

# Stranger than fiction: Utterly true TriMet trivia

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1. In 2010, a TriMet bus driver was fired for doing what?

- a) forcing riders to sing Christmas carols      b) riding with an offleash pit bull      c) reading a Kindle while driving      d) scalping TriMet tickets for personal cash

2. Carrie Brownstein's rock band, Sleater-Kinney, once wrote a song about how a \_\_\_\_\_ who was apprehended on the Red Line MAX was a metaphor for Portland.

- a) beggar      b) coyote      c) terrorist      d) radical bookseller

3. Relative to the size of the metro area it serves, TriMet is the 7th busiest transit system in the country. Which of these is not in the top 6?

- a) Baltimore      b) Washington, DC      c) Boston      d) Philadelphia

4. Portland was the first transit system in the country to offer what on every bus?

- a) air conditioning      b) a GPS tracker      c) a bike rack      d) a nut

5. TriMet was created in 1969 as a public agency to save what private company that was about to go broke?

- a) SP Red Electric      b) Rose City Transit      c) Portland Streetcar, Inc.      d) BiMet

6. Which of the following items has never been recovered by TriMet's lost and found?

- a) a human skeleton      b) \$23,400      c) a backpack full of marijuana      d) an airplane ticket (whose owner was located in time to catch her flight)

7. TriMet is run by a board of directors. Who selects them?

- a) the governor      b) voters      c) a committee of mayors      d) Phil Knight

8. Which of the following is *not* a song written about TriMet?

- a) "Chillaxin on the MAX", Dynamix      b) "On the Bus Mall," The Decemberists      c) "Baby Boarded," Elliott Smith      d) "Beaverton TC," Dr. Something

9. Bus drivers often make news when they stop their bus and get out. Which of the following tasks has *not* caused a local TriMet driver to engage the parking brake in the last three years?

- a) preventing a man-on-woman beating      b) picking up a lost toddler walking on a busy street in her diaper      c) talking a person out of jumping off the Steel Bridge      d) nabbing a thief who'd swiped a bicycle from the front rack