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Nearly two weeks of disruptions for the Blue, Green and Red Lines on TriMet's Max system, between the Rose Quarter and Lloyd areas, starts Thursday as the agency makes track improvements.

Bracing for Disruption

Track repairs at the Rose Quarter to begin

TriMet will be making track improvements in the Rose Quarter and Lloyd areas that are expected to cause disruptions to the agency's Max Blue, Green, and Red lines starting Thursday, Aug. 4 and continuing until Saturday, Aug. 17.

Fewer trains will be running throughout the Max system during the two week construction period as the trains will also receive schedule adjustments, causing up to 30-45 minute delays for trips on all lines and crowded trains during commut-

ing hours.

In addition, TriMet will be arranging for shuttle buses for trips between the Interstate/Rose Quarter and Lloyd Center stations; and between Kenton/N. Denver Ave Max station and Portland International Airport.

The work TriMet is doing in the Rose Quarter area will keep trains moving on time, create a smoother ride and help set up for a Steel Bridge Max improvement project next summer. Straight rails will also replace a little-used manual switch on Holla-

day Street, between 9th and 11th avenues, which will eliminate bumps riders feel in that section of the track, the Trimet said.

The agency recommends that riders anticipate extra time for their Max commutes while the work is going on, and consider using regular bus service, the Portland Streetcar, bike or walk, ride share, avoiding commuting during rush hour (7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. each day), or working from home during the disruption. More information can be found at trimet.org/lloyd.

TriMet Bus Operator of the Year

Driver loves job; takes pride in serving public

She has eight safe driving awards from the National Safety Council to go with her love of serving the public. Now Alice Green-Dell is TriMet's Bus Operator of the Year.

Green-Dell joined TriMet in 2007 and just achieved Master Operator status, recognition of superior performance.

"When I'm doing something I love, I take pride in doing it," she told TriMet after being named the agency top bus driver for 2019. "I love my job, and when you love something, you cherish it."

A comment to TriMet from one of her riders during freezing weather was testament to the bus operator's skills and public outreach.

"She just kept her calm, taking it slow and steady. She was incredibly polite, wishing me to be safe as I departed. She had a stressful job this morning and handled it incredibly well! Hats off to her!" Megan

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