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## Portland Airport (PDX) to the DoubleTree Hotel Travel Instructions by Light Rail Step-By-Step

Although various ground transportation options and car rentals are available at the Portland Airport (PDX), the best way to get from PDX to the GEC conference hotel (DoubleTree by Hilton Portland) is by Light Rail. The Metropolitan Area Express (MAX) “Redline” light rail offers “door to door” service from PDX to the DoubleTree Hotel. From the DoubleTree hotel, Red MAX line also continues to the GEC conference venue (the Oregon Convention Center) and then will cross the Willamette river into downtown Portland. If you expect that the only travel you will do is to the GEC conference hotel, the GEC meeting venue and downtown Portland then there is really no reason to rent a car. If you have plans to visit areas outside those areas, you may then want to consider either a car rental, Uber or Lyft.

Although it is only 10-minute walk from the DoubleTree Hotel the conference venue, there are three MAX lines (Red, Green and Blue) which can take you from the DoubleTree Hotel the conference venue. It is a 7-minute MAX train ride with trains leaving every 5 minutes from the conference hotel. A ticket valid on a Redline MAX will be valid on any other MAX train.

MAX “Redline” features:

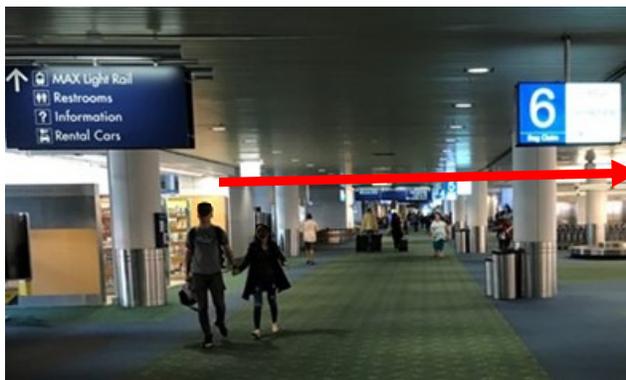
- A trip to/from PDX to the DoubleTree Hotel takes about 30 minutes and costs \$2.50 for Adults. MAX Red Line light rail service connects PDX to east and north-east Portland, Portland City Center and Beaverton. MAX Light Rail runs every 15 minutes.
- The first train of the day arrives at PDX at 4:57 a.m. on weekdays and weekends. The last train departs PDX at 11:49 p.m., daily
- You can easily roll your luggage on board.
- The MAX station and ticket machines are located near baggage claim on the lower level.

If you do take the MAX “Redline” to the hotel, here is a step-by-step guide from the Airport to the Hotel. When you want to go back to the Airport, just reverse these steps. Additional details are available at <https://trimet.org/schedules/maxredline.htm>

