

Date: July 23, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Sam Desue, Jr.

Subject: **RESOLUTION NO. 25-07-41 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HDR, INC. FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE TUALATIN VALLEY HIGHWAY TRANSIT & SAFETY PROJECT**

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution requests that the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) authorize the General Manager or his designee to execute a design services contract (Contract) with HDR, Inc. (HDR) for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit & Safety 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) (inc. CM/GC)
- ☒ Qualifications-Based Procurement (QPB) (Architecture & Engineering)
- ☐ Other: (inc. sole source)

4. Reason for Board Action

Board authorization is required for all 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

The Tualatin Valley Highway Corridor connects Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Aloha, and Beaverton, and has long been identified as a top regional priority for major transit investment. As a result, Metro, TriMet, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the local jurisdictions developed the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit & Safety Project (Project). The Project generally follows TriMet's current bus Line 57, on a 16.2 mile

alignment along OR-8 from Beaverton to Forest Grove, with the portion west of Highway 47 in Forest Grove following the Pacific Avenue (westbound) and 19th Avenue (eastbound) couplet. The alignment also follows local roads in Hillsboro, in order to access the Hillsboro Transit Center.

TriMet's Line 57 has the highest ridership in Washington County, with approximately 6,400 daily trips. During the COVID pandemic, Line 57 boasted the second highest ridership retention of our frequent service lines, and post-pandemic, it has bounced back to around 90% of its previous ridership. Line 57 also provides service to a number of low-income and limited-English communities, many of whom are entirely dependent on public transit to get to their destinations.

Notwithstanding this steady demand, the local community often expresses concern about safety along the Corridor, and the bus takes nearly double the time as driving. The route also is designated as a High Crash Corridor, with pedestrians involved in more than half of the fatal crashes between 2017 and 2021, many of which occurred near bus stops.

The Project will be TriMet's third FX Bus Rapid Transit line, following the opening of the FX2-Division line in September of 2022 and the projected opening of the 82nd Avenue Transit Project in 2029. With capital contributions and support from ODOT, Metro, local jurisdictions and the Federal Transit Administration, TriMet will be the lead Agency for managing Project design and construction.

7. Description of Procurement Process

TriMet utilized a competitive Qualifications-Based Procurement (QBP) process to select a design services contractor for the Project. A total of 958 vendors were notified of the QBP via TriMet's eProcurement System (TriP\$). The QBP was issued on April 21, 2025, with a proposal due date of May 23, 2025. A pre-proposal conference was held on April 29, 2025, and a total of 13 firms attended.

Under ORS 279C.110 and the Federal Brooks Act, TriMet must utilize a Qualifications-Based Selection when procuring architects and engineers for design contracts. In a Qualifications-Based Selection, the Agency must first select the most qualified firm, then negotiate a fair and reasonable price for the required professional services. Price quotations are not permitted as a consideration in the selection process.

TriMet received two (2) proposals that were determined to be responsive to the RFP: one from David Evans and Associates (DEA), and the other from HDR. TriMet appointed an Evaluation Committee (EC), consisting of staff from TriMet's Engineering & Construction and Public Access & Innovation Divisions, Metro, and ODOT, to review the proposals. The EC scored the proposals in accordance with the procedures and criteria established in the QBP.

Initial scores are summarized below:

Criteria	DEA	HDR
Corporate Experience (10 Points)	7.60	8.40
Personnel Experience (30 Points)	25.00	27.00
DBE/SBE Utilization (10 Points)	8.40	9.20
Subcontracting Plan, Small Business Programs, and Past Projects (5 Points)	4.40	4.60
Business Practices (5 Points)	4.40	4.00
Work Plan and Quality Control Plan (25 Points)	21.60	23.20
Availability and Track Record (5 Points)	4.00	4.20
Cost Estimating, Cost Controls, Value Engineering (10 Points)	7.60	8.60
TOTAL OVERALL SCORES . . .	83.00	89.20

After completing the initial review process, the EC determined that both firms should be interviewed. After the interviews were completed on June 11, 2025, the EC reconvened and rescored the proposers. The EC reached a consensus that HDR was the most qualified firm.

Final scores are summarized below:

Criteria	DEA	HDR
Corporate Experience (10 Points)	7.60	9.00
Personnel Experience (30 Points)	25.00	26.80
DBE/SBE Utilization (10 Points)	8.40	9.20
Subcontracting Plan, Small Business Programs, and Past Projects (5 Points)	4.40	4.60
Business Practices (5 Points)	4.20	4.40
Work Plan and Quality Control Plan (25 Points)	22.00	23.20
Availability and Track Record (5 Points)	4.00	4.20
Cost Estimating, Cost Controls, Value Engineering (10 Points)	7.80	8.80
TOTAL OVERALL SCORES . . .	83.40	90.20

In accordance with a Qualifications-Based Selection, the direct labor costs and overall contract value were negotiated after selection of the contractor.

The attached Resolution authorizes the award of a six-year Contract to HDR, in an amount not to exceed \$17,250,000 for the Project. TriMet staff have determined that the negotiated rates are fair and reasonable in relation to the local market for this type of work and in comparison with rates of other firms for similar services. The negotiated contract amount is also within the budget established for this Project.

Notice of Intent to Award was sent to all proposers on June 13, 2025. No protests were received.

8. Disadvantaged & Small Business Utilization

HDR will use Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) for 28.5% of the work. HDR will use other small businesses certified by Oregon's Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID) for 5.5% of the work, for a total DBE & Small Business Utilization rate of 34%.

9. Financial/Budget Impact

The funds for Project Development are committed in TriMet's adopted FY2026 Budget for Engineering & Construction, and funding will continue to be included in future budgets, including contributions from the project partners.

10. Impact if Not Approved

TriMet could attempt to re-procure the design services for the Project if the Board does not approve this Resolution. However, TriMet used the Qualifications-Based Procurement process to select a contractor who could engage a diverse team of well-qualified firms to perform the design services and has negotiated a reasonable Contract price with HDR. Advertising the Contract a second time will not likely lead to additional or more favorable proposals.

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WHEREAS, TriMet has authority under ORS 267.200, ORS 279C.110 and the Federal Brooks Act to enter into a design services contract (Contract) with HDR, Inc. for the Tualatin Valley Transit & Safety Project (Project); 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 all contracts obligating TriMet to pay in excess of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the 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 \$17,250,000, through the Contract's June, 2031 termination date.

Dated: July 23, 2025

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department