

MOUNT: TABOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION₁₂

April 22, 2005

TriMet Board Of Directors
C/O Kelly Runnion
TriMet
4012 SE 17th Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97202

Dear Ms. Runnion and other TriMet staff:

The Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association (MTNA) understands that TriMet plans a pilot program to enforce code section 28.15.1.B., which restricts smoking at bus and Max facilities. At the MTNA board/general meeting on April 20, we voted to support this pilot program and to request that TriMet routes through the Mt. Tabor neighborhood be included in the pilot program.

MTNA has received complaints from our neighbors. They are concerned about smoking at bus shelters, transit centers, and Max stations within and adjacent to our neighborhood, and throughout the city. Many complainants are transit dependent riders. Some are mothers with young or infant children. Others are elderly. Some have health problems, exacerbated by the smoke.

Smoking at bus shelters and Max stations also affects our neighbors when they use other forms of transportation. Pedestrians and runners must cross the street to avoid breathing smoke from smokers at bus shelters. Bicyclists must swerve into traffic to avoid breathing in that smoke. We support our community and their concerns about this health and safety hazard. TriMet should also consider the impact that smokers congregating about its bus shelters and transit centers has upon its public image and potential ridership. The image projected is unhealthy and unsavory. That image may discourage some residents from using TriMet.

Thank you for considering Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association's request to be included in this positive and timely pilot program.

Sincerely,

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