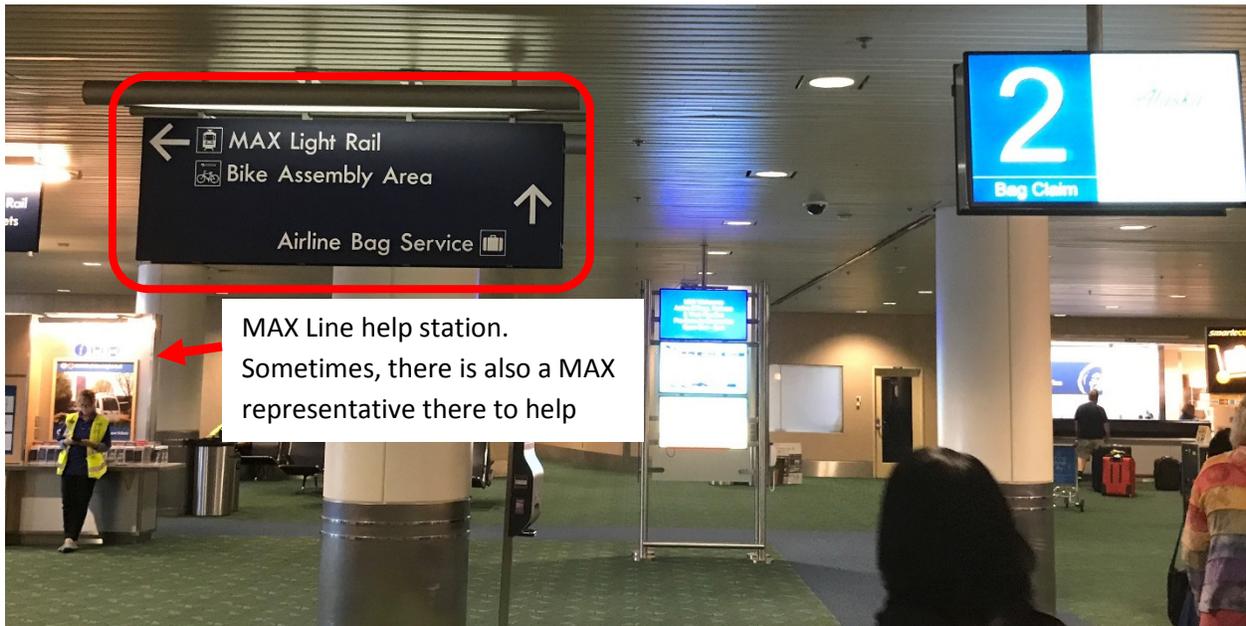
**Step 1:** When you collect your baggage at you should see a view much like the one shown in the picture below. Each of the baggage claim carousels are numbered. Walk in the direction of decreasing carousel number. You should also see signs pointing in the direction of the MAX light rail. Near baggage claim carousel 8 there is a handy airport information center if you need help.



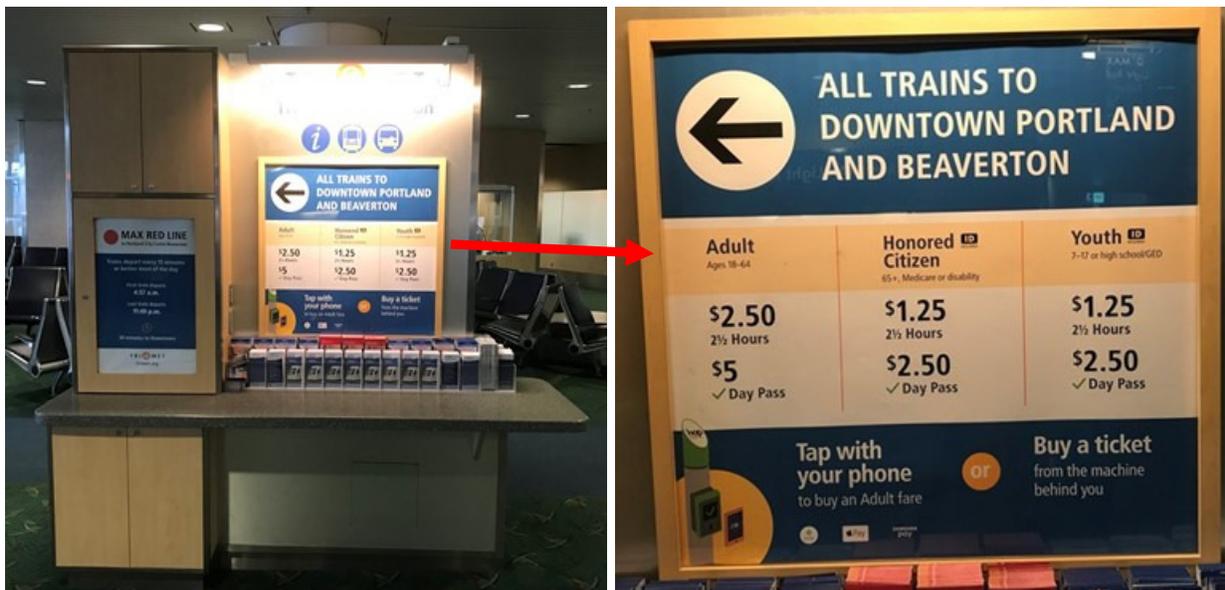
**Step 2:** Between baggage claim carousels 6 and 5 you will find the “Oregon Welcome Center”. This is a great place to get free literature, maps and advice on what to do and see in Portland and the surrounding area. Take a moment to stop, browse and take what you think may be helpful.



