

Date: September 23, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Sam Desue, Jr.



Subject: **RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-27 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH CONVERGENCE ARCHITECTURE FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - FACILITIES ARCHITECTURE**

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution requests authorization for the General Manager or his designee to execute a contract modification (Modification) with Convergence Architecture (Convergence) for on-call architecture and engineering services - facilities architecture.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- ☐ Initial Contract
- ☒ Contract Modifications
- ☐ Other _____

3. Type of Contract Procurement

- ☐ Low Bid / Invitation to Bid (ITB)
- ☒ Request for Proposals (RFP) (inc. CM/GC)
- ☐ Other (inc. sole source)

4. Reason for Board Action

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

5. Type of Action (*Procurement: check appropriate box*)

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

6. Background

TriMet issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for on-call architecture and engineering services on May 9, 2024, and received multiple proposals in a variety of architecture and engineering disciplines. Convergence was one of three firms awarded a contract in the facilities architecture discipline in the amount of \$1 million (Contract). Since executing the Contract in September 2024, Convergence has been issued task orders for a variety of projects.

Among these projects was design work for retrofits in two maintenance bays at Powell Maintenance Garage (Powell Garage) to accommodate the training period for the hydrogen pilot bus to support the 82nd Avenue Transit Project.

The initial scope of design work for the Powell Garage hydrogen infrastructure task order was anticipated to be under \$250,000 and completed relatively quickly. The permanent fueling infrastructure and maintenance of the 82nd Avenue Transit Project fleet was originally slated for TriMet's Columbia Operations Facility; design services were to be procured separately. Due to delays in the Columbia Operations Facility development, TriMet made a strategic decision to run 82nd Avenue Transit Project revenue service out of Powell Garage.

This shift expanded Convergence's task order. Convergence's task grew to include the development of design options at Powell Garage to 30% design to support successful implementation of the 82nd Avenue Transit Project. This work was performed under the existing Convergence task order.

Subsequently, in October 2025, the Contract was modified by \$1 million to increase authority to \$2 million to accommodate the additional scope of work, including increasing the existing task order for design work at Powell Garage by \$600,000, for a total amount of \$850,000 for Powell Garage design work. This modification was intended to cover all aspects of the understanding of the work, including design services during construction.

Since October 2025, additional factors have contributed to increased cost and schedule delays, including maintenance building and site scope expansion, specialty requirements of permitting as they relate to hydrogen infrastructure, and additional CM/GC contractor coordination. Hydrogen fueling infrastructure is a relatively new technology and requires significant coordination across vendors, consultants, safety personnel and permitting jurisdictions to ensure project success. Additionally, Convergence's original scope of design work includes completing another task order for design services related to the Center and Ruby roof replacements. As a result, additional contract authority is required.

TriMet now seeks a Modification to authorize an increase in contract authority by the following amounts:

Base contract	\$1,000,000
Modifications 1-4 – Rate Adjustments and Subcontractor Additions	\$0
Modification 5 (Oct 24, 2025)	\$1,000,000
Amount Authorized by this Resolution No. 26-09-27	\$2,000,000
Total Amount of Modified Contract	\$4,000,000

This additional authority will cover remaining design costs for the Powell Garage hydrogen infrastructure task order, as well as remaining costs on other outstanding task orders. The additional amount also includes contingency for scope or other requirements changes. TriMet does not anticipate awarding any new task orders to Convergence under this contract at this time.

7. Description of Procurement Process

A competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process was used to select Convergence.

8. Financial/Budget Impact

Funding for the on-call contract comes from various budget centers. Funding for the Powell Garage hydrogen infrastructure task order is included in TriMet's FY2027 Adopted Budget for the Maintenance division and will continue to be requested in future year budgets. The Project is funded through a Federal Transit Administration Low or No-Emission Vehicle Grant.

9. Impact if Not Approved

TriMet could choose not to increase contract authority. Doing so would require TriMet staff to procure completion of the work currently being performed by Convergence under separate solicitations. This would cause critical delays to the 82nd Avenue Transit Project and, given the advanced stage of design, would not result in additional or better competition.

Convergence is well qualified to perform the work, and it is in TriMet's best interest to continue utilizing their services.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09-27

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TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING A
CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH CONVERGENCE ARCHITECTURE FOR
ON-CALL ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES - FACILITIES
ARCHITECTURE**

WHEREAS, TriMet has authority under ORS 267.200 to enter into a contract modification (Modification) with Convergence Architecture (Convergence) for on-call architecture and engineering services - facilities architecture; and

WHEREAS, in September 2024, after a competitive RFP process, TriMet awarded a \$1,000,000 contract to Convergence; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2025, TriMet modified the contract by \$1,000,000, and

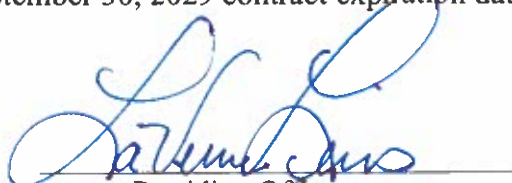
WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-06-29, dated June 25, 2025, the Board adopted a Statement of Policies requiring it to authorize all contract modifications obligating TriMet to pay in excess of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this Modification requires TriMet to pay in excess of \$2,000,000;

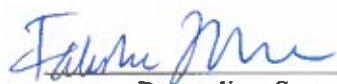
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Modification shall conform with applicable law.
2. That the General Manager or his designee is authorized to execute a Modification in the amount of not more than \$2,000,000, increasing the total amount of the services to \$4,000,000 through the September 30, 2029 contract expiration date.

Dated: September 23, 2026


Presiding Officer

Attest:


Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:


Legal Department