

Date: March 25, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Sam Desue, Jr. 

Subject: **RESOLUTION NO. 26-03-13 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SCHETKY NORTHWEST SALES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF UP TO 60 REPLACEMENT VEHICLES FOR LIFT PARATRANSIT SERVICE**

1. Purpose of Item

This Resolution requests authorization for the General Manager or his designee to execute a contract (Contract) with Schetky Northwest Sales, Inc. (Schetky) for the purchase of up to sixty (60) replacement revenue vehicles for TriMet’s LIFT paratransit service.

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, Architecture & Engineering services)
- Other: State Price Agreement (Piggyback)

4. Reason for Board Action

TriMet Board of Directors (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

TriMet’s current fleet for delivery of LIFT paratransit service consists of 284 lift-equipped gasoline and renewable diesel-powered mini-buses. Regular replacement of these vehicles is necessary. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) minimum useful life benchmarks for light duty paratransit buses is five years or 150,000 miles. TriMet exceeds ODOT minimum replacement standards. Regular maintenance and care contribute to extending the useful life of LIFT vehicles to nine years, which corresponds to approximately 230,000

miles. Notwithstanding this high standard of maintenance and care, TriMet anticipates the need to replace up to 60 LIFT vehicles over FY2026 and FY2027.

On March 24, 2018, through Resolution No. 18-03-29, the Board authorized a three-year contract with Schetky in the amount of \$9,072,187 for the purchase of 124 LIFT vehicles. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to purchase 42 of the 124 vehicles. Also, during this time, the price of LIFT vehicles increased significantly. On May 25, 2022, through Resolution No. 22-05-33, the Board authorized a contract modification with Schetky in the amount of \$14,303,541 for the purchase of 84 LIFT vehicles. This contract expired in October 2022.

Approval of this Resolution would authorize TriMet to enter into a new Contract with Schetky in the amount of \$10,728,360 (approximately \$178,600 for each vehicle plus \$300 licensing and registration per vehicle), along with a Change Order Allowance of \$321,850 (approximately 3%) for a total Contract amount of \$11,050,210. This would allow TriMet to purchase up to 60 LIFT vehicles (30 per year). This procurement is essential to the continued integrity and performance of the LIFT paratransit program. Approval will authorize the one-for-one replacement of vehicles that have exceeded their useful life standards.

This Contract would be funded by \$9.4 million in state and federal grants and \$1.34 million in TriMet General Funds, the local match, to purchase up to 60 vehicles in FY26 and FY27.

7. Description of Procurement Process

The proposed contract is based upon a State of Oregon Price Agreement (#39442), procured under procedures required by the Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transit Division. The State of Oregon issued a formal competitive RFP for medium sized ADA-accessible vehicles, and awarded a contract to Schetky as well as two other vendors. As part of the buying process under the Price Agreement, TriMet was required to solicit quotes from all three vendors. TriMet requested quotes via TriP\$ on February 10, 2026. Quotes were received on March 2, 2026. TriMet staff received two quotes from Schetky and Model One. Only Schetky offered a bus that met the specifications set forth in the request. Procuring the vehicles via this Price Agreement enables TriMet to leverage the collective volume of vehicle purchases from several other governmental agencies, therefore, obtaining better pricing than TriMet would be able to procure on our own. The Price Agreement expires in October 2026, and it has three additional option years available for extension of the Agreement through October 2029.

Before TriMet can execute a contract for this procurement, the vehicles must pass a pre-award, Buy America audit. That audit will be completed in advance of issuing any purchase orders for this procurement.

Notice of Intent to Award was sent to all proposers on March 5, 2026. No protests were received.

8. Financial/Budget Impact

The Contract amount is included within TriMet's Adopted FY2026 and Proposed FY2027 budgets, and will be paid for with state and federal grants (\$9.4 million) and TriMet General Funds (\$1.34 million).

9. Impact if Not Approved

Regular replacement of LIFT vehicles is required for TriMet to continue providing reliable paratransit service mandated by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Timely replacement of these vehicles is critical to maintaining adequate fleet availability and reducing the risk of service disruptions or late trips caused by mechanical failures and insufficient reliable spare capacity. Modern, dependable vehicles are fundamental to meeting our service commitments and upholding system performance standards.

Failure to take advantage of State Pricing Agreements for the bulk purchase of these 60 vehicles from Schetky would require TriMet to perform our own solicitation, which would duplicate the State solicitation process and likely result in higher pricing. It could also affect our ability to provide reliable, FTA-mandated, paratransit service.

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PARATRANSIT SERVICE**

WHEREAS, TriMet has authority under ORS 267.200 to enter into a contract with Schetky Northwest Sales, Inc. (Schetky) for the purchase of up to sixty (60) replacement vehicles for LIFT Services (Contract); 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 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 \$10,728,360, and to execute change orders of up to \$321,850 (approximately 3% of the Contract amount), for a total authorized amount of \$11,050,210, over the life of the Contract.

Dated: March 25, 2026

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:



Legal Department