

Recent events of racial injustice have led to candid conversations about race, safety, equity and the need for lasting change. As the public transit provider for our region, which relies on support from local law enforcement to ensure the safety of our riders and employees, TriMet has an opportunity—and the responsibility—to rethink, to reimagine, our approach to safety on our system so everyone feels welcome.

On July 1, 2020, TriMet made the first step, redirecting \$1.8 million in police contracts and additional funding to explore new community-based services to expand our safety approach.

TriMet is now working in partnership with the Coalition of Communities of Color and DHM Research on a broad outreach and engagement effort. We want to gather thoughts from riders, with a focus on those who depend on transit. We also want to hear from community groups, local leaders and the public, as well as our Transit Equity Advisory Committee, TriMet Safety & Security Committee, Committee on Accessible Transportation and our frontline workers and security officers. Those conversations, along with research and analysis, will help guide us to make our transit system better—more safe, welcoming and equitable for all.

## Building a better transit system together

OUTREACH

Engaging with riders, community members, local leaders, as well as frontline employees and security staff, through virtual town halls, listening sessions, surveys and focus groups

Partnering with the Coalition of Communities of Color to ensure feedback from a range of voices reflecting all those we serve

RESEARCH

Identifying best practices in the transit industry for public safety and equity

Analyzing regional security challenges and TriMet incident data to identify opportunities for different security approaches

Gathering a committee of regional thought leaders and national transit safety experts to advise TriMet as we move forward on community-informed safety efforts

## **Timeline**

July	August	September	October
Develop engagement strategy	<ul> <li>Begin listening sessions &amp; virtual town halls</li> <li>Launch online surveys</li> <li>Begin researching best practices &amp; data analysis</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complete listening sessions, virtual town halls &amp; surveys</li> <li>Complete best practices research and data analysis</li> <li>Form Transit Safety Advisory Committee</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Continue Transit         Safety Advisory</li></ul>

Ongoing updates and discussions with TriMet Board, TriMet Safety & Security Committee, Transit Equity Advisory Committee, Commission on Accessible Transportation

## Foundation for the future

As TriMet develops a new public safety and security approach, we will build on our foundation of diversity, equity and inclusion.

LOW INCOME/REDUCED FARE

\$28/month for unlimited rides

FARE RELIEF

\$8.5 million in free and reduced

HIGH SCHOOL PASS PROGRAM

\$610,000 in free fare to low-income students

TRANSIT EQUITY OVERSIGHT

16 region-wide partnerships

DECRIMINALIZED SYSTEM

90 days to resolve citations internally

CIVIL RIGHTS

26
policies ensuring equity and fair access

MINORITY CONTRACTING

\$70 million historic DBE contract

CLIMATE JUSTICE

8 actions for a greener future

EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

466 affordable housing units developed

Learn more about our programs to create a more accessible transit system for everyone at **trimet.org/equity.** 

## Get Involved

Share your opinion on safety, security presence, training, partnerships and non-police community-based initiatives. Learn more about participating in an upcoming focus group and take a survey at trimet.org/publicsafety.

Questions or comments? Email us at equity@trimet.org or call 503-962-2244.