


Date: December 10, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Sam Desue, Jr. 

Subject: **RESOLUTION NO. 25-12-53 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT MODIFICATION WITH PETERSON POWER SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ONE ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR**

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution requests the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) authorize the General Manager or his designee to execute a contract modification (Modification) with Peterson Power Systems, Inc. (Peterson) for the purchase of one additional emergency backup generator.

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) (inc. CM/GC)
- ☐ Request for Qualifications (RFQ) (Personal Services)
- ☒ Other: Cooperative price agreement

4. Reason for Board Action

Board authorization is required for all contract modifications causing contract amounts to exceed amounts 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 ensure business continuity during

electrical outages. This work aligns with TriMet's Safety Management System principles and the TriMet 2030 Strategic Plan goals for resiliency, sustainability, and state of good repair.

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 at a cost of \$3,451,639. A Cooperative Purchasing Agreement is a competitively solicited contract awarded by a lead public agency or cooperative purchasing organization that other public entities are allowed to "piggyback" on. By using this agreement, TriMet can purchase goods and services under pricing, terms, and conditions that have already been publicly bid and awarded in compliance with applicable procurement laws.

TriMet used \$3,362,890 to purchase five generators, which is \$88,749 less than the originally authorized amount. In this resolution, TriMet seeks Board approval for a Modification to increase authority by \$27,146 to purchase an additional generator at a cost of \$115,895 to support Facilities Management operations. The cost of the additional generator brings the cumulative contract total to \$3,478,785.

The Caterpillar emergency generators meet NFPA 110 Level 1 performance standards for standby power, providing reliable protection for TriMet facilities during extended utility interruptions. Standardizing generator equipment across sites ensures improved maintainability, parts interchangeability, and long-term cost efficiency. Current generators have performed as intended during commissioning and ongoing periodic testing.

7. Financial/Budget Impact

Funding for this purchase is within the Maintenance Division and funded through General Fund dollars as part of the Capital Improvement Program.

8. Impact if Not Approved

If this Resolution is not approved, TriMet will be unable to complete procurement of the additional emergency backup generator needed to maintain operational resiliency across Facilities Management-supported sites. The absence of a reliable standby power source could result in temporary loss of facility operations during extended utility outages, disrupting maintenance activities, administrative functions, and system response capabilities.

Re-procuring the generator through a new solicitation would introduce significant schedule delays and is not expected to result in additional bidders or lower costs. Any new procurement effort would likely increase costs due to additional administrative burden, escalation in equipment pricing, and extended lead times.

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WHEREAS, TriMet has authority under ORS 267.200 to enter into a contract modification (Modification) with Peterson Power Systems, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-10-61, dated October 26, 2022, the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) authorized a contract in the amount of \$3,451,639; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-06-29, dated June 25, 2025, the Board adopted a Statement of Policies requiring it to authorize contract modifications which exceed the 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. The General Manager or his designee is authorized to execute the Modification in an amount not to exceed \$27,146, increasing the total amount of the contract to \$3,478,785, through the contract termination date of December 31, 2026.

Dated: December 10, 2025

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department