



Eliot Neighborhood

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To: TriMet

Re: TriMet Line 24 Reroute

It has come to the attention of the Eliot Neighborhood Association that TriMet is considering a reroute of Line 24-Fremont/NW 18th. We are disappointed to hear that the proposed route will eliminate most of its stops in the Eliot neighborhood. The proposed changes will make it harder for riders to get to and from Emanuel Hospital and Harriet Tubman Middle School.

At heart, we are advocates for our own neighborhood, but with the aim of balancing our goals with those of others, we would like to suggest another route. Our proposal is for TriMet Line 24 to continue serving its traditional stop at N Vancouver and Stanton, then proceed to the Fremont Bridge via the Emanuel Hospital campus, via N Stanton St and N Gantenbein Ave perhaps with an intermediate stop near the front door of the hospital.

In our neighborhood, this will at the very least preserve service to our largest employer and mitigate the impact of cuts to the people who work or study at HTMS. TriMet operators would no longer need to navigate two hills and a left turn. TriMet riders will see their trip expedited slightly less than the existing proposal but trips should still be faster than the current route by nearly a mile of travel. There might be some changes needed to enable bus turns and/or skipping the long line of cars that sometimes exists at the end of the I-405 off ramp.

None of us can foresee every consequence of any change. We freely admit that this isn't what everyone wants, but our hope is that this compromise between the current route and the proposed change will serve more riders more quickly.

Thanks for your consideration,



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