

Date: September 23, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Sam Desue, Jr.



Subject: **RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-25 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH LORAM MAINTENANCE OF WAY INC. FOR TRIMET MAX SYSTEM RAIL GRINDING SERVICES**

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution requests authorization for the General Manager or his designee to execute a Contract (Contract) with Loram Maintenance of Way Inc. (Loram) for TriMet MAX System Rail Grinding Services (Project).

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:

4. Reason for Board Action

TriMet Board of Directors (Board) authorization is required for contracts obligating TriMet to pay in excess of \$2,000,000.

5. Type of Action

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

6. Background

TriMet's MAX light rail tracks regularly require maintenance using specialized equipment that TriMet does not own or operate. Therefore, TriMet relies on contractors to perform track maintenance work such as rail grinding. Rail grinding is a fundamental part of a rail maintenance program and is required to optimize wheel-rail interface and maximize wheel-rail life span. This process is the most effective practice for controlling the effects of rolling contact fatigue on the running rail by restoring the rail profile. The benefits of a rail grinding program include: reduction of broken rails, extension of rail life, extended track component life, and improved ride quality and passenger comfort. Furthermore, rail grinding controls

the propagation of rail defects that can lead to track failures.

The rail portion of the MAX system consists of approximately 60 route miles or 120 track miles. This Contract will develop and maintain a grinding management program that includes methodology, mapping, inspection, prioritization with condition ratings, treatments, and tracking of grinding needs across TriMet's mainline MAX alignment. The resulting grinding plan will cover approximately 25 track miles annually to maintain a five-year grinding cycle across the entire 120-mile network.

This Resolution authorizes a Contract to Loram in the amount of \$2,988,568 through September 30, 2031.

7. Description of Procurement Process

TriMet issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) on August 4, 2026, with bids due on August 25, 2026. The ITB was advertised on TriMet's TriP\$ website. TriMet received two bids, and Loram submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid. A summary of the bids is provided below:

	Loram	Vossloh
	\$2,988,568	\$4,253,571
<i>Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) . . .</i>	<i>\$3,402,753</i>	

TriMet's Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) for the Contract was \$3,402,753. TriMet determined that Loram was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and found its bid to be fair and reasonable based on competition and comparison with the ICE. Accordingly, staff recommends award of the contract to Loram. The total Contract costs will be based on TriMet's actual requirements.

8. Financial/Budget Impact

The Contract amount is included within TriMet's FY2027 Adopted Budget for the Maintenance Division and will continue to be requested in future year budgets through the term of the Contract. This Project is being funded through General Funds.

9. Impact if Not Approved

If this Resolution is not approved, TriMet will be unable to implement its planned rail-grinding program and proactively manage Maintenance of Way assets. Deferring rail grinding would accelerate rail wear, increase maintenance costs, reduce ride quality, and heighten the risk of rail defects that could affect system reliability and safety. Over time, these impacts would result in greater operational and financial consequences across the MAX system.

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MAX SYSTEM RAIL GRINDING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, TriMet has authority under ORS 267.200 to enter into a contract (Contract) with Loram Maintenance of Way Inc. (Loram) for TriMet MAX System Rail Grinding Services; and

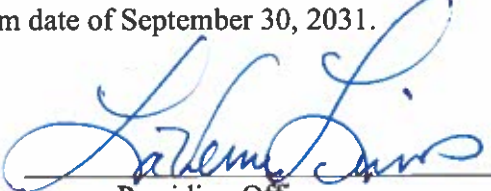
WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-06-29, dated June 25, 2025, the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) adopted a Statement of Policies requiring it to authorize contracts obligating TriMet to pay in excess of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this Contract exceeds \$2,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Contract shall conform with applicable law.
2. That the General Manager or his designee is authorized to execute the Contract in the amount of not more than \$2,988,568, with the total amount to be based on actual services provided through the Contract's term date of September 30, 2031.

Dated: September 23, 2026



Presiding Officer

Attest:



Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department