

# High Quality Service through Continuous Improvement 2018 2nd Quarter Performance Report

TriMet Board Meeting, September 26, 2018

Quality is a never-ending quest and continuous improvement is a never-ending way to discover and eliminate the root causes of problems. It accomplishes this by using sustainable, incremental improvements rather than implementing one large change. It is a way of looking at how we can do our work better.

Key performance indicators are performance measurements that identify the level of progress toward attaining stated objectives.

#### **APPROACH**

Focus on TriMet's three primary areas for improvement:

#### 1. Vehicle and System Reliability

**Goal:** Reduce service disruptions through effective preventive maintenance and asset management.

**Key Performance Indicators:** Preventive maintenance schedule compliance, mean distance traveled between mechanical failures, and maintenance employee attendance.

- Preventive maintenance (PM) compliance for all disciplines exceeded 94% this quarter, exceeding the Federal Transit Administration's preventive maintenance target of 80%. Rail Equipment Maintenance (REM) increased by more than 16 percentage points to 99.0%. Bus Maintenance and Maintenance of Way (MOW) saw small year-over-year improvements, while Fare Equipment returned to 100% of PM work completed on time.
- MAX light rail MDBF (Mean Distance Between Failures) performance has increased by 9.4% over last year. A revised in-service MDBF methodology has been introduced resulting in improved figures for earlier quarters. The revised methodology provides a more consistent and accurate approach to identify failures, including automating the process and streamlining the performance reports.
- Fixed-route bus MDBF has increased by 19.4% over the previous year to 14,381 miles. Retirement of older, less-reliable buses continues to be a contributing factor.
- Maintenance attendance has remained steady at 94% compared to the previous year.

#### 2. Service Delivery

**Goal:** Ensure efficient service delivery by creating staffing levels and reporting structures that increase the ability to respond quickly to service and customer needs. Improve route design and service delivery through ongoing line reviews.

**Key Performance Indicators:** On time performance (OTP), operator attendance, and boarding rides per revenue hour.

- At 86.3% bus service OTP improved by 3.2 percentage points over the previous year, but decreased ~1 percentage point from the past quarter. Qtr 1 generally has the best Bus OTP on an annual basis.
- MAX service OTP increased by 2.6 percentage points over the past year to 90.1% in Qtr 2 2018. The
  next round of OTP initiatives is currently being developed for both bus and rail. Infrastructure
  improvements to allow for fewer speed restrictions when temperatures exceed 90 degrees
  contributed.
- WES OTP remained stable at just under 96% compared to a year ago. A decrease in rail constructionrelated speed restrictions resulted in OTP improving by 3.7 percentage points from Qtr 1 2018.
- Transportation employee attendance increased to 90.3%, a slight improvement over the past year as well as the past quarter.
- Boarding rides per revenue hour overall declined by 2.3% compared to Qtr 2 2017 however they increased slightly from the past quarter.
  - Both bus boardings per revenue hour and MAX boardings per revenue hour are down by 3.0% compared to this time last year. However, the past quarter saw improvements of 0.8% for bus and 3.2% for MAX compared to Qtr 1.
  - WES boarding rides per revenue hour were down 7.3% from the past year. Year-on-year declines still reflect large employer closures and job losses in the corridor. While still declining, the rate of decline has slowed compared to the previous quarter.

#### 3. Operator Support

**Goal:** Improve safety and customer service through customized training programs for operators and supervisors.

Key Performance Indicators: Collisions, complaints, commendations, and rail rule violations.

- Total bus collisions are up by 13.8% compared to last year and also up from the previous quarter. The increase was driven primarily by an increase in mirror strikes. A pilot project to reduce mirror strikes is currently underway with buses at Powell Garage. "Collision Other" had a high percentage increase but total numbers are relatively low. This category contains collisions with railroad gate arms, animals, shopping carts, and other items.
- The total number of MAX collisions remained comparable to the prior year and the prior quarter, though there were 2 fewer bike/pedestrian incidents. The overall number of MAX collisions is small, so a small increase or decrease can appear as a large percentage change.