**Step 3:** At baggage claim carousel #2 there is sign telling you to turn right. Follow the sign!



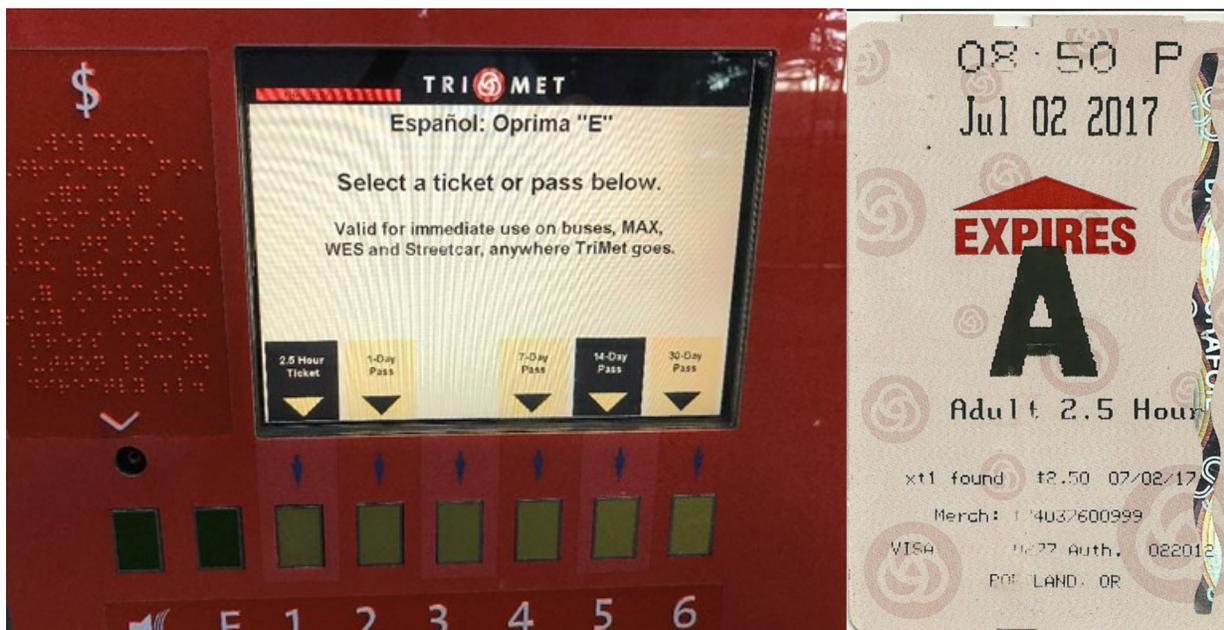
**Step 4:** Stop by the MAX light rail help station. This is a good time to get a schedule and map for the redline (and others) so that you can follow along as the stops are announced when you ride the train. Also, the various fair options are posted here.



**Step 5:** After you turn to the right and across from the MAX light rail help station, you should see the vending machines for the MAX Light Rail system. Stop here and purchase your MAX redline ticket. The machine accepts US cash and all major credit cards.



**Step 6:** This is what the user interface looks like. There is only one train (the MAX “redline”) that leaves the airport. Therefore, you will have only one train to choose. You will have several options for the length of time the ticket is valid. Choice of option will depend on your travel plans. If you just want to get from the airport to the hotel then choosing a 2.5-hour ticket will be enough. An example of the user interface and an image of the ticket you should get is shown below:



**Step 7:** After you purchase your ticket, exit the airport through the door shown below.



**Step 8** follow the signs to the train. On your way to the train you should see a view as shown below. People are friendly and so if you get stuck do not be afraid to ask!

