

Tri-Met announces schedule changes to bus lines 35, 39, 43, and 45

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Tri-Met is making mostly minor changes to bus lines affecting Southwest Portland. But the biggest change will affect the weekend riders of Line #39 Lewis & Clark.

According to Peggy LaPoint, Tri-Met public information officer, Friday and Saturday late night service on Line #39 will end on September 7. "There has been very low usage on these trips since the service hours were extended in September 2006," explained LaPoint. The good news is that the line will continue to operate between Lewis and Clark College and



THREE TO BEAM UP Tri-Met fare inspectors appeared suddenly like astronauts on August 15 at the Southwest Troy Street and 35th Avenue bus stop. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)

Hillsdale during the day.

According to LaPoint, the last Line #39 trip to Hillsdale will leave Lewis & Clark College on weekdays at 6:54 p.m. and Saturday at 6:44 p.m. The last Line #39 trip to Lewis & Clark will leave Capitol Hwy & Sunset on weekdays at 6:20 p.m. and Saturday at 6:25 p.m.

Bus trips will be added to Line #35 Macadam because of increased ridership and subtracted from Line #43 Taylors Ferry Road because of lowered ridership.

Tri-Met is also making a couple of minor changes to Line #45 Garden Home this month said LaPoint. "When buses were moved off the Portland Mall in January for construction, too much time was given to the operators on their schedule," explained LaPoint.

"We're tweaking the schedule by a couple of minutes to improve reliability and help riders make their connections."

Additionally, Tri-Met is adjusting the timing of an outbound bus for Wilson High School (Capitol Highway and Sunset Boulevard) to arrive just after school lets out instead of just before school lets out.

The bottom line of course is that fares will be increasing. 2-Zone cash fares will increase to \$1.75. All-Zone cash fares will increase to \$2.05. Youth/Student cash fare will increase to \$1.40. LIFT cash fare will increase to \$1.70. Most monthly passes will increase by \$2.00 Youth/Student monthly passes will increase by \$1.00.

Neighbors attend open house for Gabriel Park skateboard facility

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On July 31, the Portland Park Bureau held the latest in a series of public open houses for a proposed 8,500 square foot skateboard facility in Gabriel Park. About 20 people attended this session at the Multnomah Arts Center, most of them skateboarders or their parents.

Citizens who attended offered a variety of suggestions about the design of the facility.

An older neighbor of the park, David Feuz, was concerned that the ten new parking spaces proposed for

I'm not interested in learning.")

Stephanie Mohler, owner of Airspeed Skateparks, the designer and builder of the facility, suggested that users could carpool to the site. Portland Park Bureau skateboard specialist Rod Wojtanek said that the natural constraints of the terrain, and the need to provide for storm water treatment, precluded providing any more spaces.

He said that a skateboard facility in the east side's Glenhaven Park seldom attracted more than 10 cars. He conceded to Feuz, "The conditions you described at Gabriel Park are a reality."

Mohler and Wojtanek asked if skaters of different ages and abilities could share the same space. The skaters replied that this is "something you learn to live with." One added, "If you can't, you should probably set up a ramp in your own driveway to skate on."



A designer's concept of the proposed Gabriel Park skatepark. (Courtesy Rod Wojtanek, Portland Parks and Recreation)

the facility would be insufficient.

The Southwest Community Center [on the north end of the park] has inadequate parking, and those patrons will simply appropriate the new spaces, he said. The result will be "a nightmare," he said. (Regarding the sport itself Feuz said, "I don't know anything about skateboarding, and

Feuz said that the "skate spot" in the new Holly Farm Park [on Capitol Highway in the West Portland Park neighborhood] has no seating or shade trees for spectators. Wojtanek said trees planted on the periphery will provide shade when they grow, and benches and picnic tables are "something we're looking at. This is a pretty neat spectator sport."

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