



TRANSIT TALK

Working together to promote the use of alternative modes of transportation, reduce congestion, and improve internal mobility in Clackamas County.

Light Rail Construction along I-205 to Begin Soon

Construction work on the much-anticipated I-205 Light Rail Project is slated to begin in February 2007. Crews will start working along I-205 at Stark and Washington streets, where they will build the first of eight bridges for the project. This bridge will be built to support the roadway allowing light rail to pass underneath. Motorists and cyclists will travel in the same pattern as they do today through this overpass, but traffic will be impacted during construction.

During the next two months, construction crews also will start construction on seven bridges that will support light rail. These bridges will

be located at: SE Powell Blvd., SE Harold St., the SE Foster & SE Woodstock couplet, Springwater Corridor Trail, Johnson Creek, SE 92nd Ave/SE Crystal Springs Blvd., and SE Johnson Creek Blvd (92nd/Crystal Springs is one bridge and there is a bridge over both Johnson Creek (the creek) and Johnson Creek Blvd (the road)).



The project will expand the region's MAX light rail network into rapidly growing Clackamas County. The project also includes construction of light rail on the downtown Portland Mall (5th and 6th avenues) between Union Station and PSU.

A year of final design work on the I-205 Light Rail segment finished up in December and involved citizen advisory committee meetings and public open houses held on a regular basis to share information and gather community feedback about the project. The public is encouraged to stay informed by signing up for email updates at www.trimet.org.

TriMet has hired a contractor, South Corridor Constructors, for both the design and construction of the I-205 Light Rail segment. An existing transitway along I-205 will be used for more than half of the alignment. I-205 Light Rail construction work includes eight new light rail stations and five Park & Ride lots providing a total of 2,200 spaces.

At Clackamas Town Center, TriMet will coordinate construction with the shopping center's expansion, adding a 750-space Park & Ride garage and transit center served by 12 bus lines in addition to the light rail station.

Station design and placement along the entire project emphasizes safety and pedestrian access. Public art and landscaping are woven into each station design. The project's Public Art Advisory Committee selected seven artists to create wayfinding sculpture and/or one or more elements such as artistic paving, column or railing treatments at each I-205 station.

Plans are underway to minimize construction impacts by maintaining neighborhood and business access and parking. TriMet also will limit construction activity in front of businesses and minimize nighttime and evening construction noises, as well as provide

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"Open for Business" signs and a variety of other business support programs.

The Green Line will encompass six Light Rail Stations from Gateway Transit Center to Clackamas Town Center. A construction timeline has been developed by TriMet for each station.

The Green Line, when finished in 2009, will lead from Clackamas Town Center to TriMet's busiest stop - Portland State University.

Main Street:

Pile driving Mar. 2007; Excavate/construction bridge May 2007; Track construction Aug. 2007.

SE Division St. Station area:

Station construction begins Sept. 2007.

SE Powell Blvd. Station area Light rail transit bridge and Park & Ride station:

Drilled shafts May 2007; Pile driving June 2007; Earthwork Park & Ride Aug. 2007; Station construction begins Mar. 2008; Park & Ride sidewalks July 2008; Asphalt, Park & Ride, architecture/lighting Sept. 2008.

SE Holgate Blvd. Station area Park & Ride station:

Earthwork Park & Ride June 2007; Station construction Apr. 2008; Park & Ride walls Aug. 2008; Station architecture June 2008; Park & Ride sidewalks Sept. 2008; Asphalt, architecture/lighting Sept. 2008

Lents Town Center/SE Foster Rd. Station area - two light rail transit bridges and stations:

Pile driving - Harold St. Bridge Mar. 2007; Bridge concrete - Harold St. Bridge July 2007; Concrete, bridge superstructure - Foster/Woodstock Blvd. Oct. 2007; Bridge sidewalks-Foster Woodstock Blvd. Dec. 2007; Operator's building Feb. 2008; Station sitework April 2008; Station architecture July 2008.

