



### Arriving soon:

#### More and better bus service

This year, we're kicking off a 10-year expansion of transit throughout the Portland area, with a focus on **better bus service**.

In addition to improvements planned for March and June, we're gearing up for an even bigger boost in bus service in September 2016 and March 2017 – and we'd like your feedback.

On some lines, we're proposing to **add more buses** (they'll come more frequently) and **increase the hours of operation** (they'll come earlier and later in the day). On others, schedules would change to **help buses stay on time**, and proposed **route changes** would affect some riders.

#### Proposed Service Changes

**Line 21-Sandy Blvd/223rd Ave:** Add weekday trips during rush hours.

**Line 36-South Shore:** Run buses on Jean Road to Jean Way and Boones Ferry Road to better serve the Lake Oswego Commerce Center, Walmart, and other employment. Discontinue service on Pilkington Road, Childs Road, 65th Avenue and McEwan Road due to low ridership.

**Line 63-Washington Park/Arlington Heights:** Add Saturday and Sunday service to provide trips through Washington Park and neighboring areas.

**Line 71-60th Ave/122nd Ave:** Split into two bus lines. One line will continue to run on its current routing and frequency along 60th Avenue between Parkrose Transit Center and Clackamas Town Center. The other line will be re-named and re-numbered and will continue to run between Parkrose Transit Center and SE 94th and Foster with additional trips during the weekday rush hours.

**Line 83-Washington Park Loop:** Discontinue service. The Washington Park TMA will provide a free shuttle through Washington Park during the summer months.

**Line 87-Airport Way/181st:** Add weekday mid-day trips between 182nd/Powell and Gateway Transit Center.

**Line 97-Tualatin/Sherwood:** New bus line running between Tualatin and Sherwood along Tualatin Sherwood Road with weekday rush-hour service.

To see all the details and weigh in on these and other proposed service changes, visit [trimet.org/betterbus](http://trimet.org/betterbus) or stop by our public hearing/open house (below).

#### Notice of TriMet Public Hearing and Open House for Proposed Service Changes

Thursday, February 25, 2016, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Mt. Hood Community College – Maywood Park Campus  
10100 NE Prescott St., Portland, OR 97220, Rooms 305 & 311

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After Olan and Frederick Williams tied the knot, they shared their story for the #BlackLoveMatters campaign. "The moment we said "I Do" our lives were changed for the best," they said. "Our love is an example of pure black love."

## Tell Me Who You Love

A famous Creole proverb reads, "Tell me who you love and I'll tell you who you are." The people we love say a lot about us, and we say a lot about the people we love. That's why this month, the PFLAG Portland Black Chapter, a local LBGTQ group, is hosting a new #BlackLoveMatters campaign.

The community is invited to submit shots of your loved ones to represent black love in all its shapes, forms and sizes. Pictures of couples, children, siblings, parents, friends and mentors will be shared

to show the world that loving ourselves comes in a variety of meaningful relationships. To share your story, visit [pflagpdx.org/wordpress/2016/02/01/blacklovematters](http://pflagpdx.org/wordpress/2016/02/01/blacklovematters).

Also in time for Valentine's Day, Black Lives Matter Portland is hosting a free "Blackentine's Day" celebration at In Other Words Bookstore, 14 N.E. Killingsworth St. It will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14. There will be music, dancing, and light refreshments.

## Focus on Black Women

### Feminist reading group celebrates

This Black History Month, the community will have the chance to enjoy a multigenerational reading of local black women writers thanks to a local feminist literary collective, Unchaste Readers Series.

The free and open-to-the-public celebration takes place Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Cerimon House, 5131 N.E. 23rd Ave.

For black women, nights like



*Ebony Oldham*

this are "a vital necessity of our existence," said poet Audre Lorde. "The farthest horizons of our hopes and fears are cobbled by our poems, carved from the rock experiences of our daily lives."

The readers scheduled to appear include Portland Youth Poet Laureate Sekai Edwards, celebrated playwright and poet S. Renee Mitchell, Black Lives Matters activist Ebony Oldham, Black Portlanders' founder and photographer Intisar Abioto, along with Kiki Nicole, Jewels Harrison, Kalimah Abioto, Wanda Abioto, Rochelle Hart, Darlene Solon-Rogers and Turiya Autry.

Oldham is a womanist, writer poet and singer. She is an organizer with Black Lives Matter Portland, an advocate at New Avenues for Youth, and a graduate student at Portland State University exploring how colorism impacts leadership for black women and other women of color.

## Black History Gospel Fest

First A.M.E Zion Church, 4304 N. Vancouver Ave., will host its first ever Black History Month Gospel Celebration, on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. This is a free event open to all.

First A.M.E Zion Church is rich with history and traditions, and as the oldest African American Church in Oregon, the congregation decided it was vital to establish one event in our commu-

nity that celebrates the culture and roots of the church and the African American community.

Music through the ages will be featured, from the Negro spirituals to today's contemporary gospel, featuring choirs and praise teams from local area churches.

For more information, email Maria Council at

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