

Date: June 25, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Sam Desue, Jr.



Subject: **RESOLUTION NO. 25-06-36 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH METRO, WASHINGTON COUNTY AND CITIES OF BEAVERTON, HILLSBORO, CORNELIUS, AND FOREST GROVE FOR THE TUALATIN VALLEY HIGHWAY TRANSIT AND 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 Intergovernmental Agreements with Metro, Washington County, City of Beaverton, City of Hillsboro, City of Cornelius, and City of Forest Grove (Partners) that will obligate TriMet and Partners to expend funds for Project Development of the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- ☐ Initial Contract
- ☐ Contract Modification
- ☒ Other: Intergovernmental Agreement

3. Reason for Board Action

Board approval is required for all Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) obligating TriMet to pay in excess of \$1,000,000.

4. Type of Action

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

5. Background

The Tualatin Valley Highway (TV Highway) Transit & Safety Project (Project) generally follows the current Line 57, connecting Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Aloha, and Beaverton along the 16.2 mile alignment. The alignment generally follows 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.

Line 57 has the highest ridership in Washington County, with approximately 6,400 daily trips. This line serves low-income and limited-English communities, many of whom are entirely reliant on transit to get to their destinations. This corridor is also a high crash

corridor, with more than half of the fatal crashes between 2017 and 2021 involving pedestrians, many occurring near bus stops.

This project will be TriMet's third FX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line, following the opening of the FX2-Division line in September of 2022, and the slated opening of the 82nd Avenue Transit Project in 2029.

The TV Highway Corridor has long been identified as a priority for major transit investment and previous plans/studies of the corridor have documented transit issues, community concerns and potential solutions. The 2009 High Capacity Transit (HCT) System Plan, the 2013 Tualatin Valley Highway Corridor Plan, the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the 2018 Regional Transit Strategy, the 2019 Moving Forward TV Highway Enhanced Transit and Access Plan, the Get Moving 2020 Bond Measure, and the 2023 Regional Transportation plan all call for a major transit investment in the corridor.

The 2009 HCT System Plan identified the corridor as a Next Phase Regional Priority Corridor (Beaverton to Hillsboro) and Developing Regional Priority Corridor (Hillsboro to Forest Grove). The 2018 RTP identified the corridor for major transit investment. The 2023 Regional Transportation Plan includes a high-capacity transit project as a Tier 1 corridor in the 2030 Near-Term Constrained Project list, which is the top level of regional prioritization for advancing projects in the near-term.

Since 2022, Metro, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Washington County, the Cities of Beaverton, Hillsboro, Cornelius and Forest Grove, and TriMet have worked together to get an agreed-upon Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Project. The LPA was adopted by the County and the cities, and then by the TriMet Board on May 28, 2025. The LPA is anticipated to be approved by the Metro Council on June 26, 2025, and will be adopted into Metro's fiscally constrained Regional Transportation Plan as required by the FTA.

This work and the commitment to move into the next phase of the Project is reflected in proposed IGAs between TriMet and each Project Partner. Pursuant to these IGAs, the parties have collaborated in developing the significant future high-capacity transit elements of the Project on a conceptual level, identifying the mode, alignment, and general station locations along the roadway, as well as conceptual cost estimates, as required prior to conducting further study in the Project Development (PD) phase. TriMet will enter into a separate IGA with the roadway owner, ODOT, which will be presented to the Board at a future date.

TriMet intends to seek entry into the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Small Starts PD phase for the Project late this summer, which would signify the beginning of the Design Phase of the Project. The PD phase will include engagement of project development staff and execution of associated design and development contracts.

During the PD phase, TriMet must accomplish the following:

- Complete the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process,
- Develop sufficient information for the FTA to determine a project rating,
- Develop design and cost estimating plans through a 100% Issue for Construction set, and
- Coordinate with FTA's assigned Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC) in developing a project risk assessment and "project readiness" report.

TriMet estimates that accomplishing the tasks described above will cost approximately \$25

million. To facilitate entry into PD, all funds necessary for the above tasks must be committed. As reflected in the proposed IGAs, the Partners are in the process of approving the PD funding plan summarized in Table 1, below. Metro's contribution will come from its Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and County and City contributions will come from Washington County's Transportation Development Tax (TDT) funds, upon approval of the Washington County Coordinating Committee (WCCC).

Table 1. PD Funding Strategy

Funding Partner	PD Contribution
TriMet	\$8.9 million
Metro	\$6 million
Washington County	\$5.7 million
Hillsboro	\$3.4 million
Beaverton	\$1 million
Forest Grove	\$75,000
Cornelius	\$50,000
Total	\$25.125 million

In return for the agreements wherein Metro, the County and the Cities will provide a combined total of \$16,225,000 for Project Development work on the Project, TriMet has agreed that it will expend the total of \$8.9 million in general funds on the Project over Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027.

The Board's approval of this Resolution will authorize the execution of IGAs with each of the Partners: Metro, Washington County, City of Beaverton, City of Hillsboro, City of Cornelius, and City of Forest Grove. Most importantly, adoption of the Resolution will demonstrate to the FTA that TriMet is able to commit the requisite \$25 million in funds to the Project. This funding will allow TriMet to enter into the PD phase so that it can deliver the Project by the goal of 2030.

6. Financial/Budget Impact

Although this Resolution is revenue based, it also obligates TriMet to provide a total of \$8.9 million from its general funds for the Project PD during FY2026 and FY2027.

7. Impact if Not Approved

If the Resolution is not approved, TriMet will not be able to enter into the IGAs with Metro, Washington County and the Cities of Beaverton, Hillsboro, Cornelius and Forest Grove, and will not be able to commit the funds necessary to enter into Project Development for the Project.

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WHEREAS, TriMet has authority under ORS 267.200 to enter into Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with the Metro, Washington County, the Cities of Beaverton, Hillsboro, Cornelius, and Forest Grove, for the Tualatin Valley Highway Transit and Safety Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the six IGAs also commit Metro, the County and the Cities to jointly contribute the amount of \$16,225,000 to pay for Project Development of the Project; and

WHEREAS, those IGAs also obligate TriMet to commit a total of \$8,900,000 of its own funds to pay for Project Development of the Project; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-05-35, dated May 25, 2022, the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) adopted a Statement of Policies requiring the Board to authorize all IGAs and contracts obligating TriMet to pay in excess of \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the IGAs will obligate TriMet to expend more than \$1,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That each IGA shall conform with applicable law.
2. That the General Manager or his designee is authorized to execute IGAs with Metro, Washington County, and the Cities of Beaverton, Hillsboro, Cornelius, and Forest Grove that will jointly commit not less than \$16,225,000 for Project Development of the Project.
3. That the General Manager or his designee is authorized to expend \$8,900,000 in TriMet general funds for Project Development of the Project, during FY2026 and FY2027.

Dated: June 25, 2025

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department