- Total fixed-route bus complaints per 100,000 boarding rides are down 22.8% compared to the past year and down compared to last quarter as well. Per 100,000 boarding rides, this quarter saw 4.4 fewer Service Delivery complaints, a similar number of Public Relations complaints, and 0.3 more Safety Related complaints compared to one year ago.
- Total MAX complaints per 100,000 boarding rides are down ~25% compared to the previous year. Per 100,000 boarding rides, this quarter saw 1.6 fewer Service Delivery complaints, 0.3 more Public Relations complaints, and 0.4 more Safety Related complaints compared to one year ago. Most Safety Related complaints were regarding other riders. The overall occurrence per 100,000 boardings is very low indicating strong performance in this area.
- Bus operator commendations per 100,000 boardings were down from the prior year but unchanged from the previous quarter. MAX commendations per million boardings were up compared to the prior year as well as from the past quarter.
- MAX rule violations per million miles increased by 4.8% compared to last year, but have decreased
  from the previous two quarters. Transportation is working to continue this recent downward trend
  through improved training and communications. Training and supervisor support continues to focus
  on less-experienced rail operators and key locations on the rail network that have been identified as
  having higher incidents of rule violations.

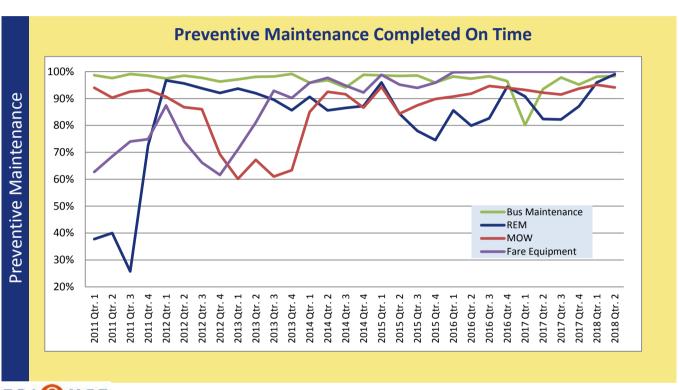


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**Quarterly Performance Report** 

# **Preventive Maintenance Completed On Time**

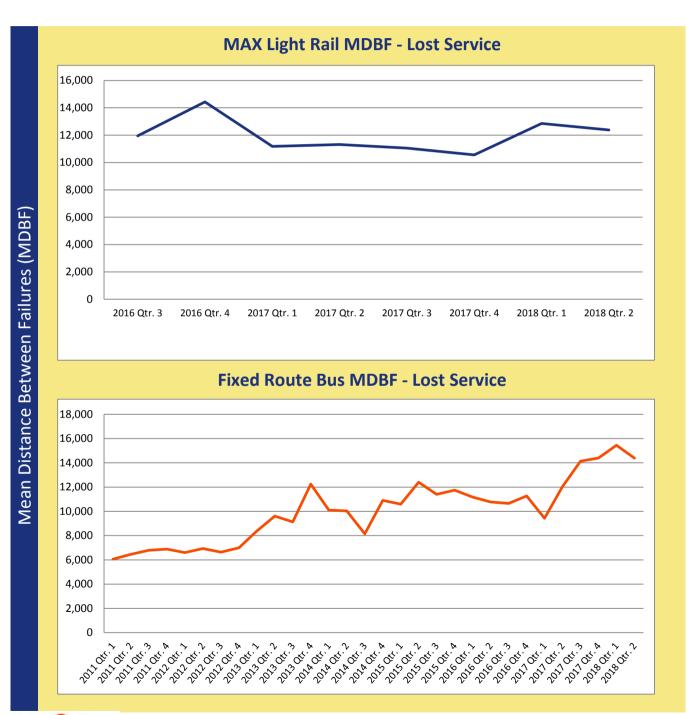
				2018 - 2017
	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	Percent Pt. Change
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Bus Maintenance	98.3%	98.1%	93.5%	4.8
REM	99.0%	96.0%	82.4%	16.6
MOW	94.1%	95.1%	92.2%	1.9
Fare Equipment	100.0%	99.9%	100.0%	0.0



