

December 16, 2015



COO FOCUS AND CHALLENGES FOR 2016

Doug Kelsey, our new Chief Operating Officer, has now been on the job for a couple of weeks and is already in the true TriMet “roll-up your sleeves” mode. He has been out in the field learning about the system and meeting with staff from executives to frontline employees.

[Learn more...](#)



HOLIDAY PARTIES BRING FOOD & GOOD TIMES

Santa Bob Foster wasn't the only one bringing laughs to employees. Report areas for all three facilities were packed with food and good cheer at this year's Maintenance and Transportation luncheon. Did you see Santa's helper? He had a great presence.

[Learn more](#) to see the pics from the parties!



CAPITAL PROJECTS; SAME FACES, NEW PLACES

Now that the PMLR project is complete, Capital Projects is getting a new look as it redeploys to more than 50 smaller projects. The reorganization means familiar names in new roles to help streamline work. [Learn more](#) about the changes and to see a new org chart.



BUS SIMULATOR ARRIVES AT CENTER STREET

The Bus Training Department is looking forward to a Christmas present that arrives at Center Street next week. A new state-of-the-art bus simulator will be installed on the second floor for students to start using next year. [Learn more](#) to see incredibly realistic pictures from the program.



FOCUS ON SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT: SERIES

In case you haven't noticed, winter has arrived. The change of seasons brings more than heavy rain but also snow and ice. When you're on the road this winter season, consider several helpful tips that will ensure you get to your destination and back safely.

[Learn more](#) about four-or all-wheel driving.



SAVE THE DATE: BUDGET KICKOFF JANUARY 6

Join GM Neil McFarlane January 6 at 9:30 a.m. to learn more about TriMet's road ahead in the FY2017 Budget Townhall. He'll tell us how the new budget will improve safety, implement SEPs, maintain and preserve our system, improve system reliability, build ridership and advance regional corridor projects.



CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER DETOURS

Customer Service reports positive feedback from the field since the detours went into place this year. Bus stops at Clackamas (TC) & Clackamas Town Center Mall will be closed from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. December 19-23, and December 26 to avoid holiday traffic congestion. [Learn more](#) for maps and lines affected.



SUSTAINABILITY TIP: GIFT IDEAS!

When you're buying gifts, consider non-material options. Try kayak lessons, outdoor adventures, donations, concert tickets, a gift certificate for a massage or guitar lessons. They don't have much or any packaging, and will save you the hassle of gift wrapping!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

NEW POSITIONS

Charles Erickson, Matthew Howard, Mark Jackson, Casey Minner, Gideon Parque, Scott Stafford, Bus Operator to Rail Operator.

Joshua Cunanan, Lonna Olson, Kenneth Slocum, Tyler Stephens, Service Worker to Apprentice Mechanic.

Peter Bruyevicz, Paul Redmond, Albert Ryan, Reda Sedhom Marzouk, Service Worker to LRV Apprentice Mechanic.

FEATURED COMMENDATION

*"I just wanted to **thank you for the great service during the MAX Blue Line shut down from Cleveland Avenue to Ruby Junction. The shuttle bus service was unbelievable--right there when I needed--and quick. I really appreciated the service considering the torrential rain we have had. I was expecting some serious problems getting to where I needed to go, but what a wonderful surprise I had. All of you deserve huge kudos and lots of balloons!!***

- From a rider to Shuttle Bus Operators last week

*******FINAL HOURS!*******
*******DONATE TODAY!!!*******



SEASON OF GIVING

Today (Dec. 16) is the last day to donate a toy for a foster child. The food drive ends

Thursday, Dec. 17. You can make a cash donation or check to the Oregon Food Bank. The "Tots in Socks" campaign (clothing and shoes for kids) ends Friday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. [Learn more](#) for contacts of each campaign.