

## TriMet expands security and presence on system

Following the Saturday night attack at the Gresham Central TC, TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen has ordered additional presence and security on the transit system, including the following:

- Convene a safety summit for the light rail system, and work with the jurisdictions served by MAX. The goal would be to fully coordinate security-related efforts and ensure that all jurisdictions maximize our limited resources to get the most benefit.
- Survey all MAX platforms and transit centers to look for opportunities to increase lighting, improve sightlines, add surveillance cameras and other physical changes to enhance security.
- Increase the number of Wackenhut contracted security on the system
- Direct all TriMet personnel to be more visible on vehicles and at platforms while performing their regular duties, whether it is cleaning a platform, servicing a ticket vending machine or just riding the system.
- Remove graffiti on TriMet property within 24 hours.
- Ensure there are consequences, including jail time, for anyone that commits a crime on TriMet.

“I am directing these changes in order to increase the oversight of our transit system and improve the quality of service to all of our riders,” said TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen. “I want everyone who rides TriMet or would like to ride TriMet to feel safe, secure and that they can call upon any TriMet employee for help or to answer a question.”