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## **Mean Distance Between Failures (MDBF)**

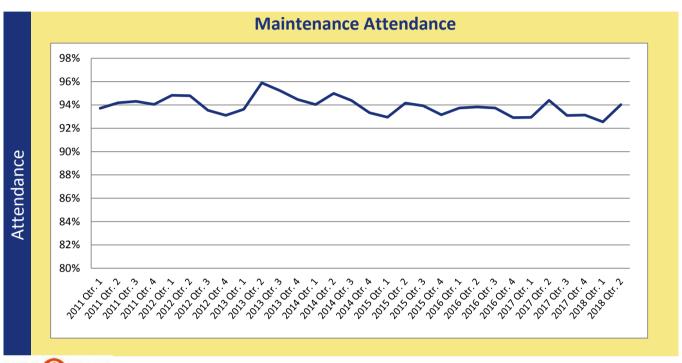
	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018 - 2017 Percent Change
MAX Light Rail	12,378	12,853	11,313	9.4%
Fixed Route Bus	14,381	15,449	12,042	19.4%





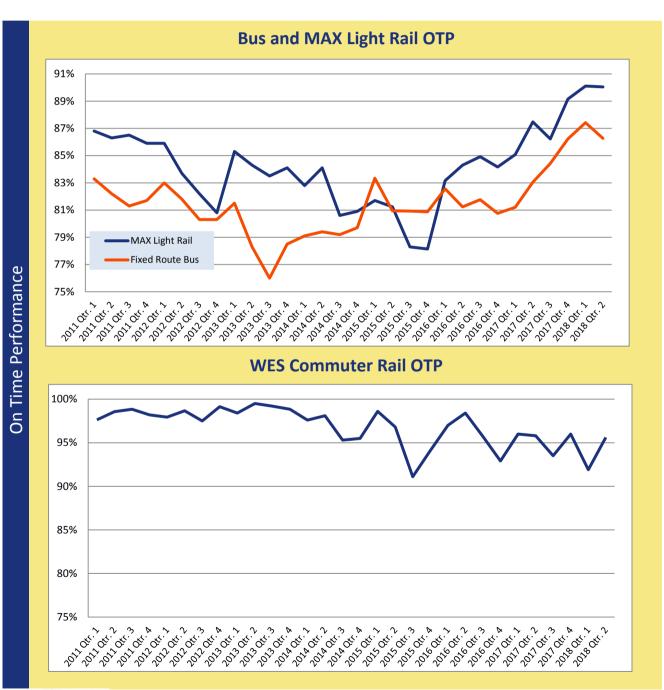
# **Maintenance Employee Attendance**

	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018 - 2017 Percent Pt. Change
Maintenance	94.0%	92.5%	94.4%	-0.4



#### **On Time Performance**

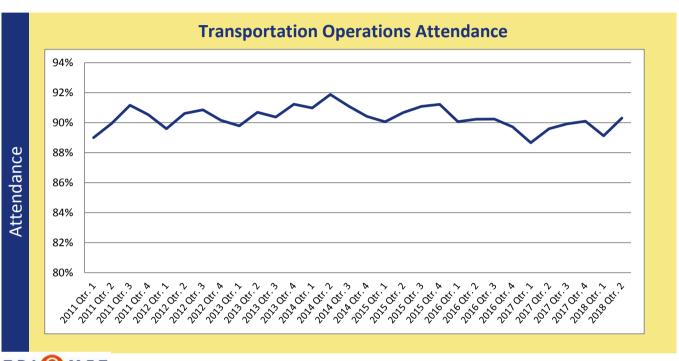
	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018 - 2017 Percent Pt. Change
Fixed Route Bus	86.3%	87.4%	83.1%	3.2
MAX Light Rail	90.1%	90.1%	87.5%	2.6
<b>WES Commuter Rail</b>	95.6%	91.9%	95.8%	-0.2





