

Date: September 23, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Sam Desue, Jr.



Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-24 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH PETERSON POWER SYSTEMS, INC. TO PROCURE A REPLACEMENT EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR

1. **Purpose of Item** This Resolution requests authorization for the General Manager or his designee to execute a Modification (Modification) with Peterson Power Systems, Inc. (Peterson) for the procurement of a replacement emergency backup generator for the Merlo Bus Operations Administration Building under the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

2. **Type of Agenda Item**

- ☐ Initial Contract
☒ Contract Modification
☐ Other _____

3. **Type of Contract Procurement**

- ☐ Low Bid / Invitation to Bid (ITB)
☐ Request for Proposals (RFP)
☒ Other: Cooperative price agreement

4. **Reason for Board Action**

TriMet Board of Directors (Board) authorization is required for all contract modifications which exceed the authority previously authorized by the Board.

5. **Type of Action**

- ☒ Resolution
☐ Ordinance 1st Reading
☐ Ordinance 2nd Reading
☐ Other _____

6. **Background**

TriMet's Facilities Management Department, within the Maintenance Division, is engaged in a multi-year effort to modernize and standardize emergency power systems across key operational facilities to support business continuity during electrical outages. The Merlo Bus Operations Administration Building (Merlo Facility) is a key operational facility within

TriMet's system. It serves as a crew-report location that supports bus operators and station agents and houses communications and computer infrastructure used in TriMet's day-to-day operations. Reliable standby power at this facility is crucial to maintaining operational continuity during a utility outage.

The existing emergency generator serving the Merlo Facility needs to be replaced due to age and obsolescence. Replacement parts necessary to maintain and repair the unit are no longer available, making continued reliable service increasingly difficult and rendering the generator effectively unrepairable in the event of a significant component failure.

At its October 26, 2022 meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 22-10-61, which authorized a contract with Peterson to procure five Caterpillar emergency generators through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$3,451,639. The five generators were subsequently procured for \$3,362,889, approximately \$88,750 below the amount originally authorized by the Board.

At its December 10, 2025 meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 25-12-53, authorizing a modification to increase the contract value by \$27,146, raising the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$3,478,785, to purchase an emergency back-up generator to support Facilities Management operations. After purchasing this emergency generator, \$15,120 remains in previously authorized funding.

This Resolution requests authorization for a Modification to add an additional \$67,511 to the contract to purchase a replacement Caterpillar emergency generator for \$82,631 for the Merlo Facility, along with a Change Order Allowance of \$8,263 (approximately 10% of the equipment price). This increases the cumulative contract amount to \$3,554,559.

Resolution No. 22-10-61 – Base Contract	\$3,451,639
Resolution No. 25-12-53 –Modification No. 12	\$27,146
Subtotal...	\$3,478,785
This Resolution No. 26-09-24	
Modification 13	\$67,511
Change Order Allowance	\$8,263
This Resolution Subtotal...	\$75,774
Contract New Total	\$3,554,559

TriMet intends to procure the generator equipment from Peterson through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and to procure installation separately through a competitive Invitation to Bid. Procurement of the generator equipment is expected to begin following Board approval. Based on current manufacturer lead times, delivery is anticipated in approximately June or July 2027, with field installation currently expected in approximately August or September 2027. Installation is not included in the amount requested through this Resolution.

7. Description of the Procurement Process

TriMet utilized a Cooperative Price Agreement (CPA) from Sourcewell to procure the generators. A CPA effectively allows fellow public entities to “piggyback” on existing, competitively-procured public contract solicitations. Sourcewell is a cooperative purchasing program that serves the procurement needs of governmental, educational, and nonprofit organizations. Sourcewell issued a formal competitive Request for Proposals for electrical power generation with related parts, supplies, and services, and awarded a contract to Caterpillar, Inc. Peterson is an Authorized Dealer for Caterpillar, Inc.

By utilizing the Sourcewell Price Agreement, TriMet will procure the equipment at a total cost of \$82,631, compared to the standard price of \$101,290. This represents a total savings of \$18,659 (18.4%), including a 24.33% discount on the generator package and 5% discounts on associated equipment.

8. Financial/Budget Impact

Funding for this purchase is included in TriMet’s FY 2027 Adopted Budget for the Maintenance Division and will be paid for through General Funds.

9. Impact if Not Approved

If this Resolution is not approved, TriMet will be unable to proceed with the planned procurement of the replacement emergency generator for the Merlo Facility. An interim rental generator is currently installed to provide standby power coverage for a facility that supports bus operator and station agent activities, as well as critical communications and computer infrastructure. Re-procuring the generator through a separate solicitation is not expected to result in additional bidders or lower equipment pricing.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-24

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-24 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING A
CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH PETERSON POWER SYSTEMS, INC.
TO PROCURE A REPLACEMENT EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR**

WHEREAS, TriMet has authority under ORS 267.200 to enter into a contract modification (Modification) with Peterson Power Systems, Inc. (Peterson) for the procurement of a replacement emergency backup generator and associated equipment; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-10-61, dated October 26, 2022, the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) authorized a contract with Peterson in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,451,639; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-12-53, dated December 10, 2025, the Board authorized a modification to the contract in the amount of \$27,146, bringing the total contract amount to \$3,478,785; and

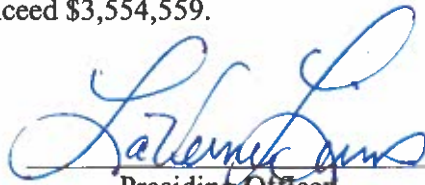
WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-06-29, dated June 25, 2025, the Board adopted a Statement of Policies requiring it to authorize all contract modifications which exceed authority previously granted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this Modification exceeds the authority previously granted by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Modification shall conform with applicable law.
2. That the General Manager or his designee is authorized to execute this Modification in the amount of not more than \$67,511, and to execute change orders of up to \$8,263, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$3,554,559.

Dated: September 23, 2026



Presiding Officer

Attest:



Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department