



Tri-Met adds bus lines during Ross Island repairs

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Repairs to the Ross Island Bridge begin Monday, March 6, continuing until early summer 2001. Only one lane in each direction will be open on weekdays until 7:50 p.m. and all hours on weekends. The bridge will close on weekdays after 7:50 p.m.

Lines 9-Powell, 17-Holgate, 19-Woodstock and 66-Marquam Hill/Hollywood TC will cross the bridge when it is open. However, buses will use SW First Avenue to Sheridan and onto Naito Parkway to reach the west end of the bridge.

Leaving downtown, the route for lines 35-Macadam and 36-South Shore will change near the bridge. Buses will use First Avenue to Sheridan Street onto Naito Parkway to Kelly Street.

Weeknight Detours

When the bridge closes Monday-Friday nights, after 7:50 p.m., 9-Powell, 17-Holgate and 19-Woodstock buses will be detoured.

Traveling west (inbound toward downtown) the last stop before the detour will be at SE Milwaukie & Powell. Buses will cross the Hawthorne Bridge. The first stop downtown beyond the detour will be at SW 1st & Columbia, then at SW Harrison & 2nd before traveling to 6th Avenue.

Traveling east (outbound from downtown) the last stop before the detour will be at SW 5th & Hall. (When the new bus stop at PSU is complete in spring 2000, the stop will move to SW 5th & Harrison.) Buses will cross the Marquam Bridge. The first stop on the east side of the bridge will be at SE Milwaukie & Powell.



Oregon Agriculture Education Foundation's Ag Plate available

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The Oregon Agriculture Education Foundation (OAEF), a 501 (3) non-profit foundation which sponsors and supports community agriculture, forestry and natural resource education and research projects, in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has produced a limited-edition "OREGON AG" specialty license plate. The "OREGON AG" license plate was designed by the Foundation and will be distributed only through the state DMV office in Salem. A portion of the proceeds from the new specialty plate will

go to support the work of the foundation. The long awaited plate is now available through the state office (1905 Lana Ave. Salem, 97302) or go into your local DMV and pay the appropriate costs and plate will be mailed to you. The fee for the plate is an additional cost of \$10.00, this is in addition to any registration, tilting or miscellaneous costs from the DMV.

Among OAEF's successful programs is Summer Agriculture Institute (SAI), a one-week intensive graduate course in agriculture offered to teachers of Kindergarten through twelfth grade each summer at Eastern Oregon University and Oregon State University.

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leading causes of injury death in youth include suffocation, firearms, drowning and fire. Suicide continues to be the second leading cause of death for youth aged 10-17. The report includes full data and specific recommendations for prevention for each category of child death. Child fatality review teams are made up of representatives from law enforcement, the district attorney, child protective services, public health and the medical examiner. This is the second annual report, based on data provided by local teams. The report can be obtained by calling 503-731-3451 and after Tuesday, Feb. 29. It will be on the web at www.ohd.hr.state.or.us/cdpe/eoi/injury/.

For more information about the new teen driver license requirements and related issues, contact your local DMV office. You may also call DMV Customer Assistance at (503) 945-5000 if you have questions or to request a teen driver packet. The packet contains information about the new requirements, a list of resources, a log to keep track of driving time, and suggestions for helpful practice driving experiences. The information is available at DMVs Web site at: www.odot.state.or.us/dmv/. The legislature passed several new laws related to teen drivers due to concerns about traffic safety. Teen traffic deaths jumped 50 percent in Oregon between 1993 and 1998. In

1998, 86 drivers between ages 15 and 19 were involved in fatal crashes, according to Troy Costales, manager of ODOT's Transportation Safety Division. The new laws also transfer responsibility for statewide driver education from the Department of Education to the Transportation Safety Division. The division plans to establish new standards for driver education instructor certification and course content. The new standards may be implemented gradually over the next couple of years. Beginning Sept. 1, 2000, a related law also passed by the legislature requires people under the age of 18 to be enrolled as a student to maintain their

license. Reporting of school attendance will be at the discretion of individual school districts. Convictions for failure of teens to use safety belts and convictions for violation of the teen driving law restrictions are recorded on a teens provisional driving record. Accumulation of convictions leads progressively to requirements for driver counseling, driver instruction or eventual license suspension. "We estimate that full implementation of the new teen licensing laws will save 10 to 12 lives each year, and will prevent approximately 200 injuries," Costales said. "With the new laws, Oregon joins 24 other states that have adopted some form of provisional licensing for teens."