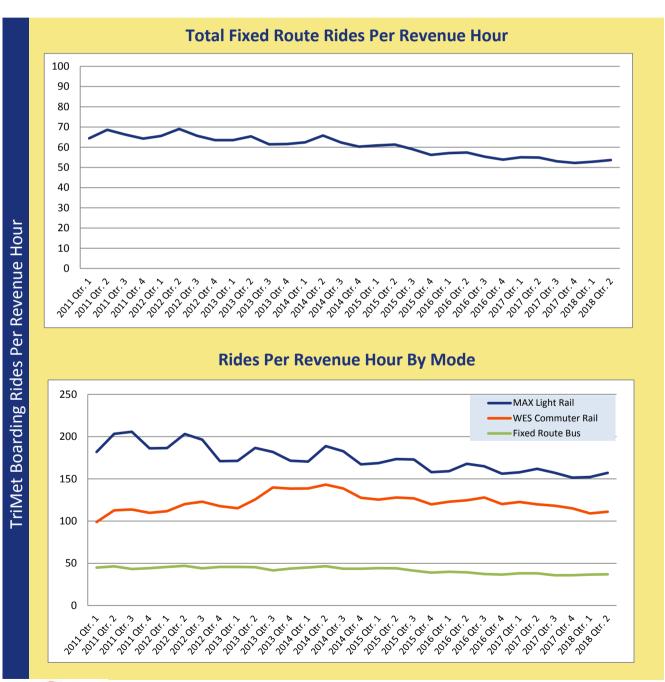
# **Transportation Operations Employee Attendance**

	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018 - 2017 Percent Pt. Change
TransOps	90.3%	89.1%	89.6%	0.7



## **Boarding Rides Per Revenue Hour**

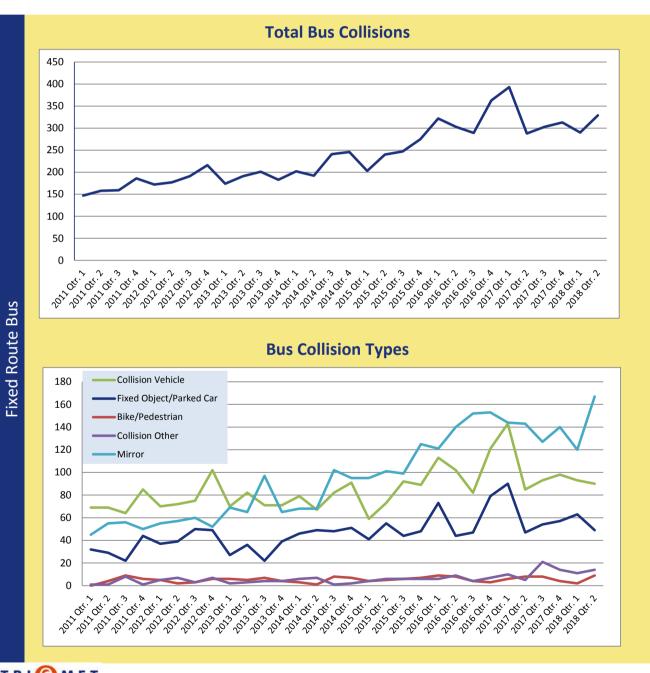
	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018 - 2017 Percent Change
Total	53.6	52.8	54.9	-2.3%
Fixed Route Bus	37.0	36.7	38.1	-3.1%
MAX Light Rail	157.1	152.2	161.8	-3.0%
<b>WES Commuter Rail</b>	111.1	109.0	119.8	-7.3%