SE Flavel St. Station area - Station and three bridges: Springwater Corridor, Johnson Creek and 92nd/Crystal Springs:

Springwater bridge pile driving June 2007; Johnson Creek bridge pile driving July 2007; 92nd/Crystal Springs bridge pile driving July 2007; Johnson Creek superstructure Aug. 2007; Springwater bridge superstructure Sept. 2007; Station site work, concrete May 2008;

SE Fuller Road Station, Park & Ride and Johnson Creek Blvd. bridge:

Johnson Creek Blvd. pile driving Mar. 2007; Johnson Creek superstructure Sept. 2007; Earthwork Park & Ride Oct. 2007; Station Construction Feb. 2008; Park & Ride sidewalks Nov. 2008; Park & Ride architecture/lighting Feb. 2009.

Clackamas Town Center Station area Station and Park & Ride:

Park & Ride site work May 2007; Park & Ride walls July 2007; Excavate Monterey pedestrian undercrossing Mar 2008; Station site work Mar. 2008; Station architecture Oct. 2008.

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Reducing car trips will save wear and tear on you, your family, your wallet, your car and your planet.

Think you have little control when it comes to getting stuck in traffic? High gas prices got you feeling a financial pinch at the pump? Think there's nothing you can do? Think again!

Trip chaining and route planning are two easy and practical ways to become more travel savvy that can save you time and money.

Trip chaining, or combining several errands into one trip, saves time and money and increases peace of mind. There are lots of ways to work trip

chaining into your schedule. **Here are some suggestions:**

1) **Plan ahead.** Take a moment to plan out your route and think about what else you might need to get done.

2) **Make a list.** Think about everything you need and get it all done at once. That way, you won't need to

make a last-minute trip to the store.

3) **Find the most efficient route.** There are a number of Internet sites that can help you plan the shortest, most efficient route. GPS receivers can also help you plot the best route.

4) **Try making only right turns.** United Parcel Service (UPS) experts have determined that left turns tend to take more time and waste more gas than right turns because drivers often have to wait for traffic and/or the light to change.

5) **Avoid backtracking.** Doubling back creates needless travel that can be avoided by following a more efficient, pre-planned route and using a list so you get everything you need.

6) **Combine errands.** Do you need to pick up your dry cleaning today? Why not pick it up tomorrow when you go grocery shopping? Try combining errands into just one trip.

7) **Use closer stores.** Explore your neighborhood

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Vanpools come to worksites

Beginning Feb. 1, 2007 Metro will be sponsoring vanpools coming to worksites in the Portland metro area. Vanpooling is the most efficient and least expensive ride to work available. A vanpool needs someone willing and qualified to drive and between six and 14 passengers. Metro's incentive includes paying up to 50% of the transportation costs of a basic van for eligible vanpools. To be eligible vanpools must originate at least ten miles from the destination or travel through a congested corridor, and use one of the Metro vanpool providers.

If you are interested in organizing or driving a vanpool, please contact the CarpoolMatchNW administrator, Mary Ann Aschenbrenner, 503-813-7566, or at aschenbrenner@metro.dst.or.us. A vanpool is a group of seven to 15 commuters with a similar origin, work destination, and shift who ride to work together each day. Vanpooling is the most efficient and least expensive ride to work available over longer distances.

Commuters who ride in vanpools will save even more money by reducing the cost of maintenance on their own cars and splitting the high cost of gasoline with other riders. Vanpool drivers, who must be pre-qualified, may be eligible for further savings.

In addition to financial savings are the savings in time. The average commuter spends eight hours each week behind the wheel of a car. That is the equivalent of working one extra day per week. Vanpool riders can relax, read the newspaper, work on their laptop, or just take a nap. There are fewer worries about traffic, vehicle reliability or getting to work on time. As a member of a vanpool you will be doing your part to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality while saving money.

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shops. Try walking to lunch at the bistro down the street instead of driving to one farther away.

8) **Group your appointments together.** If both of your kids need to go to the dentist, make it just one trip!

9) **Consider one-stop shopping.** Many stores and shopping centers may offer you the opportunity to get all of your errands done in just one stop.

10) **Count the time and money you save!** You can print out these tips by downloading and printing out the file below.



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NOTICE

The I-205/Mall groundbreaking has been moved to late April to coincide more closely with the Full Funding Grant Agreement. An exact decision on the date will be made when the FFGA goes to Congress. Details will follow as they are available.

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AM Business Connection

Friday, March 2nd

7:30am - 9:00am

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- " Sunnyside Road east to I22 Avenue
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