



Ashcreek-Crestwood

Neighborhood Association

January 26, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL TO:

TriMet Board of Directors and comment@trimet.org

Portland City Council District 4 Councilors

Oregon Senators Kate Lieber and Senator Rob Wagner
Oregon Representatives Dacia Grayber and Daniel Nguyen

Dear TriMet, Portland District 4 City Councilors and our representatives in the Oregon Legislature:

The Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association in SW Portland is extremely concerned about TriMet's recently proposed service cuts. Today we have limited transit service in our neighborhood and few safe ways to access transit. People rely on transit to support more affordable housing and housing density, and the proposed service cuts move us in the wrong direction.

TriMet's proposed service changes, especially to Bus #45, will cut service such that people in our neighborhood will no longer be able to depend on TriMet to get to a destination. The proposed service cuts will require more transfers, even to downtown Portland and Ida B. Wells High School, which will discourage anyone with a choice from taking transit. TriMet's proposal will make people more car-dependent which does not support our city and state housing goals or climate friendly communities.

We understand that TriMet is facing a \$300 million annual budget gap and must work toward a balanced budget. We are asking TriMet and our elected officials to reconsider the proposed Bus #45 service changes and balance TriMet's budget in a way that maintains a transit system network, and choices for alternative transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marianne Fitzgerald". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Marianne Fitzgerald
President, Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association

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