

# TriMet in East County

Presentation to the East  
Multnomah County  
Transportation Committee

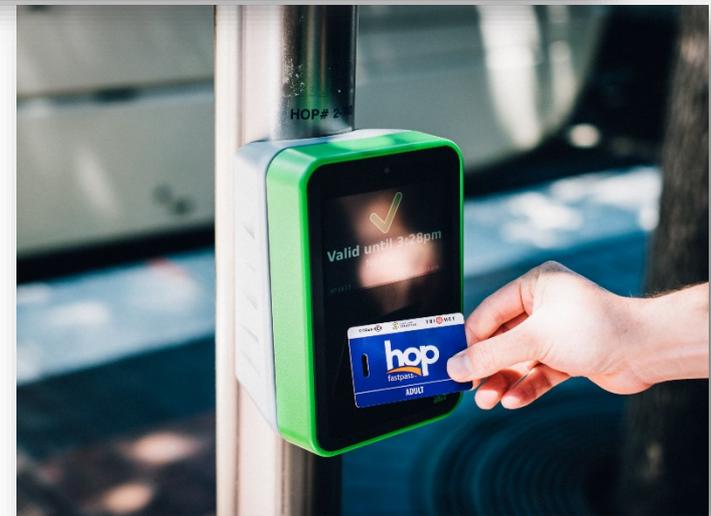
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# Presentation to EMCTC

## Agenda

- Fare Increase
- Reduced Fare Program
- FY23 Service Changes
- Forward Together 2.0



# Fare Increase – January 1, 2024

## TriMet Revenue

- Employer payroll tax
- Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF)
- Fares
- Federal formula funding
- Other state & local operating grants
- Bond proceeds

## Why increase fares?

- Total system costs are increasing
- Federal stimulus funds are being spent down with no renewal
- Last Adult fare increase was in 2012

# Fare Increase – January 1, 2024



ADULT  
**2½-Hour Ticket**

Current:  
\$2.50

Jan 1, 2024:  
\$2.80

**30¢ increase**

ADULT  
**Day Pass**

Current:  
\$5

Jan 1, 2024:  
\$5.60

**60¢ increase**

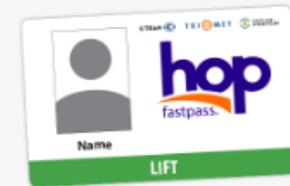
ADULT  
**Month Pass**

Current:  
\$100

Jan 1, 2024:  
\$100

**No increase**

 No increase for frequent riders



LIFT PARATRANSIT  
**Single ride**

Current:  
\$2.50

Jan 1, 2024:  
\$2.80

**30¢ increase**

# Fare Increase – January 1, 2024



HONORED CITIZEN/YOUTH  
**2½-Hour Ticket**

Current:  
\$1.25

Jan 1, 2024:  
\$1.40

**15¢ increase**

HONORED CITIZEN/YOUTH  
**Day Pass**

Current:  
\$2.50

Jan 1, 2024:  
\$2.80

**30¢ increase**

HONORED CITIZEN/YOUTH  
**Month Pass**

Current:  
\$28

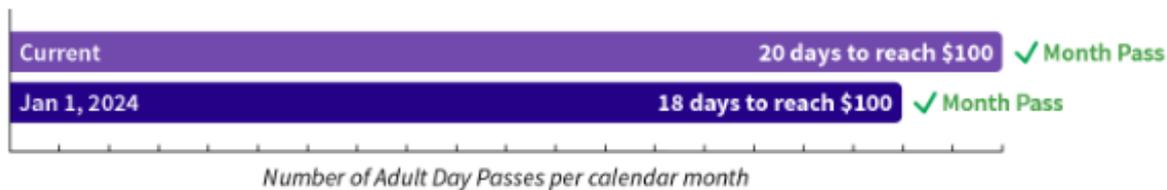
Jan 1, 2024:  
\$28

**No increase**

 No increase for frequent riders

# Fare Increase – January 1, 2024

## Adult



## Honored Citizen/Youth



# Fare Increase Mitigations

## Mitigations

- No increase in cost of monthly passes or fare caps
- Continue to provide 50% discount for LIFT paratransit rides – half cost of the federally approved designated rate
- Expand access to the reduced fare program
- Extend program registration for the reduced fare to 3 years
- Work to expand the Hop retail network



# 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**
  - **Senior, Disability and Veteran 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