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violin section of the Portland Youth Philharmonic and the Clark College Orchestra. He served as co-concertmaster in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony's Concert Orchestra before joining PYP and was awarded Myers "Most Improved String Player of the Year" award. In 1999, Joel won first place in the Regional Ensemble Contest as a violinist in the duet category. He also won the Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest in 1999 for viola and placed third at the State Solo competition. He attended Marrowstone Music

Festival in port Townsend last summer and has recently begun teaching violin. Joel currently is in Clark College's Running Start program and eventually plans a career in music performance. Joel will perform the 2nd and 3rd movements of the Concerto in G by George Philipp Telemann for Viola. Justin Mackewich is a 17 year old violinist who began studying the violin at the age of five. He has been a member of the Portland youth Philharmonic for five years and is currently Principal Second violin. He

was recently selected as the year 2000 winner of the PYP Youth Concerto Competition. Justin is the recipient of numerous awards including first place in the Southwest Washington Solo Competition in 1999 and 1998 and third place in 1998. He also took First Place in the Oregon State MTNA Junior Division Performance Competition. Justin attended the prestigious Perlman Music Program in Hampton, NY and appeared at Lincoln Center under the baton of Itzhak Perlman. He is also a member of the Four Seasons Quartet,

which will perform on National public Radio this spring. Justin will perform an arrangement of the Carmen Fantasy by Pablo de Sarasota. Ticket prices are \$17 adult, \$14 senior and \$7 student and may be purchased by calling the Symphony office at (360) 735-7278. Tickets may also be purchased at Beacock's Music, Runyan's Jewelers in downtown Vancouver and in Camas, Wayside books in Battle Ground or by calling Ticketmaster (503) 224-4400. For more information, contact the Symphony office at (360) 735-7278.

TRI-MET PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Tri-Met has the following immediate openings for engineering professionals.

PROGRAM SCHEDULING ENGINEER/ENGINEER V
Hiring range is \$4,776-\$5,971 per month.
The successful candidate will manage the scheduling efforts of Tri-Met to facilitate management decisions and ensure on-time completion of the Interstate MAX light rail project. Demonstrated ability in technical project management, construction scheduling systems, reporting, analysis, and building effective working relationships with internal staff and external professionals required.
Qualified applicants will have the following background:
• Bachelor's degree in engineering, construction management, or related field
• 10 years general construction/engineering experience
• 7 years experience with Primavera Systems scheduling
• 5 years scheduling transit projects
• Or any equivalent combination of experience and training

AIRPORT MAX OFFICE ENGINEER/ENGINEER II
Hiring range is \$3,698-\$4,622 per month.
This is an 18-month position.
The successful candidate will assist the Design and Construction Manager with field observation/documentation in areas including safety, quality assurance, and change orders on the Airport MAX light rail project.
Qualified applicants will have the following background:
• Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering
• Or, at least, 3 years experience in engineering work directly applicable to light rail design and construction
• 3 years experience in construction or construction administration for large public works projects
• Or, any equivalent combination of experience and training

ENGINEER I
Hiring range is \$3,390-\$4,238 per month.
This is a 2-year position.
The successful candidate will perform entry-level engineering duties including the design and management of the construction of bus stop improvements. Responsibilities include research, field investigation, technical analysis, design, preparation of construction documentation, and management of construction activities.
Qualified applicants will have the following background:
• Associate's degree in Civil Engineering or related field
• Bachelor's degree and certification as EIT desired
• 1 year general engineering experience desired
• Or any equivalent combination of experience and training

ENGINEER III - SYSTEMS
Hiring range is \$4,030-\$5,038 per month
The successful candidate will be responsible for light rail electrical systems duties with the Interstate MAX light rail project. Responsibilities include quality assurance and inspection involving traction power, signals, fare collection, and communications along with review, coordination, monitoring, and approving project work.
Qualified applicants will have the following background:
• Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering
• Or 5 years of general light rail electrical systems experience
• Or any equivalent combination of experience and training

Qualified candidates may obtain application materials at Tri-Met's Human Resources Dept., 3rd floor, 4012 SE 17th Ave., Portland, OR 97202. Applications received after 5 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2000 will not be accepted. You may fax your application to 503-962-7440.
Those residing outside of the Portland Metropolitan area or who are physically disabled may request application materials by calling 503-962-7655. You may reach us on bus line #17 & #70. Visit our web site at <http://www.tri-met.org/jobs/>.

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Commissioner James Franseconi