, with low floor buses.
- Updating technology for LIFT vans that would make service more efficient and reduce waiting times for elderly and people with disabilities.

TriMet will provide an independent financial audit and a citizens' oversight committee will monitor expenditures.

The following authorized district official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete.

08/30/2010

Signature of Authorized District Official not required to be notarized

Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Neil McFarlane

General Manager

Printed Name of Authorized District Official

Title

RECEIVED  
 2010 AUG 30 PM 1:47  
 TRIMET  
 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

# MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

## Required for all Measures Submitted with Multnomah County Elections

ELECTION DATE <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">11-2-2010</span>	MEASURE NUMBER <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">26-119</span>
---	---

BALLOT TITLE CAPTION  
Authorize bonds to improve transit, particularly for elderly and disabled

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT  
Neil McFarlane

NAME OF JURISDICTION PERSON REPRESENTS  
Tri County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon

E-MAIL <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">McFarlan@TriMet.org</span>	TELEPHONE NUMBER <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">503 962 4831</span>	FAX NUMBER <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">503 962 6451</span>
--	---	---

*Please use space below or attach text on a separate sheet of paper.*

See attached.

WORD/NUMBER COUNT TOTAL (500 word/number limit) 392

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT

8/30/2010

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

26-119

RECEIVED  
2010 AUG 30 PM 1:47  
TIM SCOTT  
DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICITY

TriMet provides public transportation to most of Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties and carries more people than any other US transit system its size. Weekly ridership on buses and MAX has increased for 21 consecutive years. Last year residents and visitors boarded a bus, MAX or WES train 101.5 million times.

The measure on the ballot this year would replace an existing bond that was approved in 1990 and is intended to enable TriMet to improve services for the rapidly growing aging and disabled population without an increase in property taxes. **All riders would benefit from the improvements to transit services and access.**

Many people who use TriMet have no other means of getting to and from work, school, shopping or medical services. As the population in the metro area ages, the need for services for older people increases.

Specifically the measure would:

**Make transit more accessible for elderly and disabled individuals, thereby improving services to all riders by:**

- **Improving safety and security at bus stops and shelters.** TriMet has 7,100 transit stops. Bond proceeds would be used to improve safety and access for elderly and disabled individuals at about 300 stops.
- These capital improvements include building curb cuts, sidewalks, safer pedestrian crossing, shelters, lighting, improved signage, ramps, and handrails so that more individuals can navigate the fixed-route system safely and securely.
- **Replacing 20 year old buses and buses that have high stairs** which are difficult for elderly and disabled to get on and off. Today TriMet has over 250 high floor buses with 150 buses over 19 years old. Replacing old "high-floor" buses with buses that have low floors that are easier to get on is a critical step toward accessibility.
- The new buses would have automated stop announcements for the visually and hearing impaired. Many of the old buses do not have air conditioning, another important component for many older riders with heart conditions and other health problems.
- The measure would enable TriMet to replace old LIFT vehicles for riders who are unable to use the regular transit routes.

- **Update the LIFT van radio communication and dispatch technology to make LIFT service more efficient, reliable and easier for seniors and people with disabilities.**

**This measure replaces the existing bond and it is not expected to increase property taxes beyond what homeowners currently pay, about 8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value or approximately \$20 a year for a \$250,000 property.**

---

The following authorized district official hereby certifies that the above EXPLANATORY STATEMENT is true and complete.



Neil McFarlane  
General Manger

Date: August 30, 2010