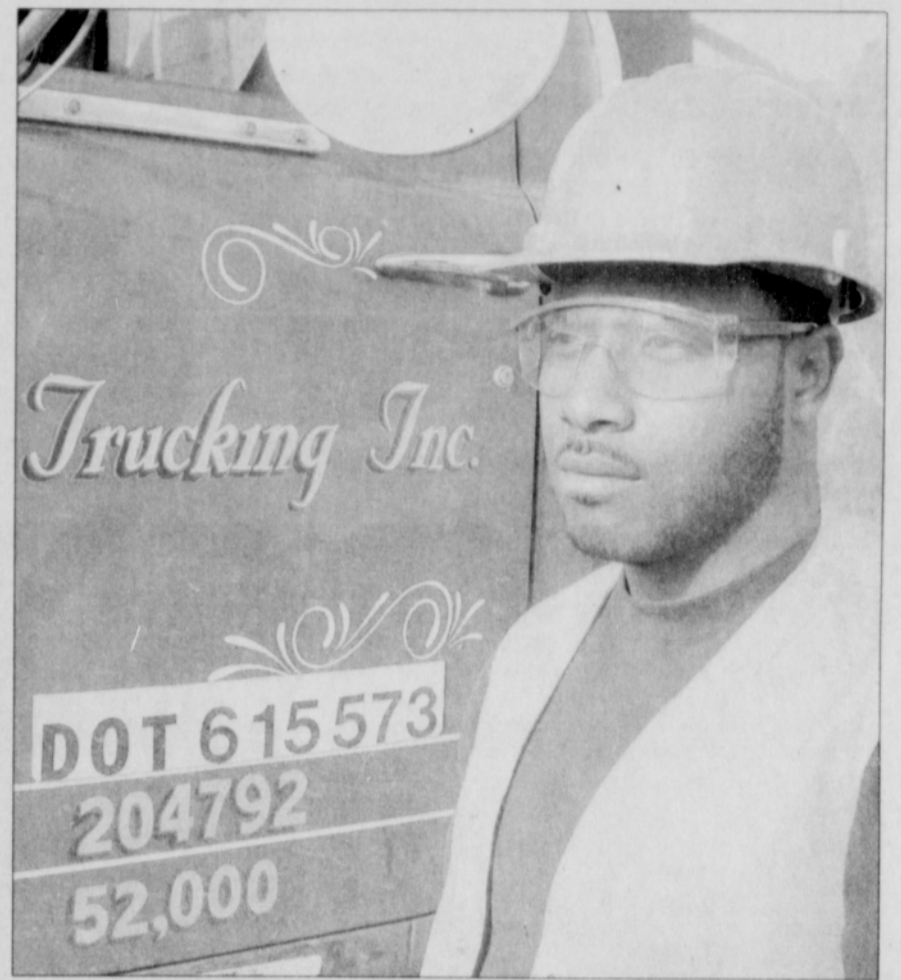


# Minorities Essential in Yellow Line Success



Flagger Dechen Palmo helped keep traffic moving safely during the construction of TriMet's Interstate Max Yellow Line.

Harold Milliken of J & R Trucking helped with the building of TriMet's Yellow Line by providing trucking services such as hauling material.

## \$35 million spent with communities of color

TriMet has a long history of demonstrating its commitment to cultural diversity. From the employees it hires to the projects it takes on, General Manager Fred Hansen is enforcing principles of equality to all of Portland's residents.

"We have an absolute commitment to ensuring that our actions and the way we conduct business are free of discrimination in any form," Hansen said. "We recognize that the vibrancy and vitality of TriMet is a direct reflection of the diversity of views, experiences, backgrounds and perspectives brought to the situations we face. In valuing and celebrating our

diversity, we can strengthen our core goal of being the best organization possible."

While adding its newest service, the Interstate Max Yellow Line, 19 percent of contractors hired were from minority- and women-owned businesses. That amounted to \$35 million spent in communities of color and diversity.

TriMet also celebrates diversity with its sense of style. Each of the 10 stations on the Interstate Max line has unique artwork relating to the history or culture of the surrounding community. Workers have installed colorful mosaic tiles reflecting traditional symbols of Africa, South America and India at the North Killingsworth Street Station. The artwork by Portland artists Adriene Cruz and Valerie Otani reflects the area's cultural diversity and brings festive, vibrant colors to the area.

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— Fred Hansen

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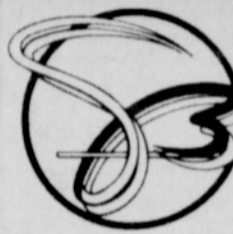
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