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Catching the Orange Line

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the South Waterfront. Attractions will include a Bridgeport beer garden, a Salt & Straw special-edition Orange Line ice cream, food carts, a live broadcast of music and "one of the best views in town," TriMet officials said.

"Opening of the Orange Line means more connections to jobs, school and community services throughout the region," said TriMet spokeswoman Mary Fetsch. "Expanding transit provides opportunity, helping people rise out of poverty to prosperity."

Fetsch noted there will be additional benefits for Max riders in north Portland, as most Orange Line trains will continue north through downtown as Yellow Line trains, providing direct service from Clackamas County and Milwaukie to downtown and the Expo Center.

TriMet also made adjustments to 10 bus lines to provide connections to the Orange Line, including adding more frequent service, and having buses run earlier and later during the day.

Jonathan Gates, a communications and events coordinator at the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, says his commute from Milwaukie to downtown Portland will be shortened by the Orange Line.

"I live about a quarter-mile from the Southeast Park Avenue station," he said.

"I think there'll be about a 10-minute savings in my commute time."

Gates explained he lives outside of Portland due to his desire to live alone. "I prefer having my own space, and the only way I can afford to do so in the suburbs."

Based on what's happened after light rail tracks were extended to Beaverton, Hillsboro, Gresham, the Airport, Clackamas Town Center and north Portland, the new line is expected to be a boon to economic activities, new businesses and housing along the route.

According to Fetsch, there's been more than $10 billion in development within walking distance of MAX stations since the first light rail line opened in 1986.

With Portland rent skyrocketing and more displaced residents moving out to the city's outskirts, efficient public transit is expected to allow families, students, and workers the ability to commute to their respective schools and jobs and retain access to critical resources and events in the city center.

For drivers who will not be depending on the Orange Line, some relief in traffic congestion is still expected to come from the new bridge and public transit extensions. With several buses moving from the Ross Island Bridge to Tilikum Crossing, there is expected to be less jams for drivers. Also, since the new bridge is bringing several bike paths along the river and onto its no-car crossing, cyclists are expected to get out of faster-paced drivers ways, meaning less close-calls and hopefully less tensions between cyclists and drivers overall.

TriMet has also announced that along with its new MAX line and improved service connections, the Portland Streetcar will now also make some drastic changes. The streetcar will use Tilikum Crossing to finally be able to complete a full circuit from the east side to the west side around both sides of the city core in either direction.

For more information on the Orange Line and all the scheduled changes, you can visit catchtheorange.com or trimet.org.

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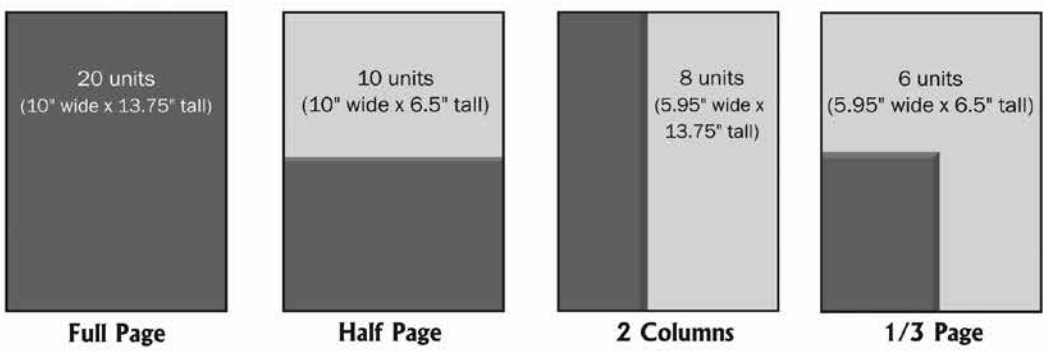

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Sickle Cell Anemia Walkathon Saturday

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and bring awareness to the community about the symptoms, signs, and treatment for those afflicted. The year's event has community sponsors, with Safeway having donated cakes and water, and Cannon's Rib Express donating chicken, greens, and macaroni n' cheese. The Alberta Market has graciously donated fried chicken wings, and Self Enhancement, Inc. brings forward 20 to 40 youth to participate. The House of Prayer Church, Martin Cleaning Services, Bethesda Christian Church, the American Cancer Society, and the American Red Cross have also partnered with several local families to fight sickle cell and bring attention to its risks.

The annual 5k walkathon will start at The House of Prayer, Morning Star Baptist Church's fellowship hall at 4927 N.E. 55th Ave. Registration will take place at 8 a.m. and the walk will begin at 9 a.m. Registration is $24 for pre-registered walkers and $20 for senior citizens. For more information or to pre-register, visit sicklecellanemiaportland.com.

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