#### **Fixed Route Bus Collisions**

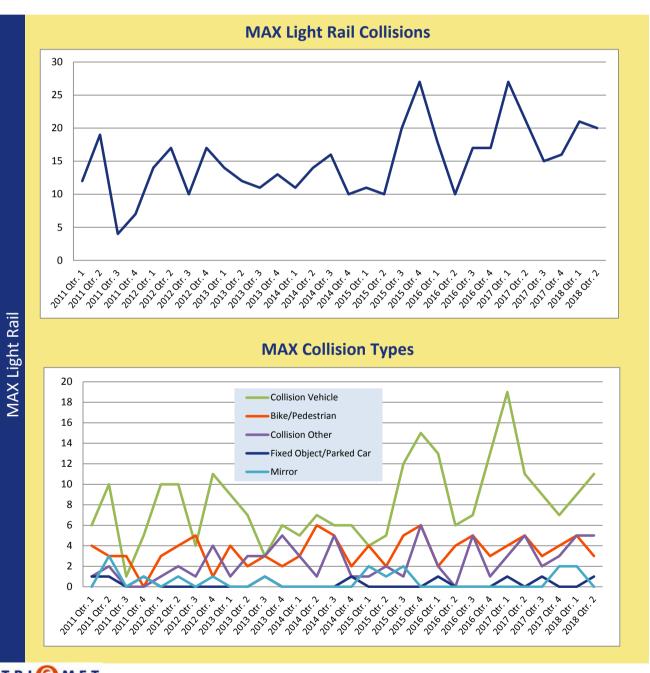
	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018 - 2017 Percent Change
Total	329	290	288	14.2%
Collision Vehicle	90	93	85	5.9%
Fixed Object/Parked Car	49	63	47	4.3%
Bike/Pedestrian	9 (4/5)	2 (2/0)	8 (5/3)	12.5%
<b>Collision Other</b>	14	11	5	180.0%
Mirror	167	120	143	16.8%





## **MAX Light Rail Collisions**

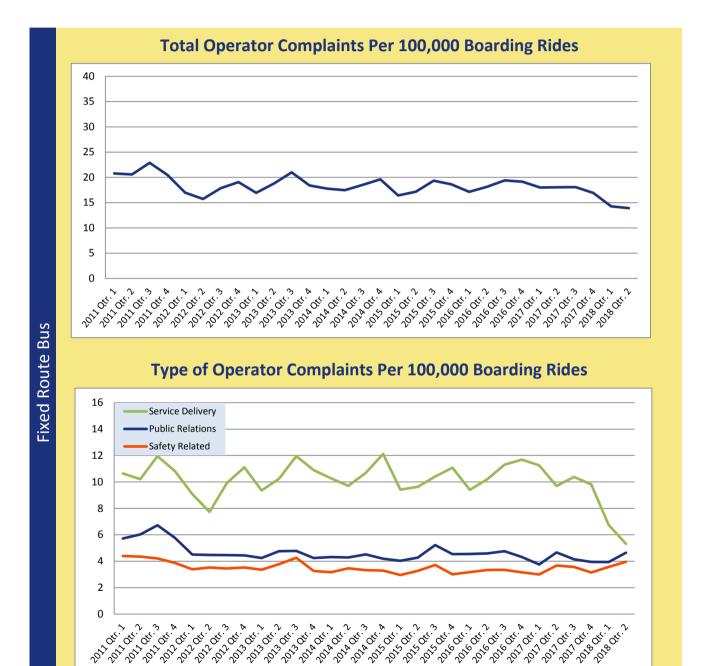
	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018 - 2017 Percent Change
Total	20	21	21	-5%
<b>Collision Vehicle</b>	11	9	11	0%
Fixed Object/Parked Car	1	0	0	-
Bike/Pedestrian	3 (1/2)	5 (2/3)	5 (1/4)	-40%
<b>Collision Other</b>	5	5	5	0%
Mirror	0	2	0	0%





