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TriMet decides not to buy old Figo House near PSU

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TriMet is extending the transit mall and MAX light rail past the 1894 Figo House on Southwest Jackson Street.

By [Dylan Rivera](#) of *The Oregonian*

[TriMet](#) has backed away from a plan to buy an 1894 Victorian house known as the Figo House, near the new terminus of the MAX light-rail line and [transit mall](#).

The agency had considered buying the property through condemnation to help Portland State University build student housing on the block bounded by Southwest Fifth and Sixth avenues and Southwest College and Jackson streets. Portland State and TriMet each own about one-quarter of the block. TriMet bought its land as part of the transit mall and light-rail extension, now under construction.

Portland attorney Randal Acker bought the house two and a half years ago for his two-attorney law firm, which practices business law. "I'm very pleased," Acker said Friday. "It's been a long battle. It's nice to walk away with what I consider a victory."

TriMet and PSU still plan to redevelop the block, which also houses three small commercial buildings that could be affected or included in the redevelopment. A block to the south, owned by TriMet and taken up mainly by future light rail tracks, also could be added to the redevelopment plan.

TriMet has said it has no plans for its property, except that it would like to enhance transit stops for light rail. The line eventually will be extended to the South Waterfront, Southeast Portland and Milwaukie. Officials have said they want to work with PSU, which is a big generator of bus and light rail trips.

The growing university is eager to buy sites for student apartments to meet a goal of housing 5,000 students on campus.

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