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### **TriMet's FY26 Capital Improvement Program Values and Themes**

The TriMet Board of Directors adopted the [FY26 budget](#) in May 2025. TriMet's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) reflects the agency's commitment to being a regional partner, both in growing ridership and in investing in existing assets. Enhanced transportation through new bus rapid transit lines will provide increased connectivity and reliability for transit users. These enhancement efforts are balanced with maintenance projects that ensure long-term system reliability through rehabilitating or replacing aging system assets. Technologies that improve connectivity, communication and deployment help TriMet's overall efficacy and efficiency in providing valued transit options and access across the Portland Metropolitan area.

### **Federal Funding's Contribution to Current and Long-Term Planning**

Federal funding contributes 23% of TriMet's \$165.3 Million CIP budget for FY 2026. These funds are extended both directly by matching funds from TriMet and local agencies, and indirectly by allowing TriMet to drive \$78.5 Million in general funds and bond proceeds for enhancement and state of good repair work within the project portfolio. Particularly for TriMet's largest projects, much of the work in FY 2026 sets the stage for new construction and for major refurbishment and replacements in the next five to ten years.

### **Federal Funding in TriMet's FY26 Capital Budget**

Federal funding for the CIP is composed of several discretionary grants that support individual projects, including major projects like Columbia Operations Facility project, two transit center expansions, transit improvements along 82<sup>nd</sup> avenue and TV Highway, and the Better Red project. Federal funds are also providing opportunities for improved technology systems for real-time tracking and enhanced communication. Support for select projects that replace and rehabilitate aging assets advance TriMet's emphasis on maintaining an overall state of good repair. Funding for infrastructure that provides alternative fuel options will create fleet resiliency and prevent overreliance on a single mode or fuel-source to support the region's transportation needs.

Below is a table that outlines the federal funds during the 2026 Fiscal Year:

Federal CIP Grants	Purpose	FY 2026
FHWA ATTAIN	Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) CAD-AVL	\$2,235,000
FHWA Carbon Reduction Program -Transferred to FTA Sec 5307	TV Highway Improvements	\$5,000,000
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FTA Sec 5309 CIG Small Starts	Division Transit Project	\$253,780
FTA Sec 5309 CIG Small Starts	Red Line Extension and Reliability Improvement	\$3,339,338
FTA Sec 5339(c) Low or No Emission	82nd Avenue Transit Improvements	\$3,183,941
FTA Sec 5339(c) Low or No Emission	Upgrade Powell Fuel Cell Electric Bus Infrastructure	\$920,000
FTA Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending	Blue Line Station Rehabilitation: 82 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue MAX Station	\$1,971,069
FTA Sec 5310 (ODOT Managed)	ATP Vehicle Replacement & Expansion	\$400,000
FTA Sec 5339(a) Discretionary Funds	Garage, Layover & TC Expansion: Beaverton Transit Center	\$1,385,728
FTA Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending	Garage, Layover & TC Expansion	\$6,367,213
FTA Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure at Merlo Garage	\$2,042,400
FTA Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending	Willamette Shore Line	\$91,760
FTA Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending	Columbia Operations Facility	\$4,466,267
FTA Sec 5310, Elderly and Disabled	Accessible Transportation Program Technology Improvements	\$343,916
FHWA CMAQ Funds-Transferred to FTA Sec 5307	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure at Powell Garage	\$1,454,272

FTA Regional STP Flex Funds	Powell-Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit	\$1,121,523
Total Federal CIP Grants:		\$38,198,465