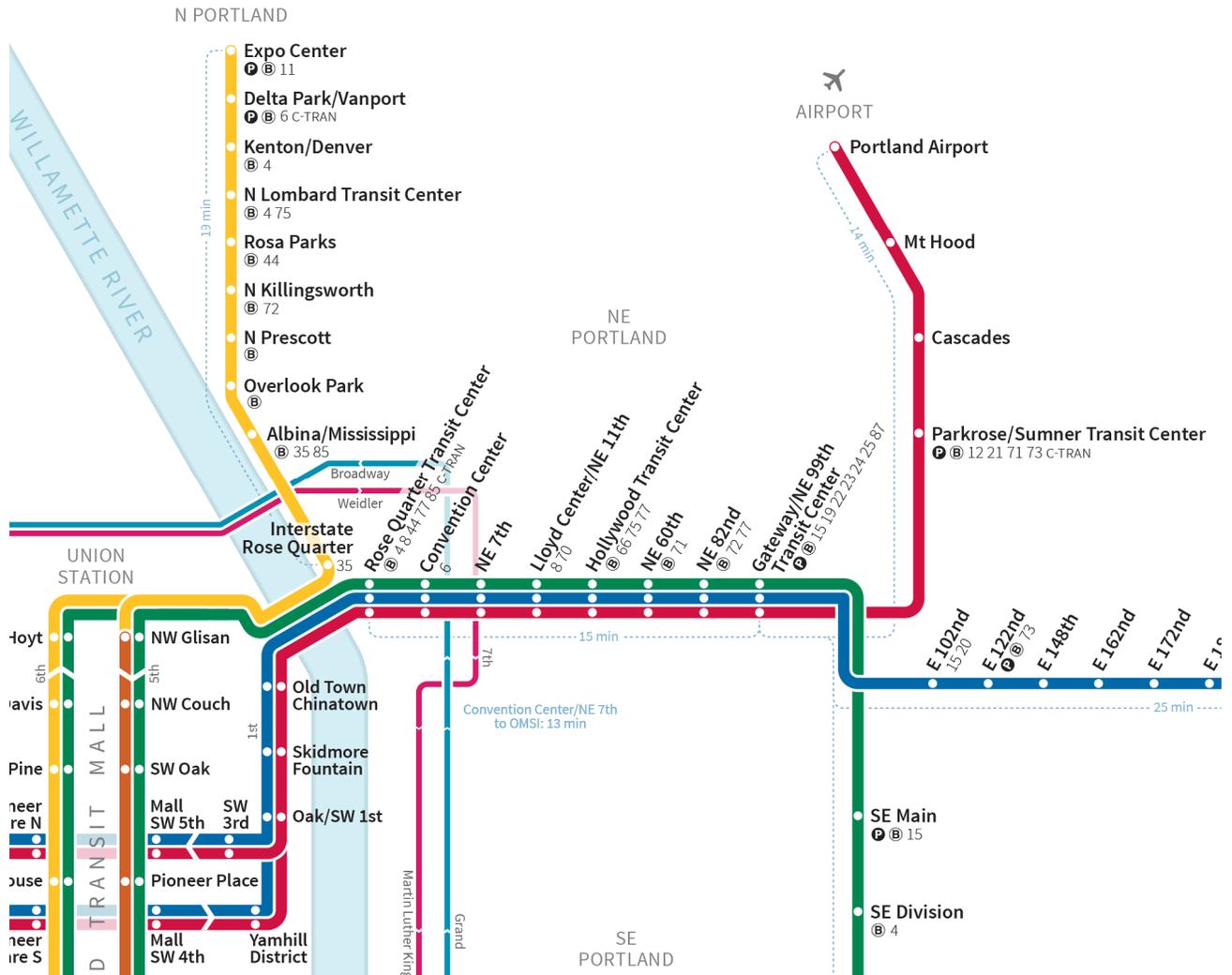




**Step 9:** When you arrive at the train you should see a view like the one given below. Only the MAX Redline has service to the Airport. Board any train that is available at the time you arrive. You will notice that there is no “ticket validation” needed and you will not have to pass through any “turnstiles”. It is unlikely that anyone will check your ticket before you board. Please know however, that the MAX system does employ security that does “patrol” the MAX system and can ask you to show your ticket at any time.