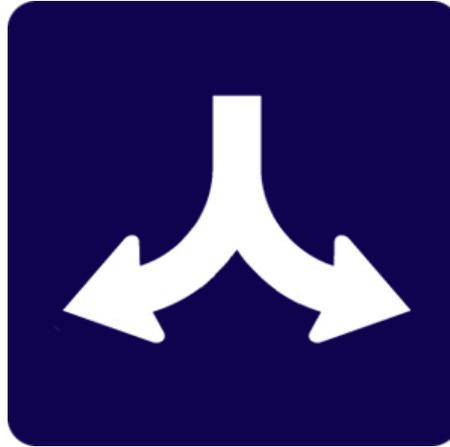
# Income-based Honored Citizen Benefits

- The reduced-price Honored Citizen rate lowers transit cost up to 72%
  - 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)
- Personalized Honored Citizen Hop Card with Photo ID: Serves as verification to ride at reduced rate
- Income eligibility lasts for two years\*
- No limit on how long a person can participate
- Participants can ride buses, MAX, WES, Portland Streetcar and C-TRAN at reduced rate



# Income Eligibility

Auto Qualification  
using active  
enrollment in other  
social program  
(ex. SNAP, OHP, etc)



Income Screening  
using income  
documents to  
verify qualification  
(ex. Paystub or tax  
documents)

Applicants can qualify  
using either option

# 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 \$1,000-\$35,000
- Several are also enrollment sites for our Low Income Fare program.

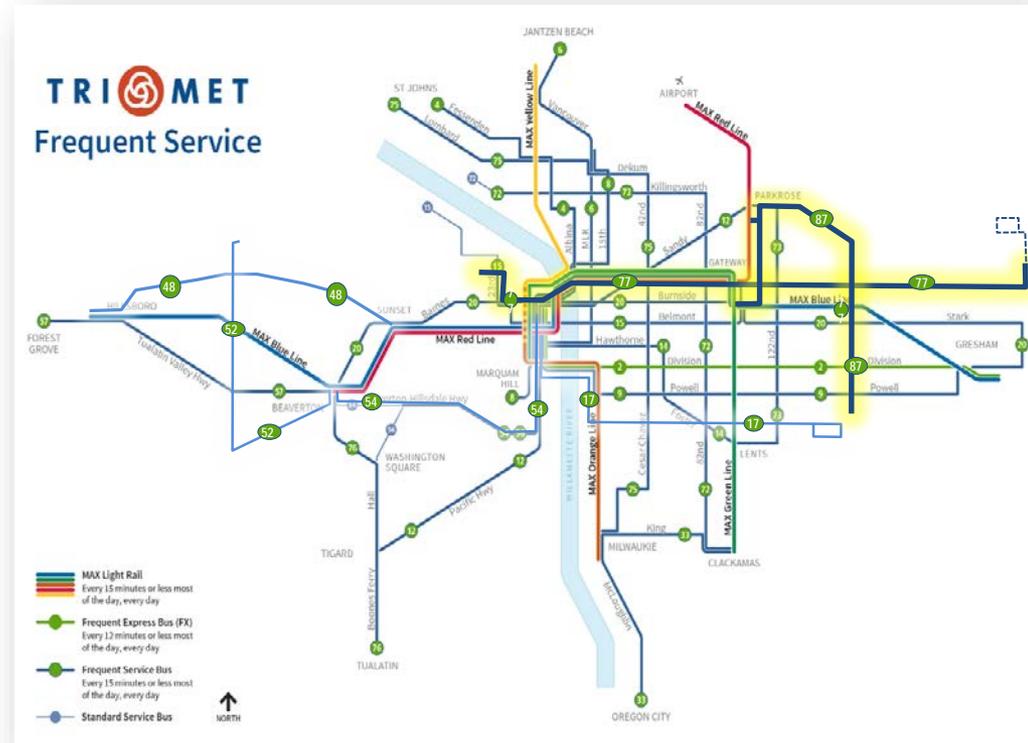
## **Fare Assistance Discount Program**

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

# New Service to East County

## New Frequent Service Lines – FY23

- Line 77-Broadway/Halsey
- Line 87-Airport Way/181<sup>st</sup>



# More Forward Together

## Forward Together 2.0

- 3-5 years
  - MAX restoration
- 20 years
  - MAX growth
  - Bus service growth

