

CASE STUDY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENAISSANCE COMMONS APARTMENTS

The Renaissance Commons Apartments comprise two interlinked 4-story multifamily buildings with 189 units of affordable family housing for households with income of 30% to 60% of area median level. The buildings are located at the intersection of Argyle Street & Interstate Avenue in North Portland's Kenton Neighborhood, approximately 500 feet from TriMet's Kenton/N. Denver Ave Yellow Line MAX station.

The project sits on excess property sold by TriMet to [REACH Community Development](#) for affordable housing. Originally acquired to support construction of the Yellow MAX Line, TriMet used the site construction staging before its redevelopment by REACH. Designed by MWA Architects, and built by Walsh Construction, the project is included in Portland Housing Bureau's North-Northeast Preference Policy, which prioritizes housing for current and past residents of North-Northeast Portland. Building amenities include community rooms, a fitness room, courtyards, outdoor play areas, laundry facilities, and on-site parking. Unit features include all electric appliances, dishwasher, and energy efficient cove radiant heating.

Located within walking distance the heart of the Kenton business district, the site's proximity to frequent bus service and the Yellow Line MAX light rail reflects TriMet's goal to facilitate transit-oriented development within the community, providing transit, housing, and other vital services to families and individuals who need it most.

The housing facility is provided with a solar energy system, and the project secured Earth Advantage Platinum certification.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Location

[2133 N. Argyle. Portland, OR 97217](#)

Status

Completed Summer 2020

Number of Units

189 Units (All Affordable)

Building Type

4-story (Type III) wood-frame construction
56 surface parking stalls (0.3 spaces/unit)

Approx. Cost/Unit

\$265,375

Nearest Transit

Kenton/N. Denver Ave. station Yellow Line
MAX Line (.1 miles)

Increased Transit Ridership

63,223 (est.)