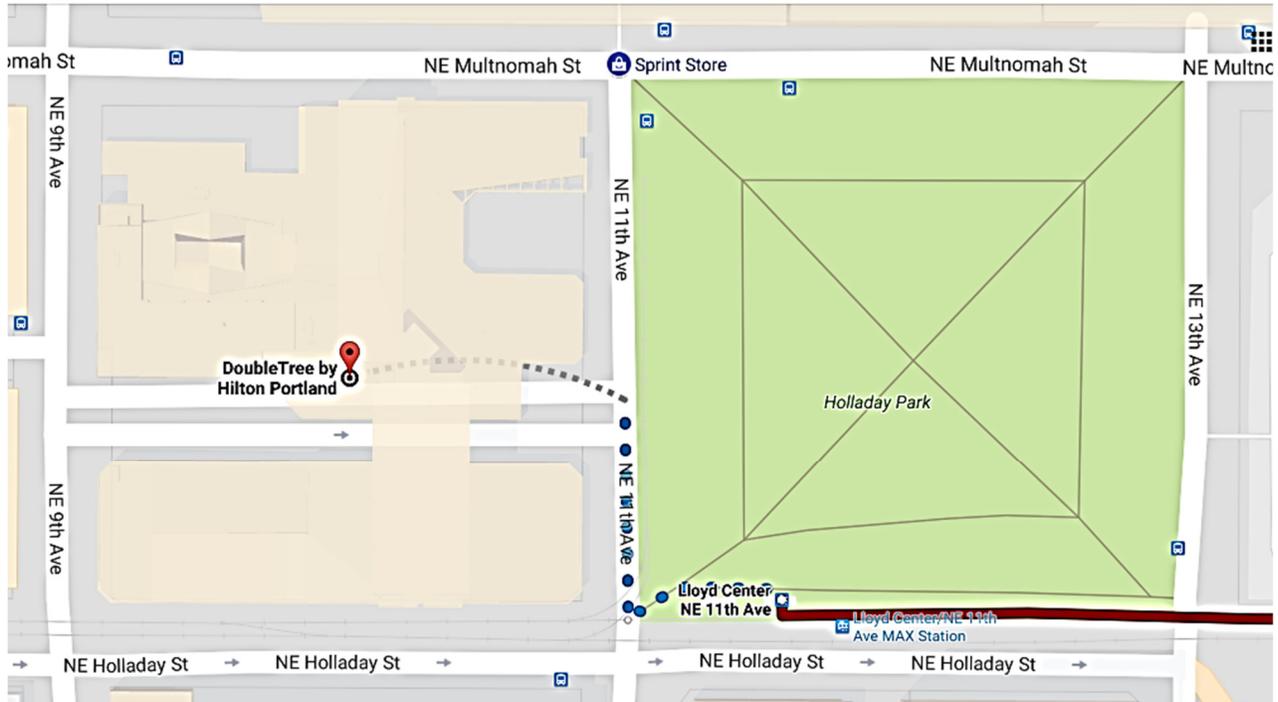
**Step 10:** Below is the route map for the Redline (line in Red). Use this map to follow along as the stops are announced on the train. You will want to get off at “Lloyd Center/NE 11<sup>th</sup>”.



**Step 11:** Below is a view from inside a MAX train. Although stops are announced verbally, they are sometimes hard to hear. You can also check your progress using the “scrolling” sign shown near the roof of the rail car. Remember - for the GEC conference center hotel (the DoubleTree) you will want to exit the train at the “Lloyd Center” (NE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave). When you step off the train turn left and you should see a view as shown below.



**Step 12:** After you get off the MAX train walk toward 11<sup>th</sup> avenue – which is the nearest intersection. When you get to the intersection you will want to turn right and should see the sign for the DoubleTree hotel. It should be a 70 meter walk to the front door of the Hotel. If you find yourself walking farther than this then you went in the wrong direction.



**Fun Notes:** As you walk to the hotel you should pass by a Portland city bicycle rental. To rent a bicycle you will have to download an app to your smartphone. The DoubleTree Concierge can help you with this if needed.

Across 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue you will find “Holiday Park”. This is great place to take a walk if you need a break. Across Multnomah street from the Hotel you will find the Lloyd center. This is a shopping mall offering a variety of stores and places to eat. The Lloyd center also has a very popular ice skating rink. They do offer ice skates for rent. Great place to go for a “team activity” with your research group or simply a place to unwind.