#### Fixed Route Bus Complaints Per 100,000 Boarding Rides

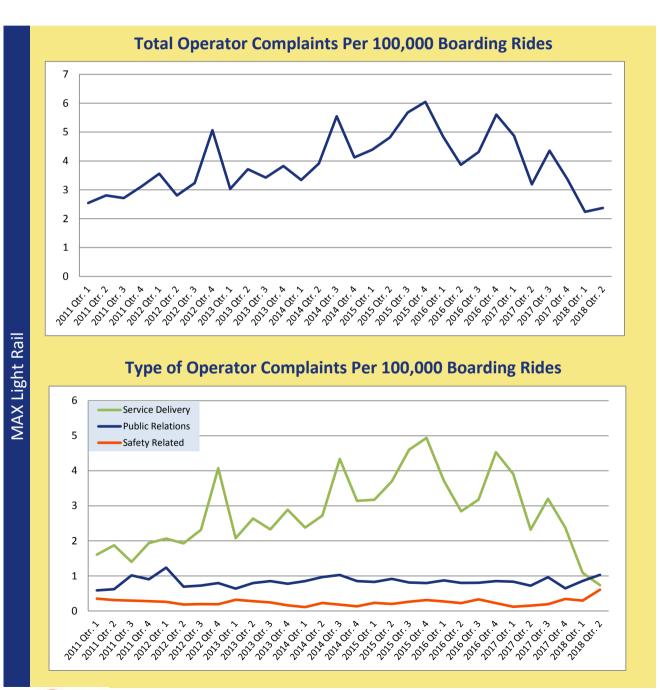
	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018 - 2017 Percent Change
Total	13.9	14.3	18.0	-22.8%
Service Delivery	5.3	6.8	9.7	-45.2%
<b>Public Relations</b>	4.6	3.9	4.7	-0.3%
Safety Related	4.0	3.6	3.7	8%





## MAX Light Rail Complaints Per 100,000 Boarding Rides

	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018 - 2017 Percent Change
Total	2.4	2.2	3.2	-25.6%
Service Delivery	0.7	1.1	2.3	-68.2%
<b>Public Relations</b>	1.0	0.9	0.7	42.8%
Safety Related	0.6	0.3	0.2	297.6%

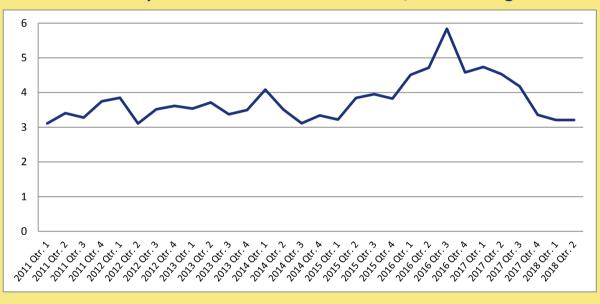




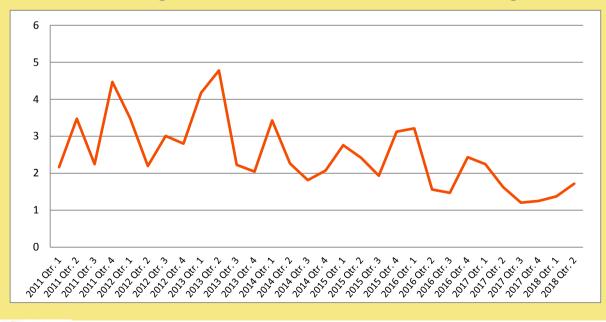
# **Fixed Route Bus and MAX Light Rail Commendations**

	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018 - 2017 Percent Change
Fixed Route Bus Per 100,000 Boardin	3.2 gs	3.2	4.5	-29.2%
MAX Light Rail Per Million Boarding	1.7	1.4	1.6	5.6%

## **Total Bus Operator Commendations Per 100,000 Boarding Rides**



## **Total MAX Light Rail Commendations Per Million Boarding Rides**





**TriMet Bus and MAX Commendations** 

# **Rail Rule Violations per Million Miles**

	2018 Qtr. 2	2018 Qtr. 1	2017 Qtr. 2	2018-2017 Percent Change
Rail Rule Violation Rate	119.7	132.5	114.2	4.8%

