

TriMet Income Based Fare Support



HB2017 Fare Programs

- **Funded through the HB2017 legislation (Keep Oregon Moving)**
 - Employer tax
 - Payroll tax
 - **Income Based Honored Citizen (Low Income Fare Program)**
 - Incremental growth first 2 years of program
 - ~\$4-\$6 million this FY
 - Fare split between rider and HB2017 funds
 - **High School Grant Program**



Income-Based Fare Building Blocks

- Expands the definition for Honored Citizen to include Oregon residents with income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
 - Other pathways
 - Age 65 or older
 - Qualifying disability
- Uses Hop Card technology to provide the reduced fare
 - Fare capping is an integral part of providing the maximum savings





Income-Based Fare Process

Eligibility Requirements

- Adults age 18-64
- Adjusted gross income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- Oregon Resident
- Government Issued Photo ID

2 Step Eligibility Process

- Individuals must bring proof of eligibility & government-issued Photo ID to a Community Partner Location for eligibility screening
- Eligible individuals will bring their eligibility receipt & government-issued photo ID to the TriMet Ticket Office



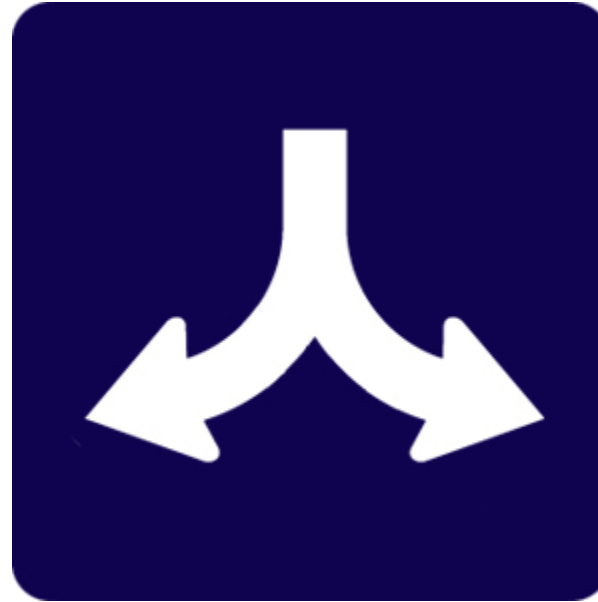
Income Based Honored Citizen Benefits

- **The reduced-price Honored Citizen rate reduces transit cost for the rider up to 72%- but TriMet is still made whole (up to the cap)**
 - 50% for single rides (HB2017 reimburses 50%)
 - 50%for Day Passes (HB 2017 reimburses 50%)
 - \$28 for Monthly Passes (HB 2017 reimburses TriMet \$72.00)
- **Qualifying riders will receive a personalized Honored Citizen Hop Card with Photo ID that serves as verification to ride transit at the reduced rate**
- **Income eligibility lasts for two years and then individuals must re-apply with no limit on how long a person can participate.**
- **Individuals 65+, on disability, or on Medicare currently urged to apply for Honored Citizen Hop Card through other methods**



Income Eligibility

Auto Qualification using active enrollment in other social program



Income Screening using income documents to verify qualification

Applicants can qualify using either option



Auto Qualifying Income Eligibility

- **Individuals receiving public benefits, including:**
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - SNAP Program
 - Medicaid/SCHIP/OHP
 - HUD Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8)
 - Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP, OEAP, or WAP)
 - Free & Reduced Price Lunch (School Nutrition Program)
 - WIC Program
 - Employment Related Daycare
 - Unemployment*



Income- Based Fare Honored Citizens

- Riders that qualify can ride buses, MAX, WES, Portland Streetcar, and C-TRAN at the reduced Honored Citizen rate



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Expires: MAR 2020

HONORED CITIZEN



High School Income-Based Fare

Income Based High School Grant Program

- Program launched in August of 2019
- Provides ~\$700,000 in total funds for student youth fare
- Grant allocation is determined by the student populations size and percentage of free/reduced lunch recipients
- Part of the HB2017 funding along with the Income-Based Fare Program
- Students can work directly with their High School or district for assistance



High School Summer Pass Program

- Program launched in July 2023
- Provides ~\$2.9 Million in total funds for student youth fare
- Free three month pass for June, July and August
- Available to all high school age youth in the TriMet service area
- Part of the HB2017 funding along with the Income-Based Fare Program
- Students can work directly with their High School, district or various community partner organizations for assistance



Access Transit Programs

Available for qualified 501(c)(3) non profit organizations that

- Serve low income clients
- Have a majority of clients in the TriMet service area
- Must use the fares to help low income clients access services critical to employment, housing and personal stability

Fare Relief Grant Program

- Provides ~\$2,500,000 in grant funds for FY 23-24
- Current grant Cycle has 136 recipients
- Grant awards range from
 - \$1,000 to \$35,000
- Several are also enrollment sites for our Low Income Fare program.

Fare Assistance Discount Program

- Discount for purchased fare of 5-20%
- ~60 participants
- Many also participate in the Fare Relief program

