

MAX Celebrates 25 Years

Gresham line from downtown started it all

To celebrate 25 years of service for the community, TriMet's Eastside MAX Blue Line held several events on Friday to recognize the first 15-mile segment of the mass transit system, a line from downtown Portland to Gresham, which was the region's first light-rail line.

There were only two previously completed light rail systems in the United States at the time of the MAX opening in September 1986. Since then, MAX has expanded to 52 miles of track and logged 483 million trips.

"In the past 25 years, we have significantly expanded our transit system, reached record ridership while also helping to create and enhance neighborhoods along all of our MAX lines," said TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane.

The Portland region would look completely different today without the emergence of the MAX line. The system was conceived through the public opposition to



more freeways, especially a proposed 8-lane Mt. Hood Freeway that was set to cut through south-east Portland.

Since the 1980 decision to build light rail, more than \$10 billion have been invested into the areas within walking distance of MAX stations in Gresham, north and northeast Portland, the airport, Milwaukie, Beaverton and Hillsboro.

"We're a national leader in creating great communities with transit because it's more than just moving people from one location to another, it's about the land use and transit connection that has helped make this a great place to live," McFarlane said.

The 7.3 mile Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project, which extends from the terminus of the MAX Green and Yellow lines at Portland State University to South Waterfront, southeast Portland, Milwaukie and Park Avenue in Clackamas County, is set to open in fall of 2015 and will become the sixth light rail project in the region.

TriMet's Eastside Max Blue Line to Gresham moves along Southwest Jefferson Street, downtown.

Week in The Review

Fire Warning and High Temps

The National Weather Service issued a Red Flag warning for wildfire dangers around Portland Tuesday. Extreme caution was urged as officials said a single spark could lead to a major wildfire. Temperatures were predicted to reach 90 for the rest of the week

Six Males Shot on Street

Six young males gathered in the vicinity of North Albina Avenue

and Jessup Street suffered injuries after being shot in a suspected gang-related drive-by shooting on Friday about 11:20 p.m., Portland police said. All of the victims survived and were transported to area hospitals. Gang enforcement teams stepped up patrols after the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

9/11 Victims Remembered

Names of victims in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks were heard at Portland City Hall Tuesday. It was the first of a series of ceremonies this week organized by Commissioner Dan Saltzman to commemorate and honor the lives lost in New

York, Pennsylvania and the Pentagon a decade ago.

Obama to Address Jobs

President Obama is scheduled to deliver a pivotal speech to Congress on jobs Thursday. At a time when nearly 8 out of 10 Americans believe the country is on the wrong track, Obama said his proposals to boost employment will be filled with "bipartisan ideas," and Republicans can either get on board



or explain their refusal to help the American people.

Drownings over Weekend

Over the Labor Day holiday weekend, three deaths resulted from drowning in local rivers. Two brothers Kissan and Ram Kumar drowned off Kelley Point Park in north Portland, and a 45-year-old man, identified as Michael L. Walker, from Forest Grove, died while trying to swim to his boat off Sauvie Island.

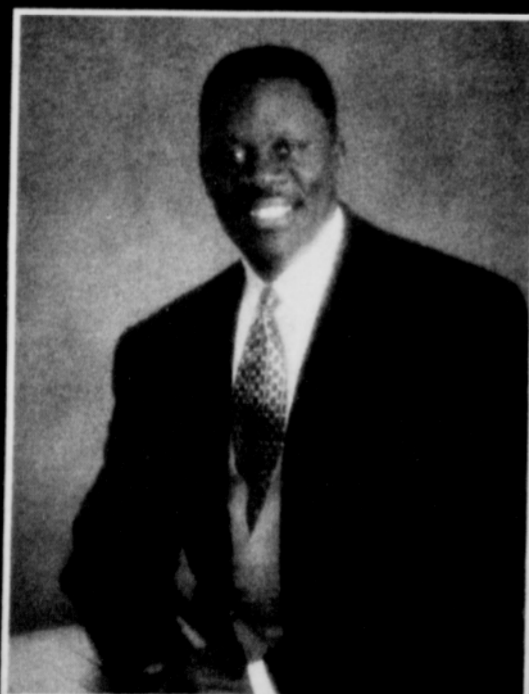
Red Cross Gives Shelter

The American Red Cross provided food and shelter for more than 1,000 people around the country Mon-

day night from multiple disasters, including residents impacted by wildfires in Texas, Hurricane Irene along the eastern seaboard and New England, and Tropical Storm Lee, which brought severe weather to Louisiana and the Gulf Coast.

Oregon Stumbles in Opener

The Oregon Ducks lost to Louisiana State University, 40-27, in a competitive season opener between two top contenders for a national title on Saturday. The loss sent Oregon all the way back to No. 13 in the coach's poll and 14 in the Associated Press poll rankings. The Ducks are at home to face Nevada this weekend.



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