

## Alberta Plans for Historical Markers

Alberta Main Street, a nonprofit community and economic development organization, invites artists or artist-led teams to submit their qualifications for consideration in the Alberta Street Historical Markers Project.

The selected artist or artist-led team will be commissioned to create permanent public artwork in the form of historical and cultural markers along Northeast Alberta Street. The markers, inspired by stories from past and present African American community members, will honor and document the history of the African American community on Alberta Street.

Preference will be given to Portland metro

area based artists, particularly those with demonstrable deep connections to Alberta Street or lived experience as part of the African American community affected by change on Alberta Street. Approximately \$30,000 is available for design, fabrication, and installation of the markers.

Alberta Main Street will host a pre-proposal meeting for artists and team members interested in applying for this project on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church Community Center, 806 N.E. Alberta St. The deadline for submission is Nov. 21. For more information, visit [albertamainst.org](http://albertamainst.org).

## Phil Knight Invitational Hoops Feast

In the summer of 2012, Michigan State athletic director Mark Hollis began to form plans for an unprecedented 16-team men's college basketball event in Portland, all to honor Nike's Phil Knight and celebrate his 80th birthday. Now – more than five years later – PK80 is almost here.

Sixteen of the nation's top college hoops teams will converge at the Rose Quarter for one of the biggest and best events in the history of college basketball. Participating in the Nov. 23-

26 tournament Arkansas, Butler, UCONN, DePaul, Duke, Florida, Gonzaga, Michigan State, North Carolina, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Oregon, Portland, Portland State, Stanford and Texas. In total, the PK80 field collectively has 23 NCAA National Championships and 89 Final Four appearances.

Multiple ticket packages are available at [pk-invitational.com](http://pk-invitational.com). All games will be televised on ESPN networks.

## Next Stop: Better Services

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the Portland Observer.

TriMet officials say other factors have contributed to the lower ridership as well, such as changes in the main workforce areas in Portland.

"It used to be that downtown was the main job area. And people from the suburbs would come into downtown for work. Well now there's job centers around the Portland airport area and Clackamas. So people need to go from north to south without necessarily coming in to downtown Portland. And our route hasn't necessarily changed to reflect that. So that's why we are looking at doing these improvements," Altstadt said.

TriMet security has also been amped up in response to the recent stabbing in May where two

people died and one was injured on a Max train. Altstadt said TriMet has added 20 permanent security officers since then, and keeps a pool of on call officers from 14 contracted security companies to respond to any security issues that might arise.

No plans have been announced to increase monitoring of fare evaders, some of whom have caused violent attacks upon bus drivers and reportedly may cost the company up to a million dollar each year in lost revenue, officials said.

TriMet, however, does plan to implement a fairer citation process for evaders who are caught by giving them a 90 day window to resolve their citation before they are sent directly to court, a policy made possible thanks to a recently passed law.

Other proposed improvements

include 24 hour bus service to the airport, the implementation of all-electric buses, the integration of ride services like Uber and Lyft into the TriMet trip planner app, and Max station renovations.

Many of the proposals come directly from riders' suggestions, Altstadt said.

Open houses to hear from the public are planned over the next two weeks with written comments accepted until the end of the year.

"We're presenting them to the public in these open houses to say 'Here are some of the ideas we've heard from you, will this serve your area better? Will this get you to where you need to go and where you want to go?'" Altstadt said.

For a complete list of the open house times and dates and more information on the service proposals, visit [trimet.org](http://trimet.org).

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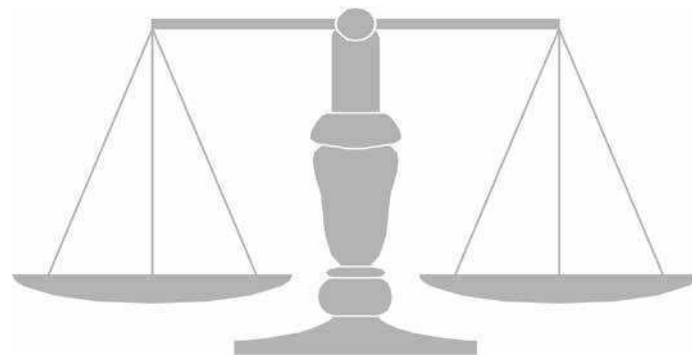
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